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HEAD OF IMO LEGAL AFFAIRS OFFICE LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Deputy Director/Head, Legal Affairs Office, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, International Maritime Organization) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) between 17 and 18 December 2018. She delivered a set of lectures within the Institute's course on Maritime Legislation Drafting to the IMLI Class of 2018-2019.



Dr. Dorota Lost- Sieminska (Deputy Director/Head, Legal Affairs Office, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) with the IMLI Class of 2018-2019

She commenced her lecture by introducing the students to the IMO and its various organs and how these organs carry out the treaty-making role of the Organization. She engaged the student in a step-by-step discussion on IMO Treaty-Making Process, from adoption through signature to enforcement. She also discussed other relevant topics such as amendment and tacit acceptance procedures.

Her lectures offered the students important insights into how IMO Conventions are produced. Equally, her lectures provided the students with the opportunity to learn the techniques of how IMO instruments can be effectively implemented in their national laws.



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) presenting a gift, on behalf of the Class, to Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska

At the end of her lectures, Dr. Lost-Sieminska described the role of IMLI in the effective implementation of IMO instruments, among others, in the following words:

‘Those, who attend IMO meetings and closely follow the work of the Organization, recognize the importance and the contribution of IMLI graduates to the development of international maritime law. IMLI graduates represent their Governments at various IMO committees and actively participate in setting up standards for ships safety, security and the protection of the environment. Even more importantly, IMLI graduates play a pivotal role in ensuring compliance, at the national level, with international standards. The Institute continues to train lawyers, specialising in maritime law and the law of the sea in order to provide the capacity to IMO Member States, in particular developing countries, for the enhancement of national maritime legislation. Treaties developed under the auspices of IMO are only effective if they are implemented into the national legislation and IMLI’s objective is to train experts in this field.’

Before joining the IMO in 2011, Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska was the Director of the Maritime Transport and Inland Navigation Department of the Ministry of Transport of Poland. In that capacity, she attended many international meetings, conferences, and bilateral negotiations (as head of the Polish delegation), at the IMO, EU, and UN. She holds a Ph.D. degree in International Maritime Law from University of Gdansk, Poland. She is a member of the Polish Bar Association, the Polish Maritime Law Association and the Polish Academy of Science.

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