

## IMO MARITIME SAFETY DIVISION TECHNICAL OFFICER LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Mourad Ghorbel (Technical Officer, Maritime Safety Division, International Maritime Organization (IMO)) delivered a set of lectures within the Institute's specialized short course on "International Maritime Security Law" to the IMLI Class of 2019-2020.



*Mr. Mourad Ghorbel (Technical Officer, IMO Maritime Safety Division) meeting the IMLI Class of 2019-2020*

Mr. Ghorbel began his lectures on maritime security by giving an overview of the current international maritime security framework. In this regard, he focused on the work of the IMO, its regulation making process and the IMO instruments addressing maritime security such as the

Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of maritime Navigation (SUA), the amendments made to SOLAS to incorporate the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS)) and International Labour Organisation (ILO)/IMO Code of Practice on Security in Ports. Mr. Ghorbel emphasized that IMO does not have enforcement powers and, therefore, it is the responsibility of the State Parties to implement and enforce the rules and standards prescribed by the instruments. For this purpose, he noted, the IMO drafted the IMO Security Manual which is a consolidated guidance primarily targeting Government regulators and agencies responsible for the oversight of the maritime security.

Mr. Ghorbel discussed current security threats and patterns as required by ISPS Code in Part B.18.1.12. He mentioned two main types of the threats: terrorism (including physical, cyber and economic) and criminal threats (such as cyber, theft, fraud, smuggling of people and goods, arson and espionage among others). Further on, Mr. Ghorbel addressed the weapons and devices which may be used by terrorists, criminals or hostile States and provided the indicators as to how identification of such weapons and devices is carried out pursuant to ISPS Code in Part B.18.1.13.



*Mr. Mourad Ghorbel, Professor Norman Martinez (Professor, IMLI)  
and the IMLI Class of 2019-2020*

Mr. Ghorbel concluded his set of lectures by explaining the ISPS Code requirements on the conduct drills and exercises, including the differences between the two, and the way of their

performance at port facility level as well as at national level. He outlined the necessary Government coordination mechanisms that may include customs and immigration authorities, intelligence and security forces, police and law enforcement authorities as well as Coast guard and military forces.

Mr. Ghorbel currently serves as Technical Officer at the Maritime Safety Division/ International Maritime Organization. Previously, he spent two years as the Director of Ports within the Ministry of Transport of Tunis, Merchant Marine General Directorate auditing security of Tunisian port facilities. He was also the audit team leader conducting the IMO audits under IMSAS programme in Jordan, Togo and Guinea. His insightful lectures, which were enriched by his experience in the field, were much appreciated by the students.

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