



## **SPANISH MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT LECTURES AT IMLI**

IMLI had the honour to host two lectures by Professor Ignacio Arroyo on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Professor Arroyo conducted dynamic and encouraging discussions with the students of IMLI class 2009/2010 on the “Unification of Maritime Law through International Conventions”. Indeed, at the end of his lectures students expressed their enthusiasm about his Socratic method of teaching and the relevance of international conventions and their proper implementation in the unification of maritime law.

In his lectures Professor Arroyo explained that international conventions are an effective tool for the unification of maritime law. However we have to always consider that this is not a complete method, since the proper implementation of these international instruments depends, among other things, on their incorporation to domestic law and their interpretation by the judiciary, who at the end is national and not supranational.



*Professor Ignacio Arroyo meeting IMLI students (Mr. Ismael Barreiro (Uruguay), Mrs. Carolina Riesco (Chile), Ms. Sarah Anderson (The United States of America), Mrs. Joyce Mogtari (Ghana))*

Professor Arroyo received his Bachelor of Laws from the University of Deusto (Bilbao, Spain) in 1970 and the title of Doctor of Laws from the University of Bologna, Italy in 1972. He was awarded an LL.M. degree from Harvard University in 1975.

He is an Attorney at law, an International Arbitrator and Professor of Commercial and Maritime Law at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. Since 2005 he is the President of the Spanish Maritime Law Association.

Called by the Spanish maritime society as the ‘Father of Modern Spanish Maritime Law, Professor Arroyo is the founder and general editor of the Spanish Yearbook of Maritime Law (*Anuario de Derecho Marítimo*), the first Spanish maritime journal covering all the aspects of public and private maritime law. Professor Arroyo is also the author of numerous publications on maritime law.

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