



MARITIME TRANSPORT POLICY SEMINAR HELD AT IMLI

The Institute had the pleasure of welcoming for the first time, Professor Henning Jessen, (Associate Professor of Maritime Law & Policy, World Maritime University (WMU)) and for the fourth consecutive time, Mr. Jonathan Pace (Acting Chief, Subdivision for Programme Management and Coordination, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) to conduct the annual three-day seminar on Maritime Transport Policy at the Institute. These sessions were held for the benefit of the IMLI Class of 2019-2020 between 13 and 15 November 2019.



Mr. Jonathan Pace (Acting Chief, Subdivision for Programme Management and Coordination, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) and Dr. Henning Jessen (Associate Professor of Maritime Law & Policy, WMU) meeting the IMLI Class of 2019-2020

During the seminar, the importance of a National Maritime Transport Policy (NMTP) as a good governance practice to guide planning, decision making and legislation in the maritime sector, was highlighted. In particular, the importance of maritime transport policy in relation to the development of maritime legislation and the close relation between policy and legislation was emphasised.

Mr. Pace presented his lectures on areas covering maritime policy development process, reflecting international maritime instruments in maritime transport policy making, maritime transport policy review and update amongst others. On the other hand, Professor Jessen made his presentations covering areas including defining and justifying maritime policy, maritime policy strategies and objectives, the legislative process and economic setting in maritime transport policy formulation, safety, security, environmental and human factors in maritime transport policy making.



Mr. Jonathan Pace and Professor Henning Jessen delivering their lectures

Both experts introduced the class to the group exercise, which required them to do a presentation on the content of a national maritime transport policy document.

On the third day, the students having been divided into groups, made their presentations in the watchful presence of the speakers. The very incisive presentations that they gave demonstrated their firm grasp of the subject, to the credit of both Professor Jessen and Mr. Pace.



Group preparation

Professor Henning Jessen is a fully qualified lawyer in his German home jurisdiction. He graduated from the University of Kiel in 2001 and in 2006 he took the Second State Exam, which qualified him to act as judge. Supported by a Fulbright Scholarship, Professor Jessen has undertaken postgraduate studies in Admiralty and Maritime Law in the United States at Tulane Law School.

Until 2008, Professor Jessen worked for the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation & Development. After which, he worked as a Professor for Maritime Law and the Law of the Sea, at two universities in the German maritime hubs of Bremen and Hamburg, until 2012 and 2016 respectively. He has co-edited the “Brussels Commentary on EU Maritime Transport Law” (Hart Publishing, 2016), an extensive commentary on the EU’s regulatory activity in the maritime realm.

In 2016, Professor Jessen became an Associate Professor for Maritime Law & Policy at WMU and is currently the leader of WMU’s distance learning program in Marine Insurance.

Mr. Jonathan Pace joined the IMO in 2002 and initially served as Programme Officer (Prevention) and later as Senior Programme Officer at the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC). In 2015, Mr. Pace was transferred to the Technical Cooperation Division (TCD) at the IMO Headquarters in London and tasked with coordinating assistance to IMO Member States in the development of national maritime transport policies.

He was appointed Head, Programme Management and Maritime Transport Policy in 2016, and also tasked with programme management responsibilities. In August of 2018, Mr. Pace was designated as Acting Chief, Subdivision for Programme Management and Coordination, Technical Cooperation Division.

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