

## US CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES VISITS IMLI

Mr. Richard M. Mills (Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the American Embassy to Malta) paid an official visit to the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) on Monday, 28 November. During his visit Mr. Mills had also the opportunity to meet Professor Frank Wiswall (Vice-President *Honoris Causa* of CMI), who is delivering the course on Maritime Legal History, and Mrs. Elisabeth Wiswall. Mr. Mills was accompanied by Lt. Cdr. Gregory M. Tozzi (United States Coast Guard Attaché).



Mr. Richard M. Mills (Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the American Embassy to Malta) with Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI), Lt. Cdr. Gregory M. Tozzi (United States Coast Guard Attaché) Professor Frank Wiswall (Vice-President Honoris Causa of CMI), Mrs. Elisabeth Wiswall and the IMLI Class of 2011/2012

Mr. Mills was welcomed by Professor David Attard who expressed his great pleasure at his visit. Upon briefing the guests on the Institute and its 23 years of operation, Professor Attard introduced them to the 23<sup>rd</sup> generation of lawyers who are currently attending IMLI's LL.M. programme. Professor Attard stated that the Institute has, throughout the years, developed strong links with the United States of America thanks to the excellent relations it maintains with the American Embassy in Malta and through eminent supporters of its activities like Professor Wiswall.

Mr. Mills thanked Professor Attard for welcoming him at IMLI and giving him the opportunity to meet such a diverse body of students. He noted that IMLI as an Institution enjoys a great reputation in the United States of America.

Mr. Mills continued by saying that, as expressed by President Barack Obama in the country's national policy, the United States of America is a maritime nation that depends on the maritime industry. Therefore, especially when considering the role that IMLI plays in the development of maritime law, the American Embassy will always care for and support its activities. He concluded by wishing the students all the best in their endeavours.

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