



## **IMLI CELEBRATES THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF UNCLOS**

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) together with Malta's Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized an event commemorating the 30th anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ("UNCLOS"). The event also honours Dr. Arvid Pardo's contribution to the Law of the Sea and the Common Heritage of Mankind.

On the occasion a lecture entitled "The 30th Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Common Heritage of Mankind" by Judge Helmut Tuerk (Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea) was held under the patronage of Hon. Dr. Francis Zammit Dimech (Minister of Foreign Affairs) at Sir Temi Zammit Hall, University of Malta. The lecture was attended by the Hon. Dr. Francis Zammit Dimech (Minister of Foreign Affairs), Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI), H.E. Dr. Petra Maria Schneebeauer (Ambassador of Austria to Malta), H.E. Mr. Michel Vandepoorter (Ambassador of France to Malta), H.E. Dr. Felipe de la Morena Casado (Ambassador of Spain to Malta), Ambassador Alfred Zarb (Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta), Mrs. Christina Pardo Menez (late Ambassador Arvid Pardo's daughter), Professor Kevin Aquilina (Dean of Faculty of Laws, University of Malta) professors of law, students of University of Malta, the IMO International Maritime Law Institute and the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies.



*Judge Helmut Tuerk delivering his lecture*

An exhibition commemorating Dr. Arvid Pardo's (1914-1999) contribution to the Law of the Sea and the 30th Anniversary of the United Nations Law of the Sea also opened at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Pardo Hall. During the opening ceremony of the exhibition, Ambassador Alfred Zarb, after welcoming the guests gave a background to Ambassador Pardo's professional career and his involvement in the Maltese Diplomacy. Professor David Attard then addressed the guests by explaining Ambassador Pardo's contribution to the development of the law of the sea and the establishment of the principle of common heritage of mankind.



*The exhibition commemorating Dr. Arvid Pardo's (1914-1999) contribution to the Law of the Sea*

UNCLOS, often referred to as "the Constitution of the Oceans", now has over 160 States parties and is still attracting new ones. It sets the legal framework for all matters concerning the world's oceans, including navigational rights, maritime zones and delimitation of maritime boundaries, exploitation, exploration, management and conservation of living and mineral resources, protection of the marine environment, piracy and marine scientific research.

The subject of the law of the sea and the analysis of the provisions of UNCLOS are one of the core subjects of IMLI's curriculum.

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