



IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL EMERITUS PASSES AWAY

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute is sad to announce that Dr. C.P. Srivastava, KCMG, Secretary-General Emeritus of the International Maritime Organization and Member Emeritus of the IMLI Governing Board passed away. His sudden death is greatly mourned by the entire international community.

It was Dr. Srivastava's visionary approach and his continuous efforts that contributed to the IMO's increased membership and for making the Organization known to the developing countries. Aiming to enhance capacity building in the developing world, Dr. Srivastava was instrumental in the establishment of IMLI in Malta in 1988. He remained one of the strongest supporters of the Institute until his last moments.



Dr. C.P. Srivastava and Dr. Joseph Fenech signing the agreement establishing IMLI on 13 May 1988

Dr. C.P. Srivastava was educated in Lucknow, India (obtaining BA, MA and LLB degrees). He started his career as a civil servant in the Indian Administrative Service in India, serving as the district administrator in Meerut and Lucknow, and then went on to the post of Joint Secretary to the Indian Prime Minister's office of the late Lal Bahadur Shastri from 1964 to 1966.

Early in his career, he found his forte in the field of seafarers training and welfare. During 1947 to 1948, he was the prime mover in the establishment of a network of new maritime training institutions, which have since produced world class maritime personnel, greatly facilitating the growth of Indian shipping in the years following Independence.

After a stint at the Directorate General of Shipping, he was appointed as the Founder Chief Executive of the Shipping Corporation of India, a Government of India enterprise, which he built up to the largest shipping company of India and one of the biggest and most successful shipping companies of the world, with a diversified fleet of cargo liners, tankers, bulk carriers and passenger ships. For his exceptionally outstanding work as Chairman & Managing Director of the Shipping Corporation of India, he received the Padma Bhusan (one of the highest civilian

awards in the Republic of India) in 1972 in recognition of his contributions to establishing one of the most successful public sector undertakings in India.

Dr. C.P. Srivastava became the first chief executive of the Shipping Corporation of India and in 1974, he was elected to serve as the Secretary-General of the IMO, and was re-elected unanimously for three successive four-year terms, serving until his retirement in 1989.

As Secretary-General of IMO, Dr. C.P. Srivastava recognized the crucial importance of the human element in ensuring safety and efficiency in international shipping and played a pioneering role in the establishment of the International Maritime Academy in Italy, and the International Maritime Law Institute in Malta. He was the founding father and also the first Chancellor of World Maritime University which was founded in 1983 to address a pressing need for trained maritime professionals in the developing world. He was the inspired prime mover in the development of the concept of World Maritime University and IMLI, and in the immense job of planning, negotiating, fundraising, organizing and implementation that was required to take a vision and turn it into a reality.

In 1987 he was named an honorary graduate by the University of Wales.

Just before his retirement from his post as IMO Secretary-General in 1989, the IMO Assembly, meeting for its 16th session, unanimously adopted a resolution (A.679(16)), noting his retirement with regret and recording his services to IMO Member States. The resolution noted that, throughout his tenure, which comprised four successive terms and lasted 16 years, Dr. Srivastava rendered exceptionally meritorious services to the Organization with total commitment to its ideals and objectives.

In 1990, in recognition of his service and contribution to world shipping, Dr. C. P. Srivastava was conferred, by Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom, the title of Honorary Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (KCMG).

In 1991, he received the International Maritime Prize from IMO for his contribution to the Organization's work and objectives. In 2005 he was awarded the 2004 Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration and Management Sciences by the then President of India, A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. In 2009, he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest civilian award, by the President of India.

Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI), Faculty and Staff express their heartfelt condolences to his family for the loss. Dr. Srivastava will be always missed.

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