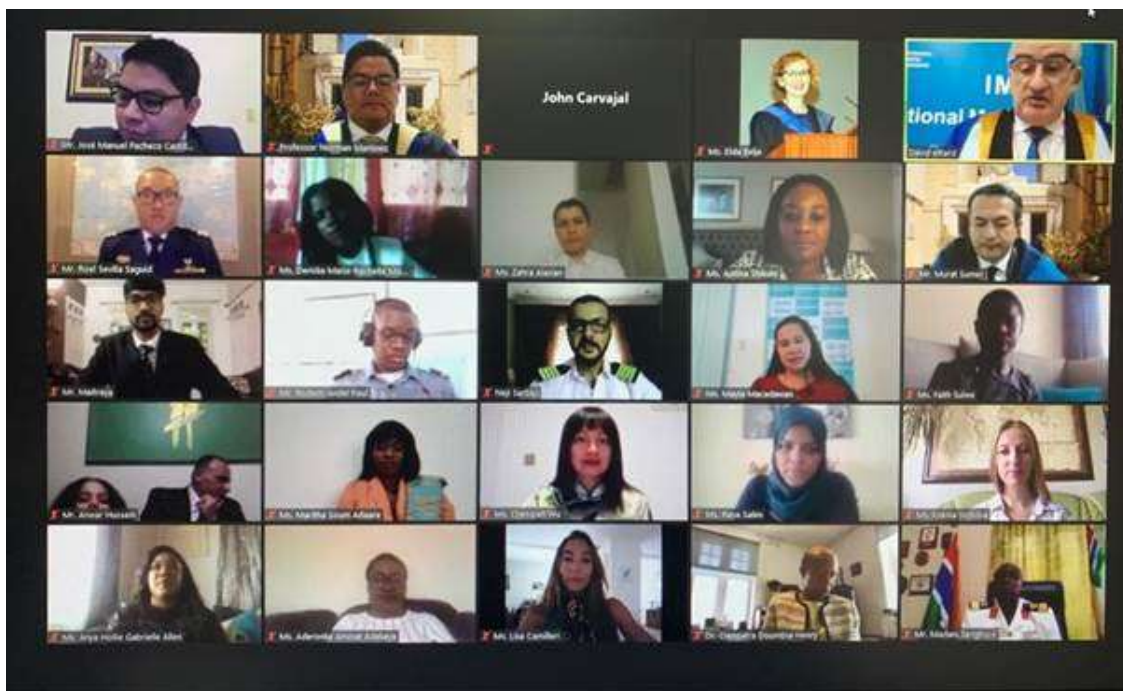




IMLI HOLDS ITS 31ST ANNUAL GRADUATION CEREMONY ONLINE

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) held its 31st annual Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, 3 September 2020. The virtual Ceremony marks the successful completion of a very trying but intensive year of studies in all the areas of the Institute's programmes, including the law of the sea, shipping law, marine environmental law, maritime safety and security law, research project and maritime legislation drafting.



The IMLI Virtual Graduation Ceremony

The Ceremony was inaugurated by Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO), and addressed by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry (President, WMU)

and Mr. Chris Trelawny (Acting Director, IMO Technical Cooperation Division). The occasion was attended by over 150 personalities from over 55 countries.



*Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board)
delivering the Graduation Address*

During the Graduation Ceremony, sixty-two students (from 34 countries) graduated from the Institute's programmes. Thirty-seven students were awarded the Degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law, whilst twelve students were awarded the Degree of Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) in International Maritime Legislation. Two students were awarded for the first time since the launching in 2017, the Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in International Maritime Law and Ocean Policy. Three students were awarded the Degree of Magister Juris (M.Jur.) in International Maritime Law and another two were awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in International Maritime Law. In addition, six students were awarded an Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law.



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) delivering the welcoming address

Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) gave the welcome address and invited Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) to deliver the graduation address. This was followed by a congratulatory address by Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry (President, WMU) to all students, especially the M.Phil. graduands and an address by Mr. Chris Trelawny (Acting Director, IMO Technical Cooperation Division). The Valedictory Speech was delivered by Mr. Jose Manuel Pacheco Castillo (Peru), on behalf of the IMLI Class of 2019-2020.

Although not the traditional IMLI graduation ceremony, the event was joyous and emotional and marked another milestone in the history of the Institute.



Graduates discussing with Professor Attard and Members of the Faculty at the end of the ceremony

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