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## HEAD OF THE IOPC FUNDS EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Thomas Liebert (Head of the External Relations and Conference Department, IOPC Funds) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) on 18 April 2018 and delivered a lecture on “The International Liability and Compensation Regime for Tanker Oil Spills” to the IMLI Class of 2017-2018.



*Mr. Thomas Liebert (Head of the External Relations and Conference Department, IOPC Funds) delivering his lectures to the IMLI Class of 2017-2018*

Mr. Liebert began his lecture by providing the students with key information on the practical aspects of the work of the IOPC Funds. He then provided an overview of the Legal Framework that governs cases where the IOPC Funds would intervene in compensating victims of oil pollution damage from Tankers. In doing so, he first enabled the class to have a sense of the background and historical developments behind the current Legal Framework that determines the IOPC Funds compensation regime.

Mr. Liebert further discussed the Conventions relating to the Funds, with a review of the historical regime under the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage 1969 and the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage 1971, before moving onto the current framework with the 1992 Civil Liability Convention, the 1992 Fund Convention and the Supplementary Fund Protocol, 2003. In

this part of the presentation, he insisted on the importance of ensuring correct implementation of the Conventions in national law to ensure their consistent applications across Member States.

**Mr. Thomas Liebert** joined the IOPC Funds as Head of the External Relations and Conference Department in 2010. He holds a Master's Degree in International Law and a post-graduate Diploma in International Administration and has worked for the last 15 years in the field of marine environment protection and oil spill response. He started his career in the non-governmental sector in France, then joined the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London and subsequently, Oil Spill Response Ltd (OSRL) where he held various positions, before moving back to the UK as Global Head of Operations, prior to joining the Funds. At the Funds, Mr Liebert is responsible for all aspects of the Department's work, including public information, external relations, meetings of the governing bodies and translation services.

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