



## **CMI PAST PRESIDENT LECTURES AT IMLI**

Mr. Patrick Griggs, CBE, Past President of the CMI (*Comité Maritime International*) and one of the world's foremost authorities on maritime legislative matters recently delivered a set of lectures at IMLI on various topics related to international maritime law.

Mr. Griggs offered an extremely interesting review of the new Nairobi International Convention on Wreck Removal, 2007 and the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001. The presentations were particularly interesting and useful as they were based on Mr. Griggs's significant involvement with the CMI, IMO and other intergovernmental organisations over the past 30 years and illustrated with many real examples. Mr. Griggs, as a CMI representative, personally contributed and participated throughout the drafting of a number of international maritime conventions, including the Wreck Removal and Bunkers Conventions and could therefore bring closer to the IMLI students the background and history to the particular provisions thereof. Furthermore, Mr. Griggs discussed the obstacles to the uniformity of maritime law, whereby he illustrated all the hurdles that need to be surpassed on the voyage from an initiative for international codification of maritime law by virtue of an international maritime convention, through its drafting and adoption, entry into force and finally effective implementation and uniform application worldwide. Finally, he gave a lecture on procedural aspects of the application of the international regime of limitation of liability for maritime claims and CMI's work in this field.



*Mr. Patrick Griggs lecturing at IMLI, March 2008*

Throughout his professional career, Mr. Griggs specialized in marine and aviation disaster litigation having been involved in some leading legal cases in the field. He joined the leading London based Maritime Law Firm of Ince & Co. in 1958 where he became a Partner in 1966 and Senior Partner in 1989. Mr. Griggs has been a regular speaker at seminars and conferences on various aspects of maritime law. He is co-author of the book '*Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims*', which is one of the leading publications on this topic.

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