

BUREAU VERITAS' COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR AND LEGAL ADVISOR OF ITS MARINE AND OFFSHORE DIVISION DELIVERS THE IMLI COURSE ON MARITIME SAFETY

IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Philippe Boisson, Communication Director and Legal Advisor of Bureau Veritas' Marine and Offshore Division, who visited the Institute recently and delivered the course on the Law on Maritime Safety. This area of maritime law is one of the core subjects within the Shipping Law curriculum of IMLI's LL.M. programme.



Dr. Philippe Boisson lecturing the students of the IMLI Class of 2014/2015

During his lectures, Dr Boisson presented, in an all-inclusive manner, the maritime safety laws and regulations, including safety of the ship, cargo and issues of operational safety. In discussing the latter, he laid special emphasis on the importance of the human element and for this purpose, he provided an overview of the main provisions of international instruments such as the revised ISM Code, the STCW Convention, Regulations on Manning and the Maritime Labour Convention 2006. He then went on to discuss the control of ship safety. Dr. Boisson highlighted

the importance of implementing existing international safety rules and discussed in great length Flag State Control and Port State Control and the role of Classification Societies in this regard.

Dr. Philippe Boisson has been a visiting lecturer at IMLI since 1993 and he is also a member of the Institute's Governing Board.

He is a Doctor of Law and graduate in Political Science, Lille University, France.

In 1981 he joined Bureau Veritas, one of the largest classification and certification society worldwide, where he is today Communication Director and Legal Advisor for its Marine and Offshore Division. Due to his high involvement in the maritime sector, he has occupied many prestigious positions in this field. He is President of the French Maritime Law Association, Titulary Member of the CMI (Comité Maritime International) and a Maritime Arbitrator of the Chambre Arbitrale Maritime of Paris (CAMP). Dr Boisson is a Member of the French Superior Council of Merchant Marine (Conseil Supérieur de la Marine Marchande).

He also lectures at the Faculty of Law, Lille University.

Dr. Boisson has written many articles on the marine safety systems and classification societies. In 1999 he published a major study entitled "*Safety at Sea, Policies, Regulations and International Law*" (a Bureau Veritas Publication), which is recognised by the maritime community as a reference book on the subject.

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