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A MESSAGE FROM H.E. MR. EFTHIMIOS E. MITROPOULOS, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF IMO AND CHAIRMAN OF THE IMLI GOVERNING BOARD



H.E. Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) with Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), Members of the Faculty and the IMLI Class 2009-2010 during the Graduation Ceremony

It is, once again, a pleasure and a privilege to provide this message for the annual graduation brochure for IMLI - the IMO International Maritime Law Institute. This year, IMLI celebrates 21 years in full-scale operation and it does so by sending out, as ever, another class of graduates fully trained and equipped for the challenges that professional life will throw at them.

IMLI was established by IMO in 1988 to help ensure that sufficient maritime law experts, armed with the appropriate knowledge and skills, would be available – especially within developing countries – to help with the preparation, implementation and enforcement of legislation giving effect to the international instruments to which Governments had become Parties, through IMO.

Since then, the contribution made by IMLI's graduates in taking on this task cannot be overemphasized. IMO has developed a detailed and comprehensive framework of international standards that have rendered both shipping, and the wider international community, great service by enhancing the safety, security and efficiency of this vital industry and by progressively reducing the impact of shipping on the marine and atmospheric environment.

But, while IMO's efforts are concentrated, in the main, on developing the international regulatory framework, that is only one side of the equation. The other is the highly specialized task of drafting practicable and enforceable national laws, without which IMO's internationally agreed standards simply could not be put into effect nor enforced.

When a Government becomes Party to an IMO convention, it takes on an obligation to comply with its provisions, and this generally entails incorporating them into its own national legal system. And that is a job that requires trained, expert staff.

The increasing number of IMLI graduates, who now form a formidable network of lawyers worldwide, confirms the Institute's success in the pursuit of its objectives and its effective capacitybuilding role within the maritime community and the shipping industry at large. Each graduating class adds its knowledge and expertise to an already impressive network of alumni and provides significant benefits to the global maritime community.

It should never be forgotten that effective development and management of national maritime law is not just a paper exercise, it is actually vital in helping to ensure that substandard elements of the industry have nowhere to hide and that quality shipping prospers – and this depends in a large measure on the knowledge and professional skills of lawyers such as those graduating from IMLI.

May I, therefore, congratulate the Class of 2010 and wish them every success in their future endeavours. May I also offer my thanks, once again, to IMLI's faculty, and other staff, and its many supporters and donors, without whom none of this would be possible.

IMLI GRADUATE APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF IMO LEGAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Kofi Mbiah from Ghana was elected Chairman of the IMO Legal Committee on 18 November 2010. Mr. Mbiah was awarded in 1991 the degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) *with distinction* by the IMO International Maritime Law Institute and received the IMO Secretary-General's Award for Best Overall Performance.

Mr. Mbiah was elected as Chairman by acclamation. Before being appointed as the Chairman of IMO Legal Committee Mr. Mbiah held for a number of years the position of the Vice-Chairman of the same Committee. He is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ghana and has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Shippers' Council since 1999.



Mr. Kofi Mbiah (Chairman, IMO Legal Committee) (fifth from the left) with IMLI graduates representing their countries at the ninety-seventh session of the IMO Legal Committee.

DONORS 2010 – 2011

IMO

The International Maritime Organization continues to support IMLI's funding requirements. It annually provides scholarships which are intended for deserving government-nominated candidates who wish to pursue post-graduate studies in international maritime law at IMLI. This academic year IMO provided six full and one partial scholarships which were awarded to: Mr. Kenroy Kamanie Simmons (Antigua and Barbuda), Ms. Paula Tefana Manarangi (Cook Islands), Mr. Gabriel Armando Neuner Abad (Ecuador), Mr. Birhanu Desalegn Mihretie (Ethiopia), Mr. Buba Bojang (The Gambia), Mr. Adonis Fabien Tafangy (Madagascar), and Mr. John Bugeja (Malta). At the end of every academic year, the IMO Secretary-General's Prize for best dissertation is awarded to the student who writes the best dissertation.



Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos (Secretary-General, IMO) presents the 2010 IMO Secretary-General's Prize for Best Dissertation to Ms. Francesca Galea (Malta)



THE NIPPON FOUNDATION

The Nippon Foundation, through its joint project with IMLI, known as the "Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Legal Order for the Oceans", continues to support deserving government-nominated scholars. For the academic year 2010-2011 the following students were selected as scholars under the Project: Mr. Kazi Arifuzzaman (Bangladesh), Ms. Iliana Spassova Borissova (Bulgaria), Mr. Stephen Ousa Okello (Kenya), Ms. Nasreena Aminath (Maldives), Mr. Jorge Humberto Jaimes Tellez (Mexico), Ms. Ganbaatar Batchimeg (Mongolia), Ms. Mya Sandar (Myanmar), Lt. (Atty.) Donette A. Dolina (The Philippines), Ms. Constance Tafua-Rivers (Samoa), and Mr. Selladurai Selvakkunapalan (Sri Lanka).

At the end of every academic year, the Sasakawa Prize for the Best Performing Nippon Foundation Scholar is awarded to the Nippon Scholar who has the best overall performance in the LL.M. Programme.

Mr. Kiyoharu Sugiura (Project Coordinator, Maritime Affairs Department, The Nippon Foundation) presents the 2010 Sasakawa Prize for the Best Performing Nippon Foundation Scholar to Mr. Stephen Kyandih Syuki (Kenya)

SAFEMED

The "Euro-med Cooperation on Maritime Safety and Prevention of Pollution from Ships – SAFEMED" (SAFEMED) is an EU-funded project which is being implemented by REMPEC. The SAFEMED project seeks to mitigate the imbalance in the application of maritime legislation in the region among Mediterranean partners who are not members of EU and those who are. The SAFEMED project provided in the past 10 scholarships to qualified, government-nominated IMLI students coming from the Mediterranean partners of Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey.

Under the follow up project "SAFEMED II", an additional five scholarships will be granted during the three year implementation period. All the project beneficiaries will be invited to nominate possible candidates, but priority will be given to those beneficiaries whose staff has not yet had the opportunity to participate in the IMLI programme. For the academic year 2010-2011 Ms. Alia Osama Salah Mohamed Ahmed Al-gazzar (Egypt) was selected as scholar under the Project.

At the end of every academic year, the REMPEC Marine Environment Law Prize is awarded to the student who has the best overall performance in marine environmental law.

Mr. Frederic Hebert (Director, REMPEC) presents the 2010 REMPEC Marine Environment Law Prize to Mr. Krishnakumar Thazhathupurakal (India)



LLOYD'S REGISTER EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Lloyd's Register Educational Trust continues to support training at IMLI. Established in 2004 by the Lloyd's Register Group to fund advances in transportation, science, engineering and technology education, training and research worldwide for the benefit of all, the Lloyd's Register Educational Trust funds activities in four categories, namely, pre-university education, university education, vocational training and professional development and research that form a continuum of support for people from a very young age. This academic year the following students have been awarded scholarships by the Lloyd's Register Educational Trust: Mr. Gu Yiming (China), Ms. Chen Xiyan (China) and Mr. Sahdev Singh (India).

Mr. Michael Franklin (Director, The Lloyd's Register Educational Trust) with Mr. Krishnakumar Thazhathupurakal (India), Mr. Kaluhath Vikum Priyantha de Abrew (Sri Lanka) and Ms. Ernesta Rachlevičiūtė (Lithuania), the Lloyd's Register Educational Trust scholars for the year 2009-2010.

DONORS 2010 – 2011

INDIAN OCEAN COMMISSION

The Indian Ocean Commission under the GEF-WIO Marine Highway Development and Coastal and Marine Contamination Prevention Project intends to provide eight scholarships to students coming from Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, South Africa, Seychelles, and Tanzania. The objective of the Project, which is part of the capacity building programme for the beneficiaries, is to reinforce capacities in the respective countries for the ratification of IMO conventions and more particularly to servicing these conventions in terms of honouring the obligations therein.

For the academic year 2010-2011 Ms. Asma Selemani (The United Republic of Tanzania) was selected as scholar under the Project.

Mrs. Suzana Custódia Roque Tembe (Mozambique), Mr. Omar Ahmed Ali (Kenya) and Ms. Annabelle Misha Odile Ombrasine (Mauritius), the Indian Ocean Commission scholars for the year 2009-2010.



RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW

IMLI offers a Research Degree Programme leading to the award of the Degree of **Magister Juris (M.Jur.) in International Maritime Law** and the Degree of **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Maritime Law**. Candidates are expected to undergo their studies in IMLI's Research Degree Programme with a high degree of independence; thus, the programme can be largely undertaken from abroad. Candidates are assigned individual academic supervisors drawn from a list of internationally-recognized experts.

Studies for the M.Jur. Degree are to extend over a period of one (1) academic year after enrolment in the programme. The M.Jur. Degree is awarded upon the successful examination of a dissertation of between thirty (30) and fifty (50) thousand words containing original contributions to knowledge in a subject within the syllabus of the Institute. Prospective candidates for the M.Jur. programme must hold a the first degree in law or a Master's degree from a recognized university.

Studies for the Ph.D. Degree shall extend over a period of not less than two (2) nor more than four (4) academic years after enrolment as a candidate for that Degree. The Ph.D. Degree shall be awarded upon the successful examination of a thesis of between eighty (80) and one hundred (100) thousand words containing original and significant contributions to knowledge in a subject within the syllabus of the Institute. To be eligible for enrolment in the Institute's Ph.D. programme, an applicant must have been awarded or listed for the award of the M.Jur. Degree with a recommendation from the M.Jur. Examiners that the candidate be enrolled in the Ph.D. Programme.

For information on other programmes and courses please visit www.imli.org.

IMLI ALUMNI

Mr. Eurico Andrade Ndando (Angola, class 2009-2010) has been appointed Head of the International Cooperation Office of the Ministry of Justice.

Mr. Nikoloz Tsiklauri (Georgia, class 1998-1999) has been appointed Acting Rector of Batumi State Maritime Academy.

Mr. Kofi Mbiah (Ghana, class 1990-1991) has been appointed Chairman of IMO Legal Committee.

Ms. Francesca Galea (Malta, class 2009-2010) was awarded the 2010 Ocean Yearbook Student Prize.

Mr. Mitja Grbec (Slovenia, class 2000-2001) has been appointed President of the Slovenian Maritime Law Association.

Ms. Vivian Rambarath-Parasram (Trinidad and Tobago, class 1999-2000) has been appointed Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Maritime Studies, University of Trinidad and Tobago.

H.E. Iakoba Tacia Italeli (Tuvalu, class 2000-2001) has been appointed Head of State (Governor General) of Tuvalu.



The IMLI Class of 2010 – 2011

IMLI ACTIVITIES

Taking into consideration the multicultural background of the IMLI class, the Institute organizes each year different competitions which enable the students to introduce to their classmates their traditions, culture and background.

1. The annual National Profile Presentation Competition.

All students prepare a 10-20 minute presentation which provides the audience with information about their country, such as geographical, cultural, social and touristic aspects. Through their presentation, participants promote their country's national and cultural profile and enhance inter-cultural dialogue.

2. The annual Photo Competition.

For the purpose of the Competition each participant presents a portfolio, or even video/ slideshow of photos representing life at IMLI over the academic year.

3. The annual Cuisine Competition.

In the competition, each participant prepares a main course meal from his / her home country (students from the same country may group together) which allows students to taste different dishes from around the world. A panel of judges decides the winning meals.



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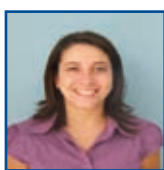
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IMLI STUDENTS ACADEMIC YEAR 2010 – 2011 LL.M. PROGRAMME



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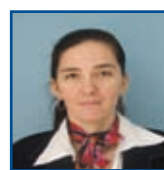
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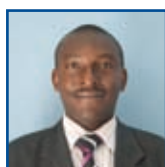
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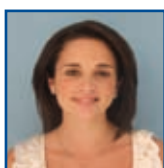
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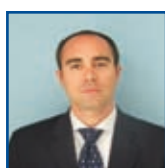


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