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FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE SPANISH MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION LECTURES AT IMLI

Professor Ignacio Arroyo Martínez (former President of the Spanish Maritime Law Association) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute on 1 November 2018 and delivered two lectures on “*The Unification of Maritime Law through International Conventions*” to the IMLI Class of 2018-2019. He also held a separate class session entailing open discussion on many areas of maritime law with the students.



Professor Ignacio Arroyo Martínez (former President of the Spanish Maritime Law Association) with the IMLI Class of 2018-2019

In his lecture, Professor Arroyo explained that in order to achieve the uniform application of maritime laws, the challenges of diversity must first be overcome. He emphasised the paramount importance of certainty in laws and regulations adopted for the purpose of unification, and that the adjudicatory bodies should be established to enforce the same. Consequently, diversity is replaced with uniformity.



Professor Arroyo delivering his lecture

Professor Arroyo's lecture will no doubt benefit the students in their future career as they may be required to incorporate maritime conventions in their domestic law.

Professor Arroyo was the President of the Spanish Maritime Law Association from 2005 to 2012 and the founder and general editor of the Spanish Yearbook of Maritime Law (*Anuario de Derecho Marítimo*), the first Spanish maritime journal covering all the aspects of public and private maritime law. He is an Attorney-at-Law and an International Arbitrator and was conferred with the 'Sigillo di Ateneo' by the University of Bologna in June 2011, in recognition of his academic merits. The Spanish maritime community referred to him as the "Father of Modern Spanish Maritime Law". Professor Arroyo is the author of numerous publications on maritime law.

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