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Professor Philippe Boisson (Member of the IMLI Governing Board and Honorary President of the French Maritime Law Association) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) on 30-31 January 2018 and delivered a lecture on ‘Classification Societies’ and ‘Maritime Safety System (Assessment and Prospects)’ to the IMLI Class of 2017-2018.



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In his lecture on Classification Societies, Professor Boisson provided the students with information on what Classification Societies are all about. He explained the origin and the missions of classification societies, how these societies are monitored by several authorities. He underlined the importance of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) and he ended the presentation with the sensitive issue of the liability of these societies.

In his lecture on Maritime Safety: Realities and Perspectives, he provided the IMLI students with an assessment of the maritime system today and the future of the maritime safety system. After

studying the evolution of this system, its strengths and weaknesses, he identified ten mega-trends or threats having possible implications for its evolution: emergence of an international monitoring of flags, new challenges for class societies, development of unilateral and regional rules, the introduction of new regulatory approaches with GBS and FSA, the primacy of the human element, the evolution of cultures for safety, the new ideologies and concepts governing the safety system, the technology to drive safety, the cost of marine safety and the safety model of the Aviation industry.

His profound knowledge on the subject matter and his years of experience were certainly appreciated by the IMLI students.

Professor Boisson is a member of IMLI Governing Board and a visiting fellow to the Institute. He is the Honorary President of the French Maritime Law Association and the Titulary Member of the CMI (Comité Maritime International). He joined the Bureau Veritas in 1981, where he successively occupied the position of Legal advisor, Corporate Communication Director of the Bureau Veritas Group and Communication Director & Legal advisor of the Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore Division until 2016. He is to-day maritime consultant and marine arbitrator.

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