



## IMLI'S 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GRADUATION CEREMONY

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute will hold its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Graduation Ceremony on 1 May 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at the Malta Maritime Museum in Vittoriosa.

The Ceremony will be presided by H.E. Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and will be attended by many distinguished guests.

By the year 2009, 517 students from 115 States and territories around the world have received training at IMLI. This academic year students from 24 States will graduate from the Institute's programmes.



*H.E. Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos  
Secretary – General, IMO*

It is noteworthy that in his message to the IMLI graduates of the Class of 2010, H.E. Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos said:

*“The increasing number of IMLI graduates, who now form a formidable network of lawyers worldwide, confirms the Institute’s success in the pursuit of its objectives and its effective capacity-building role within the maritime community and the shipping industry at large. Each graduating class adds its knowledge and expertise to an already impressive network of alumni and provides significant benefits to the global maritime community.*

*It should never be forgotten that effective development and management of national maritime law is not just a paper exercise, it is actually vital in helping to ensure that sub-standard elements of the industry have nowhere to hide and that quality shipping prospers – and this depends in a large measure on the knowledge and professional skills of lawyers such as those graduating from IMLI.”*

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