

TENTH ACADEMIC YEAR GRADUATION CEREMONY



H.E. DR. WILLIAM A. O'NEIL (SECRETARY-GENERAL, IMO) WITH MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF AND IMLI GRADUATES AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY



KEYNOTE ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY BY H.E. MR. WILLIAM A. O'NEIL, 29 MAY 1999



It is a great pleasure for me to address this graduating class which marks the tenth year of successful operation of the Institute. Over the past decade 180 students from 76 countries worldwide have benefited from the programme of studies and experience unique to this institution. Although you, the graduating class, are in the best position to judge the value of the advanced training you have received I hope that you will agree that it has been a rare privilege to study a highly specialized field of law with colleagues from around the world. Each of you will return to your countries and positions in government and industry and hopefully realize your own career objectives. Experience of your forerunners has shown that many of you will also be in positions to directly or indirectly help IMO to achieve its career objective of safer seas and cleaner oceans.

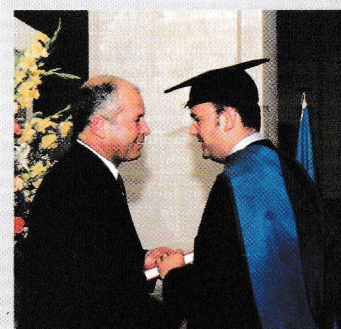
It is well recognized in IMO that we now have in place an international legal framework of rules and standards sufficient to meet the needs of the international maritime industry and governments as well as the concerns of civil society.

The challenge facing us is to ensure that IMO conventions and codes are instruments which can be used to implement change with the knowledge that the best way to achieve this is through proper implementation and robust enforcement of their terms and conditions. As you know the first and essential

step in this process is the responsibility of lawyers like yourselves, who are equipped to translate international treaties into effective and enforceable national legislation and regulations.

It will therefore come as no surprise to you that IMO very much values the contribution this institution and its graduates and staff are making to the international maritime community.

For each graduating class the IMLI experience is a unique one. However, this graduating class is representative of the cultural diversity of all the graduates of IMLI. From Africa we have graduates from Angola, Mozambique and South Africa; from Europe - Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania and Russia; from



**The Hon. Censu Galea
(Minister for Transport and
Communications, Malta)
congratulating Dr. Chris Cardona
(Malta) at the graduation ceremony**

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Latin America and the Caribbean - Brazil, Nicaragua and Jamaica and from Asia and the Pacific - China, Bangladesh, the Maldives and New Zealand and finally from the host state Malta four graduates.

Although the focus of all our attention today is the graduating class of 1999, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation for the support received from donors who have contributed either to the Institute's general fund or by the provision of fellowships.

Although IMLI has been in existence for 10 years its future is dependent on a continuation of the funding from current donors with, hopefully, more developed and developing countries undertaking to come on board and to share the cost of providing the excellent training that is being offered here in Malta. While IMO itself does not have a budgetary provision for the support of the Institute, I am pleased to say that from our technical cooperation fund we were able to finance three fellows who are graduating today. I expect that we will be in a position to continue providing fellowships from the fund and will be able to increase the number.

Successful completion of your course of studies and your graduation is a cause for celebration and reflection on the hard work as well as on the good times, the friendships formed and the pleasures derived from studying here on this delightful and historic island in the centre of the Mediterranean.

Naturally graduation is very much a personal achievement, however, I am sure you will join me in expressing our thanks to the able and dedicated teaching and administrative staff of the Institute led by Professor David Attard.

An essential contribution to the unique nature of the Institute's programme is that which is made by the visiting lecturers whose voluntary assistance enables the Institute to provide instruction by experts on a broad range of topics of maritime law and practice.

I would also like to pay a special tribute to the consistent support received from the Government of Malta in hosting the Institute. Without their backing from the outset it would have been impossible for IMLI to have been established and to have matured over the past ten years.

In closing it only remains for me to congratulate you the tenth graduating class of IMLI on the successful outcome of your studies. But today represents not just the conclusion of your current academic pursuits - it is also the beginning of a new phase in your careers. As you return to your home countries and respective occupations I wish you all the best for success in the future and I know that with your newly gained skills you will make an even greater impact on the maritime world. We will always look upon you as emissaries of IMO and hope that you will carry our message of safer ships and cleaner seas throughout the world.

IMLI IS NOW ON THE INTERNET

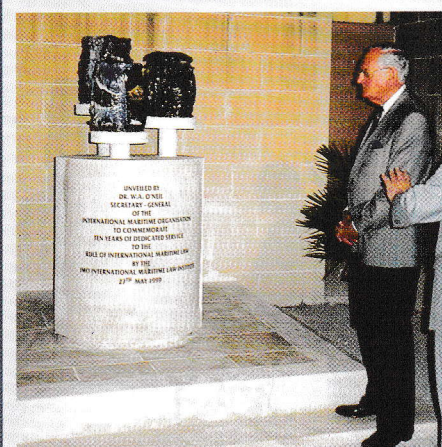
The IMO International Maritime Law Institute recently launched its website on the Internet. The website provides information about the Institute, its history and the needs met by the courses provided. It contains a global directory of IMLI graduates, their areas of research and their contact addresses. The site also includes the Institute's newsletter. Further, the website features information about short courses organized by the Institute, as well as complete information about the Master of Laws Degree Programme, including the course syllabus and application forms, on-line legal documentation which comprises various international conventions, national legislation, and in the near future, our graduates' research projects. For further information visit the website at <http://www.imli.org> or contact us by email at imli@maltanet.net.



R.L. Turner (Senior Master of the Supreme Court of England and Wales and Queen's Remembrancer) delivering the 1999-2000 academic year inaugural lecture.



Mr. G.P. Yoest (Director of International Affairs, U.S. Coast Guard) with Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), members of the academic staff and the IMLI class of 1999-2000



H.E. Dr. William A. O'Neil (Secretary-General, IMO) during the unveiling ceremony of the sculpture commemorating IMLI's tenth anniversary.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF IMLI SPECIALIZED COURSES TO BE HELD IN THE SECOND SEMESTER OF THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute will be holding two specialized intensive courses during the current academic year. A **Specialized Course on the Law of Marine Insurance** will be held in January 2000 and a **Specialized Course on Maritime Labour Law** is scheduled for February 2000. The marine insurance law course will be held between the 10th and the 21st January 2000. The course will inter alia address the following subjects: hull, cargo and liability insurance, war risks, the UNCTAD Standard Clauses and protection and indemnity. Lectures will be delivered by distinguished visiting fellows and by members of the Institute's resident faculty.

The maritime labour law course is intended as a progression on the course on the same subject held by the Institute in February 1999. Current issues and developments in international maritime labour law will be discussed. Participants will include officials of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and representatives of the International Shipping Federation (ISF) and of the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF). The topics covered will span the role of the ILO, crew and discipline on board ships, the master, and the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW 95).

Prospective course participants are kindly requested to register their interest in these courses by accordingly informing the Course Coordinator, Dr. Ivan Vella, on tel.: (356) 319343 or 310816, fax: (356) 343092, or by e-mail at imli@maltanet.net. The places allocated to external candidates are limited.

SPECIALIZED COURSES ALREADY HELD BY THE INSTITUTE DURING THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR

This fall, IMLI staged the Specialized Course on EC Shipping Law and Policy and the International Marine Environmental Law Course. The former course was particularly successful insofar as it attracted a good number of attendants from outside the Institute.

The Honourable Censu Galea, Minister for Transport and Communications, inaugurated the Specialist Course on EC Shipping Law and Policy. Lecturers in the Course included H.E. Dr. Giorgio Boggio, Ambassador of the EU, Mr. Malcolm Colling of the Directorate for Maritime Transport, European Commission, Mr. Henrik Ringbom, of the EC Maritime Safety Unit, Mr. Bernard Vanheule, who spoke on the EC ports sector, and Mr. Aref Fakhry, Lecturer at IMLI. Mr. Wolfgang Elsner, Head of Unit at the European Commission for Maritime Transport External Relations, will close the Specialist Course in January 2000.

As for the International Marine Environmental Law Course, which was inaugurated by the Honourable Francis Zammit Dimech, Minister for the Environment, the list of lecturers included: Prof. David Attard, Professor of International Maritime Law and Director of IMLI, Mr. Ernest Corrado, Counselor and Consultant, formerly of the US Congress, President of the American Institute of Merchant Shipping, Dr. Stefan Micallef, Chemical Expert, Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea, and Mr. Henrik Ringbom, of the EC Maritime Safety Unit. The resident faculty of the Institute also delivered lectures in this Course.

Both courses were coordinated by Mr. Aref Fakhry, Lecturer at IMLI.



H.E. DR. UGO MIFSUD BONNICI (PRESIDENT OF MALTA), MR. ERNEST CORRADO (FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MERCHANT SHIPPING), AND PROFESSOR DAVID ATTARD (DIRECTOR, IMLI) WITH MR. AKTHAR QASMI (PAKISTAN, IMLI STUDENT 1999-2000)



THE HON. FRANCIS ZAMMIT DIMECH (MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, MALTA) GREETING MEMBERS OF THE IMLI CLASS 1999-2000 AT THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW COURSE



THE HON. CENSU GALEA (MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, MALTA) PROFESSOR DAVID ATTARD (DIRECTOR, IMLI), MR. MALCOLM COLLING (DIRECTORATE FOR MARITIME TRANSPORT, EUROPEAN COMMISSION) AND MR. AREF FAKHRY (COURSE COORDINATOR) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SPECIALIZED COURSE ON EC SHIPPING LAW AND POLICY.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, MR. JOSE MAURA (CLAIMS OFFICER, IOPC FUNDS), MR. RAMESH SEEOBIN (SUPERINTENDENT OF SHIPPING, MAURITIUS, IMLI CLASS OF 1997/1998), AND MR. AREF FAKHRY (LECTURER, IMLI) AT THE IOC REGIONAL WORKSHOP, MAURITIUS, 21-25 JUNE, 1999

IMLI ALUMNI

A SECOND IMLI GRADUATE WINS THE UN HAMILTON AMERASINGHE FELLOWSHIP ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

Ms. Masio Soraya Nidung (Papua New Guinea, class of 1992-1993), who carried out her research on Strict Liability in Nuclear Dumping and Testing with Specific Reference to the Pacific Ocean under the supervision of Professor David Attard, has been awarded the UN Special Hamilton Amerasinghe Fellowship in the Law of the Sea sponsored by Germany.

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In a Declaration issued last March at the Diplomatic Conference on Arrest of Ships, IMLI graduates: Moustapher Marong (Gambia), Emmanuel Kofi Mbiah (Ghana), Laila Media (Latvia), Inara Plankova (Latvia), Ugnius Labutis (Lithuania), Abilio David Portimao (Mozambique), Pemamithth Ratnayake (Sri Lanka) and Maria Anita Ngowi (Tanzania), who were representing their countries expressed their appreciation and gratitude for their studies at IMLI, which have enabled them to contribute effectively towards the codification and progressive development of international maritime law.

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Mrs. Eniola Williams (Nigeria, Class of 1997/1998) is the happy mother of twins.

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ITALIAN NAVAL LEAGUE AWARDS PROFESSOR DAVID ATTARD

Professor David Attard was awarded the Dioscuri Prize for his contribution to International Maritime Law. The prize was given by the Lega Navale in Agrigento, Sicily in the presence of distinguished guests. In granting the prize, the Naval League expressed its motivation as follows: Professor Attard contributed towards the global relevance of the Institute in its preparation and formation of lawyers in the field of International Maritime Law.



PROFESSOR DAVID ATTARD RECEIVING THE DIOSCURI PRIZE FROM PROFESSOR ANGELO BUSCAGLIA (PRESIDENT OF THE LEGA NAVALE) IN THE PRESENCE OF H.E. DR. UGO MIFSUD BONNICI (PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA) AND DR. GAETANO ALLOTTA (PROMINENT ITALIAN JOURNALIST AND MEMBER OF THE UN GLOBAL 500 HONOUR ROLL)

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