



## **IMLI LONDON FIELD TRIP 2011**

At the end of the academic year 2010/2011, the IMLI graduates, together with Professor David Attard (IMLI Director) and Dr. Norman Martinez (IMLI Senior Lecturer) undertook the traditional field trip to London. This field trip allows IMLI graduates to visit major shipping institutions such as the Headquarters of the IMO, the Headquarters of the IOPC Funds, Lloyd's of London, and the offices of Thomas Miller (managers of the UK P&I Club). The eminent representatives of these institutions provide the graduates with an introduction to the mechanisms and practical operation of the theory they have studied during the entire academic year and broaden their network within the field of international shipping.

During this year's visit to the Headquarters of the IOPC Funds, the graduates met with Ms. Akiko Yoshida (Legal Counsel of the IOPC Funds) who gave the graduates an overview of the liability and compensation regimes and of the handling of claims by the IOPC Funds. The graduates then visited Lloyd's of London where they were given guided tours by representatives of Miller Insurance, who explained throughout the visit, the history of Lloyd's and whole process followed by a broker in obtaining insurance at Lloyd's. The following visit was to the offices of Thomas Miller (Managers of the UK P&I Club) where the candidates attended presentations delivered by Mr. Richard Case (Senior Claims Director at Thomas Miller) and Mr. Nick Whitear (Communications Director at Thomas Miller) on Core Covers in P&I and Handling of Media in Case of Casualties, respectively.

The field trip culminated with two visits to the IMO Headquarters. During the first visit, the graduates had the opportunity to meet Dr. Rosalie Balkin (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and

External Relations Division) and Mr. Jianxin Zhu (Director, Technical Co-operation Division), who explained the importance of IMLI to the work of the IMO and the role of IMLI graduates in the IMO roster of experts. The graduates then met separately with the representatives of their respective Geographical Focal Points, where they discussed the individual needs of each region and the manner in which States may collaborate with IMO in the improvement of their national legal systems. During the second visit, the graduates had the opportunity to attend the opening of the eighty-ninth session of the Maritime Safety Committee where the IMO Secretary-General welcomed them in his opening speech.



*Professor David Attard (IMLI Director) with Dr. Norman Martinez (IMLI Senior Lecturer) and the graduating class of 2011 during their visit at the Headquarters of IMO*

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