



IMO'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALTA LECTURES AT IMLI

The Permanent Representative of Malta to IMO, Ambassador Lino Vassallo, delivered a set of lectures on international organizations to the IMLI Class of 2012/2013.

Ambassador Vassallo's lectures provided the students with an overview of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and other international organizations that operate at an international level and fall under the umbrella of the United Nations. He gave an overall view of the basic structure of such organizations, their objectives and functions and the important role they play in international law. The lectures were delivered from an academic point of view enriched, however, by Ambassador Vassallo's vast experience in participating actively in the work of international organizations, particularly IMO.

Students were also actively engaged in preparing presentations on different international organizations, taking thus the lectures delivered by Ambassador Vassallo to a practical level.



Ambassador Lino Vassallo and the Class of 2012/213

Ambassador Lino Vassallo has been involved in the maritime industry on the official side since 1973. Uninterruptedly for nineteen years he was the Executive Director Merchant Shipping within the Malta Maritime Authority and Transport Malta and thus ex officio the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen. Ambassador Vassallo has been participating in the meetings of IMO since 1977 and is Malta's Permanent Representative to IMO. Between 1997 and 2011 he was the first Chairman of the Mediterranean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control. Ambassador Vassallo is currently the General Secretary of the Malta International Shipping Council. He sits on the Board of Members of the Authority for Transport Malta and is the Chairman of the Civil Aviation Supervisory Committee within that Authority. Ambassador Vassallo is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport and, in 2009, IMLI awarded him the Degree of Master of Laws in International Maritime Law *Honoris Causa*.

Ambassador Vassallo is a firm believer in the IMO Training Programme and is a long standing friend and supporter of the Institute and its work. He constantly emphasizes the importance of self-help and stresses on technical cooperation rather than technical assistance.

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