

DIRECTOR OF THE IMO MARITIME SAFETY DIVISION LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Heike Deggim (Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) on 25 April 2019 and gave a lecture on the “Current and Future Work of IMO Maritime Safety Committee” to the IMLI Class of 2018-2019.



Dr. Heike Deggim (Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO) with the IMLI Class of 2018-2019

Dr. Deggim began her lecture with an explanation on IMO as a UN specialized agency dealing with international shipping (safety and security of shipping and prevention of marine pollution by ships) as its principal mandate. She noted that IMO has 174 Member States and 3 Associate Members; 77 NGOs and 65 IGOs, with an annual budget £30+ million and a Secretariat staff of about 320 people from about 50 countries.

On the technical work of IMO, Dr. Deggim informed the students that the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) is IMO's senior technical body on all safety-related matters and that the Committee is aided in its work by several Sub-Committees such as the Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW).



Dr. Heike Deggim (Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO) delivering her lecture

Dr. Deggim discussed topics on the current programme of work of the MSC, such as Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS), Goal-based new ship construction standards, Polar Code – phase II, maritime security and piracy and mixed migration by sea.

She explained that IMO collaborates with relevant organisations on issues of mutual interest and concern. She gave examples of such collaborations as the Joint IMO/ILO Working Group on Seafarer Activities and the Human Element, the ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group on Search and Rescue and the Joint IMO/FAO Ad Hoc Working Group on Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated (IUU) Fishing and Related Matters, among others.

Her lecture was well received by the students who expressed appreciation for her style and particularly her wealth of experience on the subject-matter.

Dr. Heike Deggim joined IMO in 1993, and has been in charge of IMO's Sub-Committees on Flag State Implementation and on Ship Design and Equipment before being appointed as Head of Marine Technology, with overall responsibility for the technical sub-committees dealing with ship design and equipment; stability, load lines and fishing vessels safety among others. Before being promoted to the position of Director, she worked for some years as Senior Deputy Director in IMO's Marine Environment Division, dealing with matters related to MARPOL as well as being majorly involved with the running of the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response.

Prior to her career at IMO, Dr. Deggim worked as Senior Researcher at the Shipbuilding Faculty of Rostock University where she obtained a PhD in fishing technology. She worked for many years in the naval shipbuilding industry and later in various positions in the German Maritime

Administration. She graduated in 1983 with a Master's Degree in Marine Engineering from Rostock University.

Dr. Heike Deggim is currently the Director of the Maritime Safety Division of the IMO. In this function, she is also acting as the Secretary of the MSC. She is a member of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA).

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