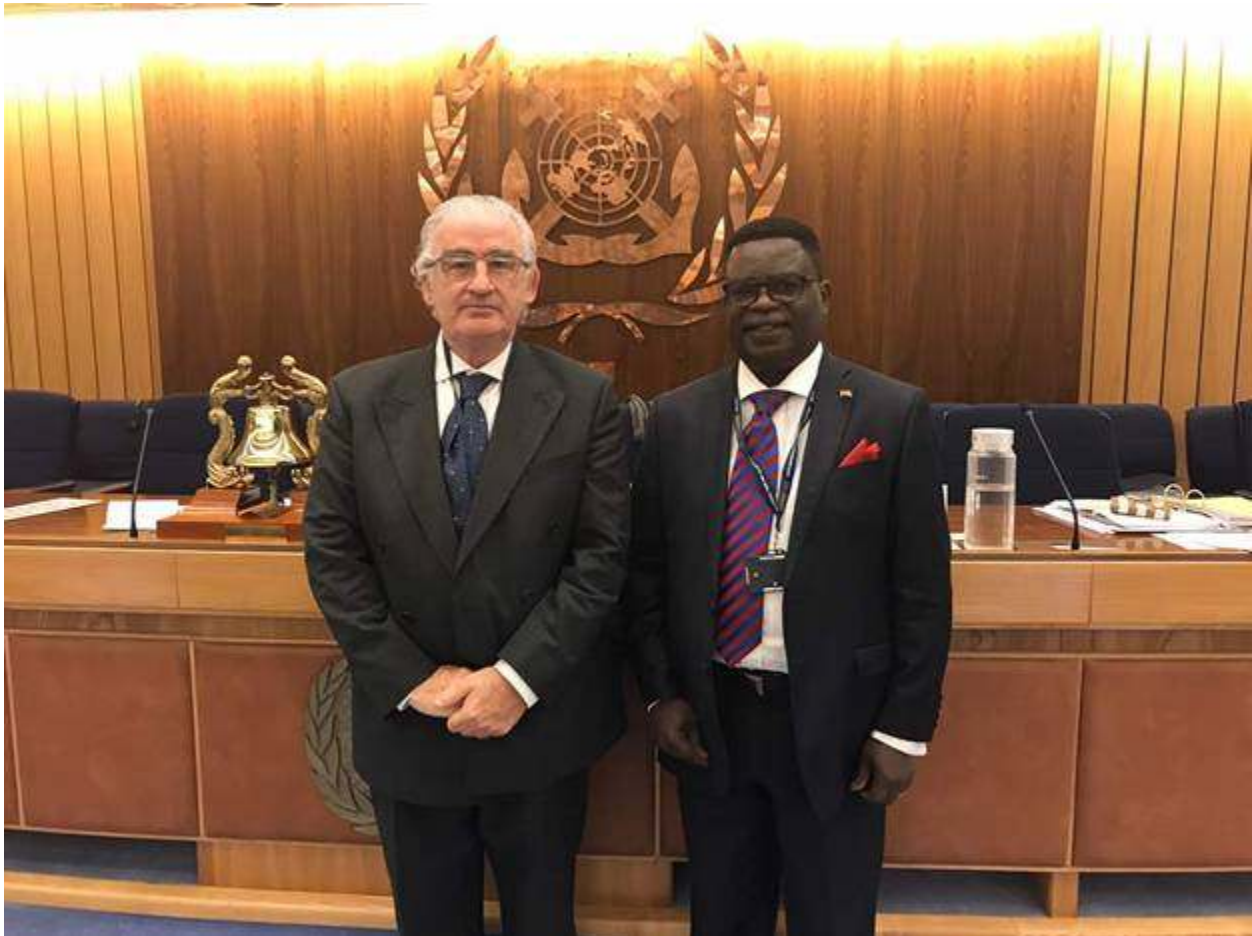


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## IMLI DIRECTOR ADDRESSES IMO LEGAL COMMITTEE

Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI) addressed the IMO Legal Committee at its 104<sup>th</sup> Session at the IMO Headquarters, London on 24 April 2017 where he presented the report on the Institute's activities for the year 2016.



*Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) with Dr. Kofi Mbiah (Chairman, IMO Legal Committee)*

In presenting the report, Professor Attard informed the Committee that IMLI's contribution to the international maritime community was recognised once again by the United Nations General

Assembly through its resolution A/Res/71/257 of 23 December 2016 entitled ‘Oceans and the law of the sea.’ The resolution further confirmed the Institute’s effective capacity-building role in the field of international maritime law, shipping law and marine environmental law, and urged States, intergovernmental organisations and financial institutions to make voluntary financial contributions to the budget of the Institute.

The Committee learnt that the 2015 – 2016 graduation brought the number of students who had undergone studies in all of IMLI's programmes and courses to 834 from 136 States and territories of which, 703 students from 133 States and territories had successfully completed the LL.M. programme.

The Committee was also briefed about the launching of the new specialized post-graduate programme, namely the Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) programme in International Maritime Legislation which is open to graduates from all over the world holding a degree in a discipline related to international maritime law and which was established to meet the need of States to have trained specialists in international maritime law to effectively discharge their obligations by ensuring that national legislation complies with the international standards adopted by the IMO and other international organizations.

Professor Attard dilated, as well, on the joint Master of Science (M.Sc.) programme in International Maritime Law and Logistics with Kühne Logistics University (KLU) in Hamburg which commenced on 16 October 2016 and the new two-year Joint Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) programme in International Maritime Law and Ocean Policy’ which will be launched by IMLI and the World Maritime University (WMU) in September 2017.

Professor Attard further informed the Committee that in the current academic year, 37 students from 28 States are pursuing studies under the LL.M. programme, two students hailing from Ghana and Ukraine respectively, are pursuing studies under the M.Hum. programme, and one student from Norway is pursuing studies under the M.Sc. programme. Bosnia and Herzegovina and Lesotho are represented for the first time in the Institute’s LL.M. programme.

In his address, Professor Attard noted the publication of the last two volumes of “The IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law”, a publication which has been considered as of fundamental importance for anyone interested in the public and private aspects of the international maritime law.

On IMO’s continuous support to the academic activities of the Institute, Professor Attard expressed his appreciation for the lectures delivered at the Institute by Mr. Frederick J. Kenney (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division) and Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Head, IMO Legal Affairs Office) as an example of such commitment.

Lastly, Professor Attard reported on the global project on “Ocean Governance: Security, Stability, Safety and Sustainability” which is being undertaken at the request of The Nippon Foundation. The Committee was informed that the proposed Project has been established as a follow-up to the address of Dr Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman of The Nippon Foundation) to the IMO and is based on the current fruitful collaboration between The Nippon Foundation and the Institute. To this end,

authoritative studies will be carried out by 58 leading experts in the field which will focus on ocean governance's challenges and fragmentation providing a blueprint for a more effective global governance in the interest of present and future generations.

The IMLI activity report demonstrates the Institute's continuous relevance as an international centre of excellence for the training of specialists in international maritime law, including maritime legislation drafting techniques to incorporate international maritime instruments into national law.

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