



BUREAU VERITAS COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR AND LEGAL ADVISOR LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Philippe Boisson (Communication Director and Legal Advisor of the Bureau Veritas, Marine Division) visited recently the Institute to deliver a set of lectures on the Law of Maritime Safety, one of the key subjects within the Shipping Law curriculum of IMLI's LL.M. programme.

During his lectures Dr. Boisson presented a holistic approach of the maritime safety laws, including safety of the ship, cargoes and navigation. Dr. Boisson placed special emphasis on the importance of the human element in the field and provided for this purpose an overview of the main provisions of international instruments such as the ISM Code revised, STCW Convention, Regulations on Manning, and the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. Dr. Boisson highlighted the importance of the implementation of existing international maritime safety regulations and drew attention to the various assessments of the Flag State performance and the new regime of Port State Control in Europe with the Hybrid European Targeting and Inspection System (THETIS). Dr. Boisson also offered an overview of the new Casualty Investigation Code and the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code. In his last lecture, Dr. Boisson emphasized the key role of the classification societies in contributing to the safety and reliability of ships.

Dr. Boisson's lectures, which are enriched with practical examples, were very well received by the students who expressed their appreciation for making such a technical topic easy to understand.



Dr. Philippe Boisson and the IMLI class of 2012/2013

Dr. Boisson has been a visiting lecturer at IMLI since 1993 and is a member of the IMLI Governing Board. Being intensively involved in the maritime field, he has occupied high standing posts as Communication Director and Legal Adviser of the Bureau Veritas Marine Division. On 16 February 2012, Dr. Boisson was elected President of the French Maritime Law Association. He is also a Titulary Member of the CMI and an Arbitrator at the Chambre Arbitrale Maritime de Paris. Dr. Boisson has written many articles on the marine safety systems and classification societies. His study entitled “Safety at Sea, Policies, Regulations and International Law” published by Bureau Veritas Publications in 1999, is the leading text book on the subject. Dr. Boisson received an award by the French Marine Academy and the Albert Lilar Prize for his book.

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