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LECTURES AT IMLI**

Professor Philippe Boisson (Member, IMLI Governing Board and Honorary President, the French Maritime Law Association) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) on 30-31 January 2019. He delivered a set of lectures on ‘Classification Societies’ and ‘Maritime Safety System (Assessment and Prospects)’ respectively, to the IMLI Class of 2018-2019.



Professor Philippe Boisson (Member, IMLI Governing Board and Honorary President, the French Maritime Law Association) meeting the IMLI Class of 2018-2019

Professor Boisson’s lecture on Classification Societies covered the origin and missions of these societies, their liability and how several authorities scrutinise them. He stressed on the importance of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACs).



Professor Philippe Boisson (Member, IMLI Governing Board and Honorary President, the French Maritime Law Association) and Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) with the IMLI Class of 2018-2019

On Maritime Safety Systems (Realities and Perspectives), Professor Boisson discussed at length, the evolution of maritime safety system, its strengths, weaknesses and prospects. He explained how maritime disaster impacted safety at sea, both negatively and positively. He stated that the negative impact is that measures adopted after a maritime disaster are mostly driven by public opinion rather than by a proper casualty investigation. On the positive impact, Professor Boisson said that maritime disasters also led to the adoption of safety laws and regulations intended to prevent further disasters. He used the major maritime disasters such as the Torrey Canyon disaster to illustrate this point.

His knowledge and experience in discussing the subject-matter helped the students' understanding of the lectures.

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. Currently, he is a maritime arbitrator and marine consultant.

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