

RENOWNED EXPERT OF MARINE INSURANCE LAW LECTURES AT IMLI

The Director, staff and students of the IMLI Class of 2013/2014 had the pleasure of welcoming recently Prof. Dr. Marko Pavliha (Head of the Law Department at the Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, University of Ljubljana and the former Slovenian Minister of Transportation and Vice-President of the Parliament), who visited the Institute to deliver the core part of the course on the Law of Marine Insurance.



Dr. Marko Pavliha meeting the students of the IMLI Class of 2013/2014

During his lectures, Professor Pavliha provided the students with an overview of marine insurance, its history, the functioning of insurance markets and basic understanding of the main principles and concepts of marine insurance law. Professor Pavliha also offered some basic

analysis of the broadly used standard clauses of marine hull and machinery insurance and cargo insurance.

Professor Pavliha's lectures and the "case study", organized at the end of his course, were welcomed with enthusiasm by the students who expressed their appreciation for making this course a valuable experience.

Professor Pavliha is a member of IMLI's Governing Board and for 15 years now, a close friend and supporter of the Institute and its activities. In an interview with the editor of the IMLI e-news, reproduced below, Professor Pavliha expressed his pleasure to have been a visiting lecturer for 15 years and thus to have had the opportunity to see the Institute which, through the achievements of its students, has attained the status of an excellent centre of education in international maritime law.

Professor Pavliha, welcome back. This is your 15th consecutive visit to the Institute. I think, I am right in understanding that you enjoy coming to IMLI and that you will continue to come yearly as you have been doing?

Of course! Lecturing at IMLI is done *pro bono* not only by me, but by all the numerous visiting lectures that visit the Institute. Therefore, there must be something that attracts us to keep coming (smile). IMLI has grown on me. The members of staff are my good friends. I like Malta, its culture and traditions. I like IMLI and I am very proud of it. I always say that IMLI is my second job and I am also proud of contributing as a member of its Governing Board, supervisor of both M. Jur. and Ph.D. students, an external examiner and as a member of its Academic Committee. As a lecturer, being oneself is important in the class. I do my best to educate not only minds, but also hearts. Quoting a famous movie actor 'I'll be back'. I will continue to come to IMLI and this is a promise, not a threat.

What do your lectures at IMLI entail?

I cover key principles in marine insurance, such as, concluding and enforcing marine insurance contracts, insurable interest, duty of utmost good faith, assignment of policy measure of indemnity, protection and indemnity insurance (P&I), marine reinsurance, ethics in international maritime law, liens for marine insurance premiums, loss and abandonment rights of insurer on payment. I offer a comprehensive outline which will also form part of the IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law. My lecture is very much in line with the mother of all marine insurance statutes, the 1906 English legislation, standard contracts and case law.

Having been coming to the Institute for the last 15 years, what gradual developments, if at all, have you noticed?

The Institute has developed in all respects. Over the years the student body has increased and I have noticed that the students of each year are more engaging and participate actively in class. I think this is also due to their very good command of English. I am pleased to note that the Institute's Library is one of the best equipped maritime law libraries, where students can find, among others, the leading text books in the field. IMLI has also made great improvements in its facilities. When I started coming to the Institute, it had only one computer room. Now all the

students have a PC at their disposal; the Library has more than one computer to carry out research.

I am proud to say that the Institute is now internationally recognised and its recognition is growing every day. It has achieved commendable reputation in academia and is regarded as one of the major maritime institutions in the world. Like I told the delegates from The Nippon Foundation earlier, we at IMLI educate the best maritime lawyers in the world.

What would be your advise on further developments of the Institute?

At IMLI there is hardly anything at this point that one can readily identify as needing further development. The syllabus is detailed and all-encompassing, catering for the teaching of all major subjects within the area of international maritime law. But again, as the saying goes, there is always room for development. Perhaps, the only thing I might say in this regard is that students would very much welcome more moot court exercises as the one I do at the end of my lectures.

Would you like to convey a message to IMLI students, past and present?

Whatever you do in your life, do it diligently, honestly and kindly, using your minds and your hearts.

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