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## PROFESSOR OF COMMERCIAL, TRANSPORT AND INSURANCE LAW OF THE UNIVERSITY OFLJUBLJANA AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA LECTURES AT IMLI

Recently, Prof. Dr. Marko Pavliha, Professor of Commercial, Transport and Insurance Law at the University of Ljubljana who is also a Member of Parliament of the Republic of Slovenia and used to be Minister of Transportation and Deputy Speaker, traditionally delivered a course on the Law of Marine Insurance to the IMLI class of 2007-2008. This is the ninth academic year that Prof. Pavliha delivers the course on the Law of Marine Insurance as one of the fundamental parts of the Shipping Law curriculum of IMLI's LL.M. programme. The purpose of the course is to give the students an overview of marine insurance, its history, functioning of insurance markets and basic understanding of the main principles and concepts of marine insurance law, including also some basic analysis of the broadly used standard clauses of marine hull and machinery insurance and cargo insurance.



Prof.Dr. Marko Pavliha lecturing to the IMLI class of 2007-2008

In an interview conducted at the occasion of his visit to IMLI, asked about his long experience of lecturing at IMLI, Prof. Pavliha emphasised the importance of the role of IMLI as a unique place in the world where so many different cultures, languages and legal systems meet and converge. Prof. Pavliha expressed his willingness and intention to promote IMLI to the Institutions of the European Union, particularly in the light of the year of 2008 being the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue and coinciding with the fact that Slovenia is the current EU president. In his words, while the EU is planning a number of activities to mark this important year, IMLI has been developing and cherishing the intercultural dialogue for almost twenty years now.

It should be noted that Prof. Pavliha's efforts in promoting intercultural dialogue through higher education are currently culminating in the project of establishing the Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI) based in Portoroz, Slovenia. Prof. Pavliha is the ideological initiator and creational patron of this project promoted and funded by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia. EMUNI will be primarily a postgraduate and research institution, a permanent university offering postgraduate programmes focused on Mediterranean themes in the areas of immigration and security, logistics and transportation, maritime policies, economics, knowledge management, intercultural dialogue, tourism and the management of cultural destinations, environmental sciences, agriculture and fisheries, sustainable development and legal sciences including international law, law of the sea, maritime law, etc. The function of the institution will include the facilitation of networking of the existing higher education institutions from the Mediterranean region. The official ceremony for the signing of the Founding Act of the Euro-Mediterranean University will be held in May or June 2008. On the occasion of Prof. Pavliha's visit to IMLI this year Prof. Attard, director of IMLI, and Prof. Pavliha signed a Letter of Intent for the co-operation between the two institutions which both strive to provide for a concrete form of intercultural dialogue and additional higher education of internationally acknowledged standard. A similar agreement was signed with Rector of the University of Malta, Prof. J. Camilleri.



## Prof. Marko Pavliha and Prof. David Attard signing the Letter of Intent for the Co-operation between EMUNI and IMLI, with IMLI Academic Staff

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