



IMLI-REMPEC COOPERATION CONTINUES



Capt. Joseph Zerafa lectures to the IMLI class of 2007-2008

Captain Joseph Zerafa (REMPEC's SAFEMED Project Officer, Maritime Safety) recently delivered lectures on the "*Technical Aspects of Shipping*" to the 19th generation of IMLI lawyers. Technical matters relating to ship construction, stability and compliance with international regulations were discussed with the aim of giving the students a general overview of the technical terminology used in the construction and operation of ships.

Capt. Joseph Zerafa joined the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) on 1 May 2006 as the SAFEMED Project Officer, Maritime Safety. Prior to that Capt. Zerafa worked with the Malta Maritime Authority as the Technical Manager within the Merchant Shipping Directorate. In this capacity he was responsible for Flag State and Port State Control including casualty investigations and monitoring of Recognized Organizations. Capt. Zerafa also represented Malta at

international fora, including the IMO committees and sub-committees, PARIS MoU meetings and EU Technical meetings.

The “Euro-med Cooperation on Maritime Safety and Prevention of Pollution from Ships – SAFEMED” (SAFEMED) is an EU-funded project which is being implemented by REMPEC. The SAFEMED project seeks to mitigate the imbalance in the application of maritime legislation in the region among Mediterranean partners who are not members of the European Union (EU) and those who are, by promoting a coherent, effective and uniform implementation of the relevant international conventions aimed at better protection of the marine environment in the Mediterranean.

The SAFEMED project provides 10 scholarships to qualified, government-nominated IMLI students coming from the Mediterranean partners of Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey. The scholarships granted under the Project are intended to further the Institute's role in improving the training opportunities for specialist lawyers, particularly legal personnel employed by governmental institutions working in the field of maritime affairs. This year's SAFEMED scholars are: Mr. Sharif Majali (Jordan), Ms. Lamia Alayet (Tunisia) and Mr. Murat Sinan Basaran (Turkey). The last four SAFEMED scholarships that remain to be awarded will enable the chosen candidates to pursue LL.M. studies at IMLI during the academic year 2008-2009.

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