



IMLI GOVERNING BOARD HOLDS ITS 34TH SESSION

The 34th session of the IMLI Governing Board (the Board) was held virtually on 7 September 2020. The session was attended by Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board), Mr. Chris Trelawny, Professor David Attard, Mr. Victor Camilleri, Dr. Philippe Boisson, Dr. Reto Dürler, Dr. Patrick Griggs, Mr. Jim Harrison, Professor Atsuko Kanehara, Ms. Nancy Karigithu, Mr. Louis N. Mbanefo, Dr. Kofi Mbiah, Prof. Dr. Marko Pavliha. Ms. Sivylla Ampatzoglou and Ms. Josephine Aquilina attended as observers.

The Board reviewed the academic and financial progress of the Institute for the period between 10 May 2019 and 31 May 2020. The Director presented the respective reports for the Board's comments and recommendations.



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Upon the Director presenting the financial report, the Board noted with satisfaction the unqualified opinion of the External Auditors. The Board commended the Institute for its financial stability and for completing its financial year, despite the prevailing difficult times, with a surplus.



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The Board also noted with satisfaction the measures adopted by the Institute during the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the health and safety of its students and staff, while maintaining the Institute's high academic standards through its online teachings, supervision and examination. The Board further considered the proposals made by the Institute, to continue implementing the health and safety measures developed in response to the pandemic beyond the completion of the current academic year. The Board endorsed unanimously the Institute's proposal to continue with its capacity-building efforts to increase

its global outreach through the organization online, where possible, of conferences, workshops, and tailor-made courses.

The Chairman then gave the floor to each Member of the Board for general comments. The Board Members expressed their appreciation for the Director's work during the pandemic, the Institute's continuous support to outgoing and incoming students and commended the Institute's adaptability to the new circumstances.

During the session, the Chairman announced that an IMLI graduate, Ms. Azara Prempeh from Ghana, has been recruited as the Secretary-General's Chief of Staff. The Institute congratulates Ms. Prempeh on her appointment and wishes her further success.



Ms. Azara Prempeh (IMLI Graduate of 2000 from Ghana)

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