

IMLI GRADUATES VISIT INTERNATIONAL MARITIME INSTITUTIONS

Following the 2015 Graduation Ceremony, the graduates, together with Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), Dr. Norman Martinez (Senior Lecturer, IMLI) and Ms. Josephine Aquilina (Head of Personnel, IMLI), participated in the traditional field trip to London. The maritime institutions visited during the field trip included the Headquarters of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Headquarters of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds), Thomas Miller & Co., and Lloyd's of London.



The Graduating Class of 2015 during their visit to the IMO Headquarters

The eminent representatives of these institutions provided the graduates with an introduction to the mechanisms and practical operation of the theory they have studied during the entire academic year enabling them to broaden their network within the field of international shipping.

During their visit to the IMO Headquarters, the graduates had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Pamela Tansey, the Senior Deputy Director of the Technical Co-operation Division and Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska who is an IMLI graduate and Head of the Legal Affairs Office, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division of IMO. Mrs. Tansey discussed opportunities for technical co-operation of which countries may avail themselves through IMO. She further highlighted the importance of IMLI graduates as a link between IMO and their respective countries whilst Dr. Lost-Sieminska explained the work of the Legal Committee and the positive contribution of IMLI graduates to the maritime world.

The IMO visit ended with a meeting of the graduates and the representatives of their respective Geographical Focal Points, where they discussed the individual needs of each region and the manner in which States may collaborate with IMO to improve both their national and regional legal systems.



L-R Mrs. Pamela Tansey, Professor David Attard and Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska

During this year's visit to the Headquarters of the IOPC Funds, the graduates met with Ms. Akiko Yoshida (Legal Counsel, IOPC Funds) who gave the graduates an overview of the liability and compensation regimes and of the handling of claims by the IOPC Funds.

The field trip culminated with a visit to the office of Thomas Miller (Managers, UK P&I Club), where the graduates attended presentations delivered by Mr. Paul Knight (Head, Compliance and Secretariat for the UK P&I Club), Mr. Petar Modev (Loss Prevention Executive) and Ms. Amanda Hastings (Trainee Claims Executive) on Thomas Miller, Loss Prevention and People Claims respectively.

The graduates then visited Lloyd's of London where they were given guided tours by representatives of Miller Insurance, who explained throughout the visit, the history of Lloyd's and whole process followed by a broker in obtaining insurance at Lloyd's.

At the end of this enlightening field trip, the new IMLI Ambassadors left for their respective countries with the determination of serving the rule of international maritime law.

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