



## **IOPC FUNDS' DIRECTOR LECTURES AT IMLI**

Mr. Jose Maura (Director of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds)) visited recently the Institute and lectured to the 24th generation of IMLI lawyers on "The Role of the IOPC Funds in Compensating Victims of Oil Pollution Damage". Mr. Maura's lecture was delivered within the framework of the Environmental Law Course of IMLI's LL.M. programme.

During his lecture Mr. Maura discussed the international liability and compensation regime for pollution damage caused by oil spills from tankers established by the international conventions which have been in operation for 30 years. He explained in detail the role the Funds have played in compensating victims of oil pollution damage and how the IOPC Funds had, in their decisions on the admissibility of compensation claims, contributed to the development and unification of international law. He emphasized that in most cases the compensation had been paid within a relatively short period of time after the incident and without the victims having to go to court.



*Mr. Jose Maura ((Director of the (IOPC Funds) and the Class of 2012/2013*

Mr. Jose Maura was elected as Director of the IOPC Funds on 1 November 2011. He has worked for the Funds since 1996, first as Claims Manager and then as Head of the Claims Department, handling major oil spills incidents such as the *Aegean Sea* (Spain), *Sea Empress* (United Kingdom), *Nissos Amorgos* (Venezuela), *Erika* (France) and *Prestige* (Spain & France) oil spill incidents. Before coming to London, he was a practising lawyer in Spain defending, inter alia, the interests of the IOPC Fund before the courts in the Aegean Sea oil spill. Mr Maura has degrees in law, shipping law and a Master's degree in Business Administration.

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