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## THOMAS MILLER THE UK P&I CLUB'S HEAD OF COMPLIANCE AND SECRETARIAT, LECTURES AT IMLI

IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Paul Knight, Head of Compliance and Secretariat for the UK P&I Club, who visited the Institute on 23 and 24 February and delivered a series of lectures on P&I clubs to the IMLI class of 2014/2015.



*Mr. Paul Knight with the students of the IMLI Class of 2014/2015*

During his lectures, Mr. Knight comprehensively explained the history of P&I clubs, club cover, exclusions to cover, concepts of mutual insurance and risks, The International Group of P&I clubs and the structure of the UK P&I Club and its Managers. He further discussed underwriting, claims handling, loss prevention and the challenges for P&I clubs including: competition from non-mutual insurers, increasing regulatory burdens worldwide, increasing capital requirements and claims values, responding to the changing environment, maintaining the International Group and responding to evolving ship owners' needs.

He concluded his lectures by encouraging discussions on the future of P&I clubs. He declared that the P&I model had stood the test of time for over 150 years and it was highly probable that mutual

clubs would continue to meet to their members' needs. The benefits of mutuality were very strong and likely to remain so, with P&I clubs being likely to remain key players in the marine liability sector.

Mr. Knight graduated with a Degree in Experimental Psychology from Oxford University. Thereafter, he joined the Standard Club where he worked as a claims executive handling a range of claims for members based in the UK and the US, and later worked for 5 years as a deck officer on variety of ships and submarines in the Royal Navy. In 1995, he undertook a Postgraduate Diploma in Law and Legal Practice at the College of Law in London before joining Richards Butler to complete his training contract. On qualifying as a solicitor he became a member of Richards Butler's shipping team handling mainly admiralty and P&I disputes. Mr. Knight subsequently moved to Piraeus and worked for the Swedish Club dealing with both P&I and H&M claims with a specialisation in admiralty.

In 2003, Mr. Knight joined Thomas Miller in the UK as a Senior Claims Executive in the Turkish, Russian, Middle East and Indian team. In 2005, he became the Area Director of the aforementioned teams before becoming the Club's Marketing and Development Director in 2009. In 2013, he joined the Club's Compliance and Secretariat and in December of that same year, he became Head of that department.

Mr. Knight's lectures were very informative and further reinforced the vast knowledge the students have acquired in the area of Marine Insurance.

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