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## BUREAU VERITAS LEGAL ADVISOR DELIVERS THE IMLI COURSE ON MARITIME SAFETY

Dr. Philippe Boisson, Communication Director and Legal Advisor of the Bureau Veritas Marine Division, visited recently the Institute to deliver the course on the Law of Maritime Safety to the 21<sup>st</sup> IMLI lawyers' generation. The course, which is one of the key subjects of the Shipping Law curriculum of IMLI's LL.M. programme, is an intensive one and its aim is to give a comprehensive overview of the international instruments providing for safety of shipping in all respects. Dr. Boisson's lectures cover all matters related to maritime safety, including safety of the ship and safety of navigation, the setting of international safety standards, definitions of main actors of maritime safety, developments of unilateral and regional rules and content of these rules (e.g. new safety rules for oil bulk carriers and tankers, transport of dangerous goods), with special emphasis also being placed on the importance of the human element in this field and on EU rules. Dr. Boisson highlighted the importance of the implementation of existing international maritime safety regulations and the risk of over regulation with the developments of regional and unilateral measures.



Dr. Philippe Boisson and the IMLI class of 2009/2010

Dr. Boisson has been a visiting lecturer at IMLI since 1993 and is a member of the IMLI Governing Board. Being intensively involved in the maritime field, he has occupied high standing posts as Communication Director and Legal Adviser of the Bureau Veritas Marine Division. He is Vice-President of the French Maritime Law Association, Titulary Member of the CMI, and Arbitrator at the Chambre Arbitrale Maritime de Paris. Dr. Boisson has written many articles on the marine safety system and classification societies. His study entitled "Safety at Sea, Policies, Regulations and International Law" published by Bureau Veritas Publications in 1999 is the leading text book on the subject. Dr. Boisson received an award by the French Marine Academy and the Albert Lilar Prize for his book.

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