



LJUBLJANA PROFESSOR OF COMMERCIAL, TRANSPORT AND INSURANCE LAW LECTURES AT IMLI

Professor Dr. Marko Pavliha (Head of the Law Department at the Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, University of Ljubljana) recently delivered a series of lectures on the Law of Marine Insurance to the IMLI Class of 2012/2013.



Professor Dr. Marko Pavliha lecturing to the IMLI class of 2012/2013

Professor Pavliha's lectures constitute the core part of the course on the Law of Marine Insurance, which is one of the key subjects within IMLI's Shipping Law curriculum. During his lectures Professor Pavliha gave the students an overview of marine insurance, its history, the functioning of insurance markets and basic understanding of the main principles and concepts of marine insurance law. Professor Pavliha also offered some basic analysis of the broadly used

standard clauses of marine hull and machinery insurance and cargo insurance. Through his lectures students were able to understand the commercial side of marine insurance as Professor Pavliha explained how best to evaluate and sell the risks and how to control and finance them. At the end of his lectures on the Law of Marine Insurance, Professor Pavliha organized a “case study” exercise which gave the students the possibility to understand the practical aspects of a marine insurance dispute.

Professor Pavliha’s lectures, which addressed also ethical issues of international law, and the “case study” were welcomed with enthusiasm by the students who expressed their appreciation for making this course a valuable experience.

Professor Pavliha is a member of IMLI’s Governing Board and a long standing friend of the Institute. Indeed, this is the fourteenth year that Professor Pavliha visits the Institute to deliver lectures on the Law of Marine Insurance.



Professor Dr. Marko Pavliha delivering a lecture

At the end of his visit, Professor Pavliha was kind enough to give us a short interview which is reproduced below:

Professor Pavliha, welcome to IMLI once again! You have been delivering the Course on the Law of Marine Insurance to the IMLI students for the past 14 years now. How do you find the experience?

It is a real pleasure and privilege to be back. In a way I find my teaching experience more fulfilling with each year that passes. It is admirable how much the Institute has achieved in all

these years. Today, IMLI is a fine academic centre which meaningfully contributes to the international maritime community, as recognized on several occasions by the United Nations General Assembly's Resolutions and other prestigious educational institutions like the Oxford, Cambridge, McGill, to mention a few. But more importantly, the quality, knowledge and ambition of the IMLI students are remarkable. Their attention and intuitive questions make the experience memorable. I probably learn as much from the students as they learn from my lectures. I am also impressed by their positive reaction to ethical issues relating to international maritime law, and once again the students confirmed my belief that we need to educate not only our minds, but also our hearts. The Zulu proverb says it all: *umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu*, a person is a person because of people; therefore we need *ubuntu*, the brotherhood based on altruism, compassion, professionalism, honesty and justice.

What, in your opinion, has contributed to the lack of an international regime on marine insurance?

There have been several attempts to draft a model set of rules on marine insurance or even an international convention, but so far such attempts have not been successful and it is not likely that they will ever come through. The only logical conclusion is 'do not fix it if it works' and the existing legal regime is actually working, although it is predominantly based on English Law. Marine insurance is, however, an international subject and we can say without doubt that is one of the oldest institutions of maritime law which can be traced back to the Code of Hammurabi. My mission is to make the students understand that, like any other area of maritime law, the law of marine insurance is also continuously evolving. We have new risks, larger ships, longer voyages and the law has adapted and responded to such developments.

IMLI celebrates this year its 24th anniversary. Its student body is diverse and there is a remarkable increase of women participants. What, in your opinion, has contributed to such a development?

I would start with its staff and the 'Captain of the IMLI Ship', Professor David Attard. A great deal is owed to his admirable direction of the Institute. Please do not take the following remark boastful, but the Institute's visiting lecturers are also another contributing factor to the development as IMLI is unique in bringing over around 40 eminent visiting fellows who, with their knowledge and vast experience, contribute to the success of the Institute. Another reason is, without doubt, IMLI's all-encompassing approach to international maritime law. Students are taught in all the areas of international maritime law, including shipping law, law of the sea, marine environmental law, maritime security law and IMLI's unique feature, maritime legislation drafting.

Lastly, I would mention the students themselves; they are the best ambassadors of the Institute and they personalize the inter-cultural dialogue. IMLI graduates upon returning to their home countries continue to work in the spirit of uniformity of international maritime law and global

ethics. Thanks to their training at IMLI, they appreciate that everything and everyone is interconnected. An excellent example of this interrelation is the United Nations Secretary-General's initiative called "Oceans Compact" which encourages a holistic approach in addressing the protection and improvement of marine environment, and towards the success of which, I am certain, IMLI graduates will contribute to a considerable extent.

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