



CMI VICE-PRESIDENT HONORIS CAUSA LECTURES AT IMLI

Professor Frank L. Wiswall, Jr., Vice-President Honoris Causa of the Comité Maritime International (CMI) visited the Institute from 11 November to 20 November 2009 to deliver his lectures for IMLI's 21st annual LL.M. programme. The first set of lectures was dedicated to the study of "Maritime Legal History", whereas the second part of his lectures focused on "Maritime Legislation Drafting".

The course on Maritime Legal History gave the students an understanding of how maritime law has developed and why it has developed in particular ways. Professor Wiswall stressed at the outset of his lectures that, in the case of maritime law, the vast majority of surviving historical records available to the researcher are largely Mediterranean and European in orientation so that students in class who are from other global regions should not assume that the history of their own country is being ignored. During the second week of his stay Professor Wiswall lectured on the drafting and adoption of national and international Maritime Legislation. During his lectures he emphasized the process by which international maritime legislation is developed in the IMO.

Professor Wiswall has been a visiting fellow at IMLI's LL.M. programme since 1991. Indeed, Professor Wiswall's contribution to the work of the Institute dates back to the time when the LL.M programme's syllabus was being prepared. He has been for a number of years a Member of the IMLI Governing Board and was also appointed a member of the IMLI Academic Committee. Professor Wiswall is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and was the 1969 Yorke Prizeman of the University of Cambridge. He is the author of several published works to be found in the IMLI Library.

As Professor Attard recalled in his welcoming address, Professor Wiswall was one of the first eminent maritime academics that realized the important role that IMLI would have in the maritime field and has unrelentingly supported its activities.



Professor Frank Wiswall meeting IMLI students (Ms. Sarah Anderson (USA), Cdr. Sean Schenk (USA), Ms. Merida Cable (St. Kitts and Nevis), Mr. Shu'aib Balance (Nigeria))

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