



## REMPEC'S SAFEMED PROJECT OFFICER LECTURES AT IMLI

Captain Joseph Zerafa visited the Institute to deliver two lectures on the *“Technical Aspects of Shipping”* to the 24<sup>th</sup> generation of IMLI lawyers. With the aim of giving the students a general overview of the technical terminology used in the construction and operation of ships, Captain Zerafa’s lectures focused on technical matters relating to ship construction, ships’ dimension, tonnage and deadweight, their stability and the technical documents required for compliance with international regulations. His lectures enable the students to better understand the difficulties and problems that will arise in case of marine casualties and how to better deal with maritime claims that their administrations may face.



*Captain Joseph Zerafa during his lecture at IMLI*

Captain Zerafa is a strong supporter of IMLI and its work. He has been a visiting lecturer for over twenty years and when asked how he finds the experience, he stated that, *“it is challenging, as you are teaching the technical aspects of shipping to lawyers who may not have a marine background, but at the same time is fascinating. It is always nice to be back and meet such a diverse body of students. For sure, the greatest satisfaction is to meet them later in time at international fora, like IMO meetings, learning of their professional success and witnessing how the IMLI training has been instrumental in such success.”*

In his opinion, *“there are many improvements in the IMLI’s facilities throughout the years, but the Institute has always kept the high standards and it is a pleasure to welcome always students eager to learn and who at the same time, bring their own expertise.”*

He concluded by saying that, *“I hope the students will enjoy this year in Malta and will make the best of it, not only academically but also for what Malta has to offer.”*

Captain Joseph Zerafa joined the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) in 2006 as the “Euro-med Cooperation on Maritime Safety and Prevention of Pollution from Ships – SAFEMED” (SAFEMED) Project Officer in Maritime Safety. Prior to that, Captain Zerafa worked with the Malta Maritime Authority as the Technical Manager within the Merchant Shipping Directorate. In this capacity, he was responsible for setting up and running the Safety Co-Ordination Unit including Flag State and Port State Control inspections, casualty investigations and monitoring of Recognized Organizations. Captain Zerafa also represented Malta at international fora, including the IMO committees and sub-committees, PARIS MoU meetings and EU Technical meetings.

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