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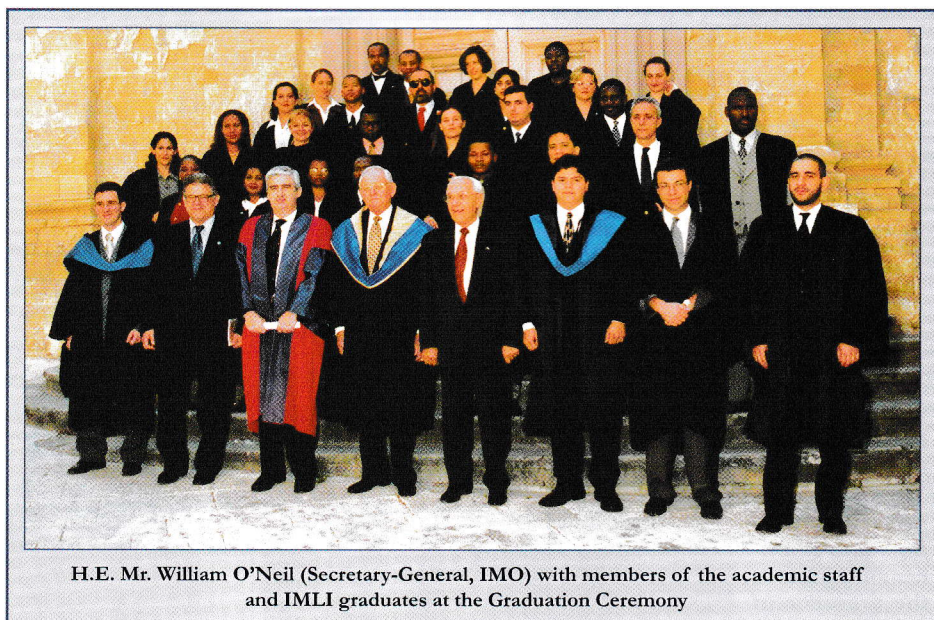
KEYNOTE ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY BY H.E. MR. WILLIAM A. O'NEIL, 20 MAY 2000

It is a pleasure for me to have the opportunity to address this graduating class - the first in the new Millennium. Like your predecessors, the 208 graduates from 83 countries worldwide, you have had the opportunity to benefit from a highly specialized programme of studies in maritime law and also to share in the unique experience of attending this global institution here in Malta.

The importance of your role in the international maritime community cannot be over-emphasized. The task of developing and managing the legal framework to ensure that 'quality shipping' is able to prosper in a highly competitive world depends in large measure on the knowledge and skill of lawyers. This Institute, over the past decade, has made a major contribution to the post-graduate training of lawyers to properly prepare them to undertake the associated duties and responsibilities in a highly professional manner.

As the cadre of IMLI trained lawyers continues to grow and they take up positions around the world, we should witness the practical results of their expertise as the substance of international conventions is translated into enforceable national legislation and regulations...

We have been fortunate from the outset in assembling an extremely competent and dedicated teaching staff which is now led by Professor David Attard. Through his diligence and professional skills the academic standards are of the highest quality and have been praised in legal circles. He has been assisted by lecturers who are committed to delivering the academic programme needed and also by a small but efficient administrative staff.



H.E. Mr. William O'Neil (Secretary-General, IMO) with members of the academic staff and IMLI graduates at the Graduation Ceremony

The teaching programme is enhanced by a dedicated group of Visiting Fellows whose voluntary assistance has enabled the Institute to provide tuition on a broad range of topics of maritime law and practice. Their participation brings a wealth of knowledge to the academic programme and is highly beneficial because their expertise is current and practical. I would like to express our sincere appreciation for their contribution which is of the greatest importance in the success, credibility and acceptance of the quality of IMLI as a post-graduate training institution.

You have just heard from Professor Walter Mueller who has been a stalwart supporter of IMLI since the beginning in 1989 when he was one of the first Visiting Fellows. He has placed his vast knowledge of the law and his enthusiasm for assuring that the students should receive a highly professional legal education, at the disposal of the Institute. Students over the years have benefited from his wisdom and guidance and are far richer for having been exposed to his sound and mature tutelage...

On behalf of IMO and the members of the Governing Board I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to Walter Mueller for the outstanding contribution he has made to this Institute and to the enrichment of the lives of all the students who have passed through its doors. We wish him well on his well-earned retirement...

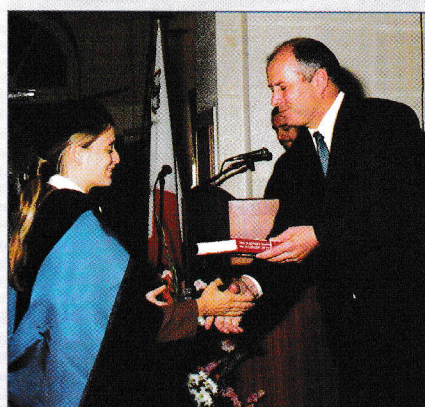
The students provide the fundamental building blocks for the Institute and we have been fortunate in attracting candidates of the highest quality. The

graduates have demonstrated their academic competence here and many, upon returning home with their newly gained expertise, have assumed positions of greater responsibility in their parent organizations. We are also rewarded to see many graduates on the delegations representing their Governments at IMO meetings, which can be taken as a measure of the success of IMLI's educational programme as well as their own competence...

Let me now turn to the reason for us being here today - simply stated, it is for your graduation. It is your day for celebration and your day to be proud. After many months of intensive studying you have achieved your goal and will leave Malta better equipped to pursue your selected professional careers and to make an enriched contribution to maritime affairs of the world.

This occasion is I am sure of great professional and personal satisfaction to you and to your families who are celebrating with you here or at home.

I congratulate you on your achievements and wish you every success as you embark on the next stage of your lives. I feel confident that the impact you will make individually within your respective countries will build into a far-reaching network for enhancing the efficiency of global shipping and promoting greater international co-operation for the benefit of the entire maritime community. And always remember that you are part of IMO - you are our emissaries and we depend on you to achieve our objectives of safer seas and cleaner oceans.



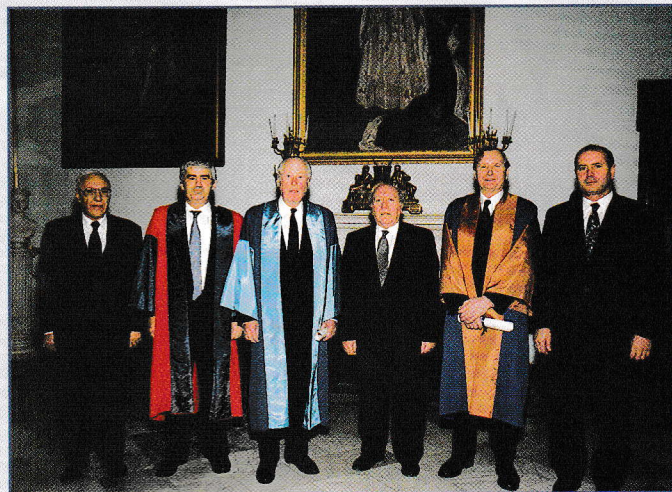
The Hon. Censu Galea (Minister for Transport and Communications, Malta) presenting the Malta Maritime Authority prize for Best Performance in Shipping Law to Ms. Dominika Lempicka at the 2000 Graduation Ceremony

CONFERMENT OF HONORARY TITLES ON PROFESSOR FRANCIS M.B. REYNOLDS AND MR. WILLIAM BIRCH REYNARDSON

When the Institute's Board of Governors decided to confer Honorary Titles, IMLI was entrusted with the great responsibility of ensuring that only the most distinguished in the field of international maritime law would receive such honours. With this in mind, IMLI honoured two illustrious members of the international maritime legal community, Professor Francis M.B. Reynolds and Mr. William Birch Reynardson.

The Tapestry Chamber of the Presidential Palace in Valletta, also known as the Council Chamber, was the venue on 17th March 2000 of the Honoris Causa Ceremony where the Institute, in recognition of the honourees' distinguished careers in which they have been guiding lights in the global process to develop an international legal framework within which state maritime laws can be harmonized, conferred the Title of Honorary Professor of International Maritime Law on Professor Francis M.B. Reynolds as well as the Title of Doctor of International Maritime Law Honoris Causa on Mr. William Birch Reynardson.

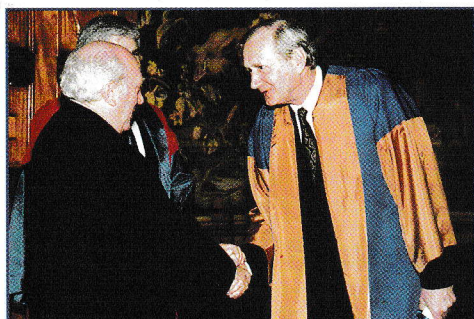
Distinguished friends and guests of the Institute together with the IMLI course participants and staff were present at the Ceremony to acclaim the Laureates.



H.E. Professor Guido De Marco (President of Malta) with Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), the Hon. Censu Galea (Minister for Transport and Communications, Malta), Dr. Joe Fenech (IMLI Governor), Honorary Professor Francis Reynolds and Honorary Doctor William Birch Reynardson at the Honoris Causa Ceremony.

CONFERMENT OF THE TITLE OF HONORARY PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW ON PROFESSOR FRANCIS M.B. REYNOLDS

Professor Francis Reynolds receiving the Honorary Title from H.E. Professor Guido De Marco (President of Malta) in the presence of Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI)



WHEREAS THE IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE RECOGNIZES

The merits of

Professor Francis M.B. Reynolds

Who has given dedicated service to the study and development of international maritime law and international trade law;
Who has inspired legal thinking by virtue of his teaching of maritime and international commercial law at numerous universities, particularly the University of Oxford;

Who has written various scholarly publications and contributions, including the monumental Bowstead and Reynolds on Agency and Benjamin on Sale of Goods, of which he is one of the authors;

Who has contributed to the preparation of the United Kingdom 1992 Carriage of Goods by Sea Act which inter alia reformed rights to sue on bills of lading;

And who has generously contributed to the teaching of carriage of goods by sea at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, thereby contributing in great measure to the growing repute of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute as a centre of academic excellence;

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Professor Francis M.B. Reynolds

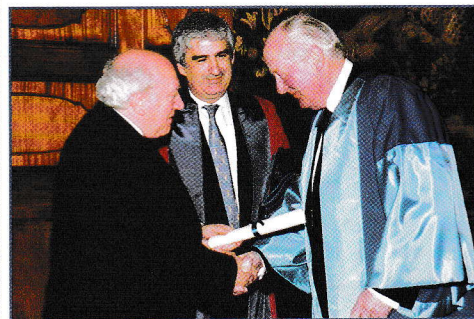
A most meritorious candidate for the Title of Honorary Professor of International Maritime Law.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the powers vested by the Statute under which the IMO International Maritime Law Institute is established, the said distinction of Honorary Professor of International Maritime Law is being conferred on

Professor Francis M.B. Reynolds

On this 17th day of March of the year two thousand

CONFERMENT OF THE TITLE OF DOCTOR OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW HONORIS CAUSA ON MR. WILLIAM BIRCH REYNARDSON



Dr. William Birch Reynardson receiving the Honorary Title from H.E. Professor Guido De Marco (President of Malta) in the presence of Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI)

WHEREAS THE IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE RECOGNIZES

The merits of

Mr. William Birch Reynardson

Who has given life-long service to the rule of international maritime law and to the development of international trade law;
Who has been appointed Commander of the British Empire for services to international maritime law;

Whose wisdom as Vice-President of the Comité Maritime International contributed to the widespread commitment to the harmonization of international maritime law;

Who has been a guiding light to his fellow British maritime lawyers especially during his term as Vice President of the British Maritime Law Association;

And who has, in the immediate past, shared the benefit of his unique and tremendous experience with generations of maritime lawyers and contributed in great measure to the growing repute of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute as a centre of academic excellence;

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Dr. Rosalie Balkin (Head of the Legal Division, IMO) with Mr. Clifford Andre (Seychelles, student sponsored by IMO) in the presence of Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) during a reception held at the Institute in honour of Dr. Balkin

IMLI ALUMNI

Ms. Mahmud Khadijah (Malaysia, Class of 1990) has been appointed Adviser in International Law to the Attorney General's Department of Malaysia.

Mr. Igoris Kravchuk (Lithuania, Class of 1999) has been appointed Senior Legal Adviser in the Klaipeda State Sea Port Authority.

Mr. Clifford Andre (Seychelles, Class of 2000) is currently pursuing his bar course in London.



Lt. Cdr. Edward Shine with members of the IMLI Class 2000/2001 and members of the IMLI Staff during a visit to the Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Saipan



IMLI's academic and non-academic staff

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The IMO International Maritime Law Institute was established under the auspices of the International Maritime Organisation, a specialized agency of the United Nations.

PROFESSOR DAVID ATTARD APPOINTED TITULARY MEMBER OF THE CMI

On Friday May 12th, 2000 Professor Attard was elected as a Titulary Member of the Comité Maritime International. Professor Attard's nomination was the first occasion of a nomination by the Executive Council under the 1999 amendment to Article 3 of the Constitution and was unanimously approved.

Professor Attard also recently addressed a Seminar organized in Malta by the German Advocates' Academy.



Professor Attard with members of the German Advocates' Academy during a seminar held in Malta between 23-24 June, 2000

NEW PH.D. PROGRAMME AT IMLI

IMLI now also offers a specialized programme leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). The Ph.D. degree may be obtained following a research programme, which shall extend over a period of not less than three and not more than five years.

Candidates for the Ph.D. shall undergo a probationary period of one year during which they shall be present at the Institute for at least three months from 1st June to the 31st August, when candidates shall submit a written paper of not more than 10,000 words on a subject of their choice within the syllabus of the Institute.

Candidates who successfully defend a thesis of not more than 100,000 words containing original and significant contributions to knowledge in a subject within the syllabus of the Institute, shall be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

The Institute may consider applications for the degree from candidates who possess a Master's degree from a recognized university or other academic institution, or qualifications of comparable standard including relevant professional legal experience recognized for this purpose by the Institute.

For further information contact us by email at imli@maltanet.net.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SPECIALIZING IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW?

IMLI offers a unique opportunity to be trained in one of the growth areas of International Law. Its one academic year programme, leading to the degree of Master of Laws in International Maritime Law, consists of highly specialized education in International Law, Law of the Sea, Shipping Law, Marine Environmental Law and Drafting of Maritime Legislation. Its full-time staff is supplemented by regular visits from eminent lawyers and academics.

This unique course is most suitable for law graduates, particularly those working in the maritime field such as with a relevant Government department, shipping company, port authority or other organization concerned with shipping and maritime affairs. Law graduates who wish to pursue their career in the field of international maritime law will also benefit immensely from this course. Admission to the course is open to a limited number of students in any academic year, thereby ensuring personal intensive guidance and supervision.

Applications are now invited for the thirteenth course which is scheduled to commence in September 2001. Partial scholarships may be available. A processing fee of US \$15 is required. For further information contact:

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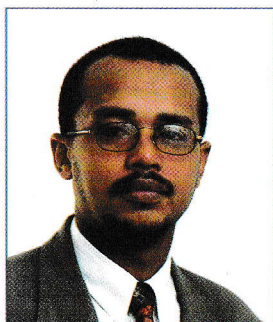
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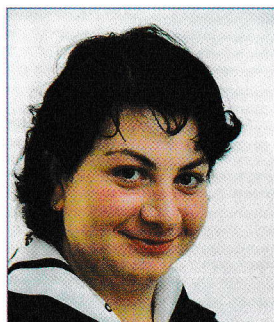
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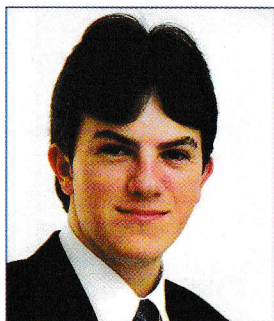
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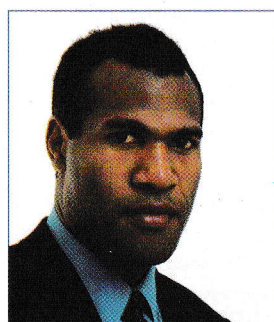
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