

## IMLI AWARDS THE IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PRIZE FOR BEST DISSERTATION

Lt. Liliana Díaz Medina (Mexico) was awarded the IMO Secretary-General's Prize for Best Dissertation during the Institute's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduation Ceremony held at the Malta Maritime Museum, Vittoriosa, Malta on 27 May 2017. The Prize was awarded by His Excellency Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) who presided over the Graduation Ceremony.



*Lt. Liliana Díaz Medina (Mexico) receiving the IMO Secretary-General's Prize for Best Dissertation from His Excellency Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO)*

Lt. Díaz Medina's dissertation, entitled 'The Effectiveness of Current International Ship-Boarding Provisions to Combat Crime at Sea' enquires whether the current international ship-boarding provisions are effective enough to successfully combat crime at sea. She analyses the legal impact on the implementation of international ship-boarding provisions to foreign vessels as a mechanism to fight against crime at sea and the operational and legal challenges in exercising the Right of Visit. She uses real case studies and her personal experience as a military legal advisor to the Mexican Navy.

Lt. Díaz Medina's dissertation was supervised by Professor Norman Martínez (Senior Lecturer, IMLI)

Dissertation is a research work undertaken by students on topical issues mainly in maritime law and the law of the sea as a partial fulfilment of the requirements for the award of the Degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law.

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