

## UNITED STATES NAVY AND COAST GUARD OFFICERS VISIT IMLI

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2010, JAGC Navy Officers Lt. Cdr. Steven R. Obert (Assistant Force Judge Advocate) and Lt. Abby Kagle (Assistant Force Judge Advocate), presently attached to the Sixth Fleet of the US Naval Forces Europe/Africa based in Naples, Italy visited the Institute. The members of the delegation who were accompanied by Commander Brian M. Lisko (United States Coast Guard Liaison Officer) and Lt. Cdr. Gregory M. Tozzi (United States Coast Guard Attaché in Malta) were welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI).

Professor Attard expressed his great pleasure at welcoming the delegation at the Institute the delegation together with Lt. Cdr. Tozzi and for meeting once again Commander Lisko who is a longstanding friend and supporter of the Institute and its work.



Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI) with Lt. Cdr. Steven R. Obert (Assistant Force Judge Advocate) (on his right) and Lt. Abby Kagle (Assistant Force Judge Advocate) and Commander Brian M. Lisko (United States Coast Guard Liaison Officer) (on his left)

Professor Attard explained to the delegation the role of IMLI in the training of international maritime law. He also spoke of the importance IMLI gives to legislation drafting, particularly with respect to the incorporation of international maritime treaties into domestic law. He recalled that IMLI and the United States Navy and Coast Guard have maintained strong links and that since the inception of the Institute a number of officers from the two institutions have attended IMLI's programmes.

Commander Lisko, on behalf of the delegation, thanked Professor Attard for the warm welcoming. He expressed their great pleasure to visit IMLI, an Institute which in their view enjoys an excellent reputation in the maritime world, and their wish to further strengthen the relationships between IMLI and the institutions they are representing.

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