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BIMCO'S SENIOR OFFICER LECTURES AT IMLI

Ms. Pernille Kærvad Jacobsen, Senior Legal and Contractual Affairs Officer of BIMCO (Baltic and International Maritime Council) visited the Institute on Friday, 26 February, 2016, to deliver a lecture titled "BIMCOS's Documentary Works".



Ms. Pernille Kærvad Jacobsen meeting the students of the IMLI Class of 2015-2016

Ms. Jacobsen commenced her lecture by giving a general introduction to BIMCO, the history and development since its establishment in 1905 until it becomes the world's largest international shipping association with more than 2,200 members globally. She noted that BIMCO has members in more than 120 countries, including ship owners, operators, managers, brokers and agents, which controls around 65 percent of the world's tonnage.

She further explained the documentary works of BIMCO which have been one of the cornerstones of the association for centuries because of its importance in providing a tangible contribution to trade facilitation, harmonization and the raising of contractual standards within the maritime industry. She emphasized that the key feature of BIMCO's documentary work is the ability to anticipate and react the needs of the industry for standard contracts and clauses.

Ms. Jacobsen concluded her lecture by providing the students a brief on BIMCO's training and education in various topics of shipping law, where participants can choose their desired learning method from the arrays of course deliveries including summer shipping school, seminar, workshop, in-house training, and e-learning.

Ms. Pernille Kærvad Jacobsen has been involved in assisting in the development, revision and promotion of BIMCO's standard contracts and clauses since 2010.

Immediately before joining BIMCO, she worked at the Danish Employment Appeals Tribunal. Ms. Jacobsen was also previously employed by the Danish Maritime Authority and Maersk Line/Maersk Global Service Centre in Manila, Philippines.

She holds a Master's degree in International Commercial Laws and Legal Philosophy from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, and a Master's degree in Maritime and Aviation Law from the University of Southampton, United Kingdom, where she was the first law student to be awarded the Beaumont & Son Prize.

The students of the IMLI Class of 2015-2016 were very appreciative of her practical and enlightening lecture.

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