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VIENNA COURT OF APPEAL JUDGES VISIT IMLI

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute had the honour to host a delegation of Judges and Judge Candidates of the Vienna Court of Appeal (*Oberlandesgericht Wien*) on Tuesday, 5 October. The Delegation which was led by Dr. Gerhard Jelinek (Vice-President of the Vienna Court of Appeal), Dr. Thomas Philipp (President of Senate of the Supreme Court), Dr. Maria-Luise Nittel (Chief Prosecutor of Vienna) and Dr. Dorit Primus (Judge of the Vienna Court of Appeal) was accompanied by H.E. Dr. Caroline Gudenus (Ambassador of Austria to Malta). Other guests included Magistrate Dr. Giovanni Grixti and Professor Kevin Aquilina, both IMLI graduates.



Professor David Attard (IMLI Director), H.E. Dr. Caroline Gudenus (Ambassador of Austria to Malta), Dr. Gerhard Jelinek (Vice-President of the Vienna Court of Appeal) with members of the Austrian Delegation and students of IMLI Class 2010/2011

The visit to IMLI was part of the Delegation's study tour in Malta where around fifteen Judges and Prosecutors and fifty-five Judge Candidates had the possibility to visit University of Malta, the Courts of Malta, the Office of the Attorney-General and other institutions in order to appreciate the judiciary system of the country.

The distinguished guests were welcomed by IMLI Director, Professor David Attard who expressed his great pleasure at their visit. Professor Attard explained that IMLI was established by IMO in 1988 to ensure that governments would have trained maritime legal experts on the incorporation of the often complex international maritime legal framework of rules, codes and standards into national legislation. He continued by saying that even though the Institute's reason d'être was to support and give assistance to developing countries, nowadays a large number of developed countries seek their lawyers to enrol into the programme.

The Austrian Delegation attended then a joint seminar with Maltese Judges where they discussed the main features of the judiciary system in Austria and in Malta. During this seminar, held at IMLI, the attendees were addressed by the Honourable Chief Justice of Malta Dr. Silvio Camilleri.

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