



ITALIAN NAVAL ACADEMY LECTURER VISITS IMLI

Lt. Cdr. Gianmatteo Breda, Lecturer of International Law at the Italian Naval Academy (Livorno) recently visited IMLI and delivered two lectures entitled "The Use of Force at Sea" dealing with enforcement of maritime law in the maritime security context and with the notions of maritime warfare.

Lt. Cdr. Breda is an experienced lecturer as he has been teaching international law at the Italian Naval Academy and also at the University of Pisa, but this visit both for him and for the Institute is of special significance as he is a former IMLI graduant and this is the first time that he comes to lecture at IMLI.



Lt. Cdr. Gianmatteo Breda lecturing to IMLI class of 2007-2008

Asked about his experience of IMLI, Lt. Cdr. Breda explains that he has benefited a great deal from his studies at the Institute from professional side. When he came to study at IMLI in 2004, he was already well prepared in the field of International Law and in particular the Law of the Sea, due to his prior education and work experience. However, at IMLI he extended his knowledge immensely in the field of shipping law which enhanced him professionally because thereafter it became possible for him to deal with full understanding with the documents and various situations in practice of his work as an enforcement officer in the Navy which are entirely of private law nature. Furthermore, Lt. Cdr. Breda points out that he benefited from IMLI experience greatly also from human side, due to the international character of the Institute and the fact that the students attending the programme besides them coming from around the world, they are of different age and of various professional experiences. This diversity brought together makes studying at IMLI an enjoyable experience.

Regarding the question of how he perceives the Institute today, Lt. Cdr. Breda notes that his impression is that IMLI, which originally was intended to target and train primarily maritime lawyers from developing countries, nowadays it has become attractive to lawyers from all over the world including the nations with a long and developed maritime traditions. Today we can see lawyers from Italy, France, Germany, the United States coming to study at IMLI. It means that IMLI has built a world known reputation, it has grown and has started to attract more and more visiting lecturers of high professional standing and the level of teaching has increased accordingly. Lt. Cdr. Breda therefore felt very excited and honoured about his opportunity to lecture at IMLI on maritime security.

Finally, having been a student of IMLI himself, Lt. Cdr. Breda while lecturing endeavoured to pay a lot of attention to creating interest among the students. Having learnt from his own experience, it is not what is said that holds the attention but the way that it is communicated to the students. That is what facilitates learning. Gapping the distance between the lecturer and the student in a right way is one of the key factors, but the initiative has to be on the lecturer.

Lt. Cdr. Breda graduated in Political Sciences (specialized in Public Administration) at the University of Urbino – Italy, he obtained a Full Degree in Jurisprudence - Law School (LL.D) at the University of Urbino - Italy and a Master of Laws (LL.M) in International Maritime Law with Distinction at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute. He was commissioned as active duty Officer in the Supply and Legal Corps of the Italian Navy on September 1994 and since then has served onboard and ashore. Currently he is stationed at the Italian Naval Academy in Livorno as an active duty Officer with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Since June 2005 he has been engaged at the Naval Academy of Livorno (and University of Pisa) as a Lecturer of Public International Law (especially International Maritime Law and International Humanitarian Law) and Criminal Law and Military Regulations. He is also a visiting lecturer in International Law (Maritime Law and Law of Armed Conflict) at the Centro Alti Studi Difesa (CASD), Istituto Superiore di Stato Maggiore Interforze (ISSMI) in Rome (Italy) and at the Istituto di Scienze Militari Aeronautiche (ISMA) in Florence (Italy). Lt. Cdr. Breda is a Member of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War and of the International

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