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KEY NOTE ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE 1998 IMLI GRADUATION CEREMONY BY H.E. MR. WILLIAM A. O'NEIL, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION



I am very pleased to be present once again at the Graduation Ceremony of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute. A graduation ceremony is always a happy occasion not only for the graduates, but also for those who are no doubt eagerly looking forward to their return home and putting all that they have learned into practice.

IMO's success in promulgating International Conventions and other legal instruments needs to be complemented by national implementation and enforcement of the rules and standards which they contain. However it became evident that many IMO Members were unable - largely due to a lack of qualified legal experts - to analyse the Treaties and Agreements and introduce them into national regulations that they could then be properly implemented.

It was with this in mind that IMO established the International Maritime Law Institute nearly ten years ago. The purpose of the Institute is to provide a means whereby lawyers from various countries can be trained in International Maritime Law and in particular obtain a better understanding of how to write appropriate national laws and regulations.

164 candidates from 73 countries have been trained at IMLI. The success achieved by these graduates is to a large extent a reflection of the quality of those chosen and also of their thorough training here. I am very proud to know that IMLI graduates are occupying such posts as Ministers of Justice, Attorneys General, Chief Justices and Ambassadors, while others occupy important positions in their maritime industries' infrastructure.

IMLI is funded through voluntary contributions and student fees. I would like once again to record my appreciation for the continuing support from those donors who have contributed either by donations to the Institute's general fund or by the donation of fellowships. IMO has a very limited amount of money for direct technical assistance, nevertheless we have already provided three fellowships from our Technical Cooperation Fund.

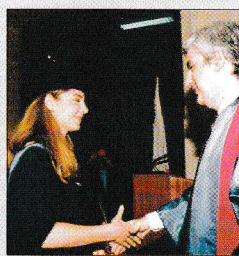
I would also like to say how commendable it is that developing countries themselves are participating actively in the funding of IMLI. This development has increased over the last five years as more and more Governments are seeing for themselves the excellent training the graduates have received here in Malta. We have reached the point where there is practically no major port in the developing world where the shipping community cannot find the services of a local lawyer trained in International Maritime Law.

IMLI was one of the first institutions of the United Nations system to reserve 50% of its places for women and this year we had eight female students. We recognize the importance of this and



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MS. MARIKA BUTTIGIEG (MALTA: CLASS OF 1997/1998) BEING CONGRATULATED BY PROFESSOR DAVID J. ATTARD AT THE 1998 IMLI GRADUATION CEREMONY.



will continue to promote the study of Maritime Law amongst women lawyers.

In the next academic year, the Institute will celebrate its tenth anniversary. At the start of its life, there were some doubts as to the probability of its success, however, in view of the high quality of its graduates, these doubts have disappeared and there is widespread recognition of IMLI's role in advancing Maritime Law internationally. This achievement is due to the quality of the teaching and to the dedication and hard work of the students and graduates. I would especially note the excellent leadership provided by Professor Attard and the high quality of the lecturing by Simon Kelley. We, of course, could not provide training on the broad range of topics which are covered without the voluntary assistance provided by the visiting lecturers to whom we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Mr. President, I would also like to give special recognition and thanks to the Government of Malta which continues to show consistent interest in and support to the Institute.

Finally, to the graduates of the ninth course, I wish you the very best for your future. I offer to all of you the congratulations of IMO and myself. The Master's Degree you have been awarded is of course a recognition of your high qualifications and competence in the field of Maritime Law which can now be applied to assist in the implementation of IMO's global standards for safer shipping and cleaner seas.

Thank You

VISIT TO IMLI BY MALTESE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

The Malta Maritime Authority recently made a very generous donation to the International Maritime Law Institute to help in the extension of the Institute's premises, and for the further expansion of the Institute's library which is already recognized as the largest comprehensive specialized maritime law library in the Mediterranean region.

The presentation was made on behalf of the Malta Maritime Authority by the Hon. Mr. Censu Galea, the Maltese Minister for Transport and Communication, during an official visit to the International Maritime Law Institute on the occasion of the commemoration of World Maritime Day, on Thursday 24th September 1998. Minister Galea also met the 19 lawyers coming from 15 different countries including Malta who are following this year's academic course at the Institute, leading to a Master's Degree in International Maritime Law.

The visit to IMLI by the Minister who is responsible for maritime affairs in Malta and the financial assistance granted by the Malta Maritime Authority to the Institute confirms the Maltese Government's unstinting support towards the work carried out by the International Maritime Organization and is also a manifestation of the importance which the Government of Malta attaches to development and improvement in the maritime sector.



HON. MINISTER CENSU GALEA (MALTESE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION) CONGRATULATING MR. N. TSKLAURI (GEORGIA) IN THE PRESENCE OF MAGISTRATE DR. JACQUELINE PADOVANI GRIMA (MALTA) AND MR. I. KRAVCHUK (LITHUANIA) DURING THE MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE INSTITUTE ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD MARITIME DAY (24 SEPTEMBER 1998)

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VALEDICTORY ADDRESS AT THE IMLI GRADUATION CEREMONY 1998 BY MR. NAGANTHAN SIVAHUMARAN (SRI LANKA)



It is said that the peculiar characteristic of learning is that it is a double source of pleasure, an intrinsic joy to him who has the knowledge, and a source of happiness to others who benefit by it. A poetic composition of great antiquity in the Tamil literature has it: The office of learning is to make the mind penetrating, lofty and rich with information.

The academic year 1997/98 marks the turn of the 50th year of the International Maritime Organization, the parent body of this Institute which itself celebrates the completion of a decade. It is perhaps as a mark of appreciation of service rendered by the IMO to mankind, that this year has been declared by the United Nations the Year of the Oceans.

I come from an island known as the Pearl of the Indian Ocean - Sri Lanka. The word ocean triggers my mind to an abiding and fascinating legend of India - Samudra Manthan, the churning of the oceans by the Gods and demons in the heavens. Using a mountain as the churning pole and a serpent king as a rope, they wanted to bring forth Ambrosia, the elixir of immortality, from the oceans. From this churning of cosmic proportions, the legend goes, there emerged many an element: poison, animals, a tree, a gem and even a goddess. The Ambrosia did appear, but only at the end.

The International Maritime Law Institute with a team of Professors, lecturers and professionals of varying disciplines has conducted a Samudra Manthan of a sort: a churning of the minds of a group of students coming from all parts of the world, for the past nine months. The process unfolded with our catching a glimpse of the ancient history of maritime law as Dr. Muller - who, we are glad, is here with us today - holding sway in his inimitable fashion. The whole exercise was brought to a close, after a hot pursuit just a few weeks ago by our Professor.

But this churning is of international proportion to bring forth, what I daresay, a rare feat that was best described by none other than our Director, Professor Attard: There will practically be no major port in the developing world, where you will not find an IMLI-trained maritime lawyer or as I prefer to describe our graduates, an apostle pursuing the goals of safer shipping and cleaner seas.

The ideals for which the Institute stand are the re-

integration of the maritime culture in the light of modern knowledge and to suit our present day needs, and the resuscitation of its fundamental values in their pristine vigour.

The Institute relentlessly seeks, by the dissemination of knowledge, the harmony of nature and human relations, not in any make-shift way, but within the framework of the maritime order. It pursues the goal of unification in diversity, through a common medium of understanding.

I shall now turn to safer ships. Sailing has always been a daunting vocation. However it is they that go down to the sea in ships that do business in great waters. There has always been a ceaseless tussle between the irresistible desire of man to be master of ocean and the ocean's strength to expose human weaknesses. We have come a long way from Titanic to safer ships. But one may safely assume that the new millennium will throw new challenges and demand greater understanding in the field of shipping as in any other

field.

It is in some sense unreasonable in us to be constantly discontented with a condition which is constantly improving. But, in truth, there is constant improvement precisely because there is constant discontent. If we are perfectly satisfied with the present we would cease to contrive, to labour and to improve with a view to the future. So our pursuit of improvement must continue and never cease. The threat to the health of the oceans is real and ever-present with momentous discoveries on the sea-bed and elsewhere. Science has opened immense realms to man's imagination, not all of them with potentialities for a greater happiness of mankind.

We entered the portal of this Institute with a mission in our minds. It is a mission to render ourselves competent in International Maritime Law so that our respective countries may be better served. Today we bid adieu to our academic struggle as we celebrate the accomplishment of our mission. Though we have earned the right to be jubilant, we owe our achievements to those who have made it all possible: to our respective sponsors and Governments, the International Maritime Organization which is represented by His Excellency the Secretary General himself in whose company we are, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the United Nations Development Programme, the Government of Malta, the Comité Maritime International and to companies such as GNMTC of Libya and other organizations, institutions and individuals who have assisted us throughout our stay at the Institute.

Last but not least, we do remember the tremendous sacrifices made by our families, spouses and children,



MR N SIVAHUMARAN
(SRI LANKA)

most of whom are here with us today to share our happiness, but to whom we dedicate our modest achievements.

To our Director, Professor Attard, we are under great obligation to you not merely for the honour of giving us the recognition this forenoon, but for the great kindness shown to us by yourself and Mrs. Attard, apart from all the learning that you have imparted. To our shipping law lecturer, Mr. Kelley, we thank you for your painstaking innings into shipping law. It was really well-received. There were a number of remarkable foreign and Maltese visiting lecturers who have contributed to the enhancement of our knowledge in great measure. More particularly those who came to lecture us from the Malta Maritime Authority believed that the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and gave us practical experience on shipping and navigation. We express our gratitude to all of them. You are not sending us away empty-handed or alone. We go with happy memories - inexhaustible and unalloyed - of Malta, its warm-hearted people, and their kindness. And finally to my colleagues I wish to say in Wordsworth's lines: I send a thankful spirit back to you, with hope that we, dear Friends, shall meet again.

God bless Your Excellency, the President, the People and the Government of Malta. May God bless Your Excellency our Patron and all those who are present here today and who made us what we are. We bid The Farewell.



PROFESSOR DJ ATTARD WITH
MR RICHARD SHAW (UK, RESEARCH
FELLOW, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMP-
TON) AND DR WALTER MULLER
(SWITZERLAND, HONORARY VICE-
PRESIDENT AND TITULARY MEMBER
COMITE MARITIME INTERNATIONAL).

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VISIT BY MINISTER

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the adoption of the International Convention establishing the International Maritime Organization which is the United Nations Specialized Agency for maritime affairs. The importance of this commemoration is borne out by the fact that 1998 was chosen by the UN as the Year of the Oceans. For Malta this year is also momentous because it marks the 25th Anniversary of the promulgation of the Merchant Shipping Act of Malta.

Malta has been a member of the International Maritime Organization since 1966, after having acceded to the UN Convention establishing the Organization in June of that year. Since then Malta has ratified the major IMO Conventions and is today an active member within IMO, particularly in the light of its responsibilities as an international maritime centre, being one of the five main shipping registers in the world.

Minister Galea pointed out that Malta acknowledges the important role that IMO has in ensuring safe navigation and the protection of the marine environment. He further stated that Malta is proud of its close association with IMO which is borne out by the two important international centres run by IMO in Malta: the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea, and the International Maritime Law Institute.

MESSAGE TO IMLI FROM SECRETARY-GENERAL OF IMO

On behalf of the International Maritime Organization and its 156 Member States I would like to convey best wishes to the students of IMLI at the start of their academic year. Like IMO itself, IMLI is celebrating an anniversary this year. During the last ten years the Institute has become a valued part of the maritime training system and its graduates have gone on to take up important posts within the shipping community. To prosper and to achieve our aims of safer ships and cleaner oceans, our industry needs excellence - the sort of quality that IMLI has been producing for so long. I look forward to meeting you all before too long and would like to close on a personal note by wishing you every success during the coming year.

IMLI MILESTONES

- Major Hatem Ghazi Al-Besher (Saudi Arabia) has commenced further studies at the Cairo University, Egypt.
- Mr. Ugnius Labutis (Lithuania), has been promoted to the post of Deputy Director of the Water Transport Department at the Ministry of Transport of Lithuania.
- Ms. Fatau Bomm Bensouda (The Gambia), has been appointed Attorney-General.
- Ms. Miriam Samaru (Saint Lucia), has been appointed Solicitor General in Saint Lucia; she is also Council Member of the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority and of the Solid Waste Management Authority.
- Ms. Gail Royer (Dominica) has been promoted to Chief Magistrate of Dominica.
- Mr. Mustapher Marong (The Gambia) has been appointed Minister of Justice of The Gambia.

DISSERTATIONS AND DRAFTING PROJECTS 1998

- A. AFONSO (CAPE VERDE), Open Registry: Comparative Analysis / A Draft on Salvage for Cape Verde
- M. ANSUMANA (LIBERIA), A Critical Analysis of the Open Registry: The Liberian Perspective / Port State Control Memorandum of Understanding for West African States
- E. E. M. BAPTISTE (DOMINICA), International Law as a Mechanism for Curbing Marine Pollution: The Eastern Caribbean Perspective / Port State Control Act
- F. BAZI (TOGO), Marine Insurance: The Shippers' Perspective / Togo Port Authority Act (Liability of loss of goods and damages)
- M. BUTTIGIEG (MALTA), A Study of the Most Important Clauses in Bills of Lading / Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims 1976 Convention
- R. FARRUGIA (MALTA), Maritime Arbitration: A Comparative Analysis / Salvage Act, based on the UK 1995 Salvage Act
- A. GONZALEZ ROCHA (BRAZIL), The 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea: Some Brazilian Perspectives / Piracy Act
- N. MARTINEZ GUTIEREZ (HONDURAS), The Delimitation of the Maritime Boundaries of Honduras in the Caribbean / Regulations for the implementation of the MARPOL Convention 73/78 in Honduras
- G. G. MLIPANO (TANZANIA), The Regime of Ship Registration: A Case in favour of the Abolition of the Closed Registry System and the Introduction of a New Registry System in Tanzania / Incorporation of the UN Convention on Conditions for Registration of Ships 1986 in the Tanzania Merchant Shipping Act, 1967
- G. SEGOBIN (MAURITIUS), The Legal Regime regulating the Contract of Employment for Seamen / The Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watchkeeping) Regulations
- Y. SHEFERAW (ETHIOPIA), The Rights and Interests of Land-Locked States under the Law of the Sea: An Ethiopian Perspective / Regulation to Restrict Stowaways on Ethiopian Vessels
- N. SIVAHUMARAN (SRI LANKA), A Critical Analysis of the Land-based Pollution in the South Asian Seas Region - Sri Lankan Perspective / Piracy
- Y. STRYDOM (SOUTH AFRICA), A Critical Analysis of the 1976 LLMC and 1996 Protocol to amend it / 1976 LLMC and 1996 Protocol to amend the 1976 LLMC
- G. TEMBUNDE (CAMEROON), The Importance of the MARPOL Convention to Developing Countries: Cameroon Perspective / An Act for the Prevention and Regulation of Marine Pollution 1997
- D. UDDIN (BANGLADESH), Admiralty Jurisdiction in Bangladesh / The Bangladesh Port Authority Act Amendment Bill
- E. WILLIAMS (NIGERIA), Port State Regime: An Overview of the Nigerian Ports and the International Legal Standards / A Decree to Repeal and Re-Enact the provisions relating to General Liability of Shipowners and others contained in Part XI of the Merchant Shipping Act, Chapter 224 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1990
- A.A. ZAGHWAN (LIBYA), Chartering Comparative Analysis with Libyan Maritime Law / Seamen Contract

FIELD TRIP 1998

Every year Graduates of the IMLI course attend a field trip in London which usually takes place in the week following Graduation. This year's field trip was a resounding success with visits to the House of Commons, the International Chamber of Shipping, Lloyds of London, Ince & Co., the Baltic Exchange, Thomas Miller & Co. Ltd. and the IMO. The Graduates were also cordially invited to an enthralling dinner hosted by Thomas Miller & Co. Ltd. on board a vessel which sailed up the Thames



PROFESSOR DAVID J. ATTARD (DIRECTOR, IMLI), DR. IVAN VELLA (SHIPPING LAW LECTURER) WITH THE CLASS OF 1998/1999.



PROFESSOR DJ ATTARD WITH MR BJORN KLERCK NILSEN (NORWAY, CHIEF, MARITIME INDUSTRIES BRANCH, SECTORAL ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT, INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE)



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SHORT COURSES IN 1999

THE INTERNATIONAL MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW COURSE THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING COURSE

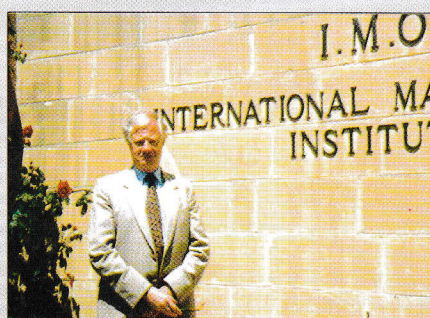
International Marine Environmental Law and International Maritime Legislative Drafting have formed a core element of IMLI's Course Curriculum since the Institute's inception. There have been many requests from academics, practitioners and government officials to make available the teaching of these areas to persons who not only are unable to attend IMLI for a full academic year but also those who seek to update their knowledge upon current developments in these specific areas. In response to these requests IMLI will be organizing two Intensive Short Courses for the teaching of which the Institute has gathered a panel of internationally recognized lawyers and academics. For further Information and Application Forms contact the Director's office at IMLI.



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(U.K., MASTER OF THE SUPREME COURT,
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AND MR. JUSTICE NOEL ARRIGO
(JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF
MALTA) ON THEIR VISIT TO THE IMLI
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Applications are now invited for the eleventh course which is scheduled to commence on 13th September, 1999. Partial scholarships may be available. A processing fee of US \$ 15 is required. For further information contact:

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