

MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY EXPERT LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Philippe Boisson, Communication Director and Legal Advisor of Bureau Veritas' Marine and Offshore Division, delivered the course on Maritime Safety to the IMLI Class 2015-2016 during his visit between 25 and 28 January 2016. 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 meeting the students of the IMLI Class of 2015-2016

Dr Boisson delivered his lectures in three major areas of maritime mafety, namely ship safety, cargo safety and human element and operational safety. He commenced the lectures by giving an introduction and regulatory process in the law of maritime safety.

Dr Boisson first gave an introductory lecture on maritime safety, defining it to be the protection of people, property and the marine environment and then continued with subsequent lectures, delving into depth in the areas covered by maritime safety. These included the regulatory process in maritime safety, ship safety construction and equipment and cargo safety. He provided an overview on SOLAS Convention Chapter VI, CSS Code and IMBSC Code when explaining safety of cargo. In highlighting the fundamental role of human element in the occurrence and avoidance of accidents at sea, Dr. Boisson gave a practical elaboration on the role of port state and the responsibility of flag state for ensuring that ships are manned and operated in compliance with the certificates which are prescribed in ISM Code, STCW Convention and other International Regulations on manning, including MLC 2006.

Dr. Philippe Boisson has been a visiting lecturer at IMLI for 22 years. He is also an esteemed member of the Institute's Governing Board.

Dr. Boisson 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.

An expert in the field of maritime safety, the students were very much appreciative of Dr. Boisson's comprehensive and practical lectures.

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