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IMLI DIRECTOR ADDRESSES IMO LEGAL COMMITTEE

Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) addressed the IMO Legal Committee at its 106th Session at the IMO Headquarters, London on 28 March 2019 where he presented the report on IMLI's activities for the academic years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.



The 106th Session of the IMO Legal Committee

In presenting the report, Professor Attard informed the Committee about the academic programmes offered at the Institute. Such programmes include a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law, a Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) in International Maritime Legislation, a Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in International Maritime Law and Ocean Policy in cooperation with the World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmö, and a cooperative Master of Laws in International Maritime Law and Immigration Law with Queen Mary University of London. Professor Attard also informed the attendees that IMLI offers Research Degree programme which leads to a Magister Juris (M.Jur.) Degree and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree in International Maritime Law. Attendees were also briefed on the Institute's Advanced Diploma programme in International Maritime Law and its short courses in all areas within IMLI's syllabi.



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) flanked by (L-R) Mr. Watchara Chiemasukulkit (Thailand) and Ms. Thandi McAllister (Guyana) Graduates of 2017-2018 representing their respective countries at the Meeting

Professor Attard also informed the Committee that as at the end of the 2017-2018 academic year, 949 students from 140 States and territories completed studies at IMLI, of which 781 students from 136 States and territories obtained the LL.M. Degree and nine students from nine States and territories obtained the M.Hum. Degree.

The Committee was further informed that in the current academic year, 40 students from 28 States are pursuing studies in the LL.M. Programme and seven students from seven States are pursuing studies in the M.Hum. Programme. Djibouti, Gabon, Luxembourg, Saint Lucia, Somalia, and Turks and Caicos are represented for the first time in the Institute's Master's programmes.

Professor Attard revealed that the current academic year marks the 30th anniversary of IMLI in the service of the rule of international maritime law and that various activities are being organized throughout the academic year culminating with a Commemorative Seminar to be held at the IMO Headquarters in London on 25 June 2019, to commemorate this important milestone.

Professor Attard presented the list of dissertations and maritime legislation drafting projects for the academic years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, respectively. The presentation of this list was a

response to the request by the IMO Member States during the Committee's 103rd Session that dissertations and legislation drafting projects that were undertaken at IMLI be made readily available for the use of national Governments and other stakeholders.

The dissertation by Mr. Watchara Chiemanukulkit (Thailand), entitled "Legislative Techniques for the Implementation of IMO Instruments into Domestic Legislation" which was awarded the IMO Secretary General's Prize for Best Dissertation for the academic year 2017-2018, was presented to the Committee as a separate document.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, congratulated Mr. Watchara Chiemanukulkit on his dissertation and wished him the best in his future endeavours.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, commended Professor Attard for his astute leadership which demonstrates the Institute's continuous relevance to the IMO as an international centre of excellence for the training of specialists in international maritime law, including maritime legislation drafting techniques to effectively implement IMO instruments into national laws.

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