



THE INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA CONCLUDES ITS FIRST DAY

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), in conjunction with the Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College are currently holding a two-day international workshop on “Human Rights and the Law of the Sea” at IMLI, Malta. The first day of the workshop was successfully concluded this afternoon.



A cross section of the participants

In their opening remarks, Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and Professor James Kraska (Chairman, Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College) stressed on the importance of the theme of the workshop. Both reiterated the need to harmonise human rights law and the law of the sea, especially with regard to safeguarding persons in distress at sea.

Speakers on the first day included Professor Patricia Vella de Fremeaux (Head, Department of International Law, University of Malta), Lieutenant Commander Peter Barker (Military Professor,

Stockton Center for International Law), Professor Irini Papanicolopulu (Associate Professor of International Law, Università di Milano-Bicocca), and Dr. Jean-Pierre Gauci (Associate Senior Research Fellow, British Institute of International & Comparative Law). The focus of the deliberations was on the issue of maritime migration and included perspectives on the scale of the issue, practical challenges in dealing with these matters at sea, obligations under law of the sea and other international treaties, and the extent and nature of human rights obligations of States.



First Panel of Speakers (L-R) Lieutenant Commander Peter Barker (Military Professor, Stockton Center for International Law), Professor James Kraska (Chairman, Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College) and Professor Patricia Vella de Fremeaux (Head, Department of International Law, University of Malta)

An interactive and instructive question and answer session followed the presentations where pertinent issues on the extent of the application of human rights law at sea were discussed.



Second Panel of Speakers (L-R) Dr. Jean-Pierre Gauci (Associate Senior Research Fellow, British Institute of International & Comparative Law), Professor James Kraska (Chairman, Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College) and Professor Irini Papanicolopulu (Associate Professor of International Law, Università di Milano-Bicocca)

Day two of the workshop continues tomorrow, 14 February 2018.

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