



PRESIDENT OF THE SLOVENIAN MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION VISITS IMLI

Dr. Mitja Grbec (President of the Slovenian Maritime Law Association) recently visited IMLI and delivered a set of lectures on “Marine Environmental Law: Liability and Compensation Regimes”.

After a general introduction to the subject of marine environmental law, Dr. Grbec discussed the genesis of the liability and compensation regimes and the various conventions regulating this area, particularly the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992 and the 2000 Protocol thereto (CLC), the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage (Fund Convention) and the 2000 and 2003 Protocols thereto, the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 (Bunker Convention) and the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 2010 (HNS Convention).



Dr. Mitja Grbec and the IMLI Class of 2012/2013

Dr. Grbec explained that the aforementioned conventions share common principles like, strict liability of the shipowner, right of the shipowner to limit his liability, compulsory insurance, rights of a direct action against the insurer etc. Particular focus was placed on the scope of applications of the various conventions and how such conventions would work together if there is an accident involving the escape of more than one polluting substance. Dr. Grbec emphasized the importance of the earliest possible entry into force of the 2010 HNS Convention, as a missing link in the adequate operation of the ‘International Compensation System’ for accidental ship source pollution damage.

Dr. Mitja Grbec obtained his law degree in 1998 at the Faculty of Laws, University of Ljubljana. In 2001 he completed successfully his LL.M. studies at IMLI and in 2011 he was awarded the IMLI Ph.D. degree. His thesis, entitled “The Extension of Coastal State Jurisdiction in Enclosed or Semi-Enclosed Seas: An Adriatic and Mediterranean Sea Perspective”, undertaken under the supervision of Professor Robin Churchill, will be published in September 2013 by Routledge as the second volume of the series “IMLI Studies in International Maritime Law”. Dr. Grbec held the position of Assistant Lecturer at IMLI during the academic years 2004/2005 -2005/2006 and has been a regular visiting lecturer since then. He is currently a private consultant, lecturer and

member of the Supervisory Board of Slovenian Railways. In 2010 he was elected as the President of the Slovenian Maritime Law Association.

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