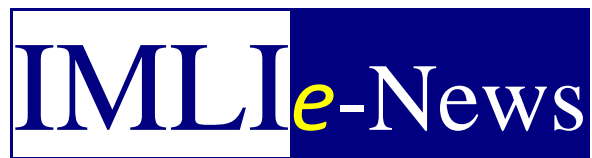


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## GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO MALTA VISITS IMLI

H.E. Dr. Hubert Leo Joachim Ziegler, the newly appointed German Ambassador to Malta, paid an official visit the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) today Friday, 23 September. During his visit Ambassador Ziegler met the Institute's staff and the new group of lawyers attending IMLI's 23<sup>rd</sup> LL.M programme. On the occasion of his visit Ambassador Ziegler placed the Institute's badge on the IMLI map to commemorate the enrolment for the first time of a candidate from the United Kingdom in the LL.M. programme.



*H.E. Dr. Hubert Leo Joachim Ziegler (German Ambassador to Malta) meeting Mr. Herbert Anyiam (the United Kingdom) during his visit at the Institute*

The Ambassador was welcomed by the IMLI Director, Professor David Attard who congratulated the Ambassador on his appointment and expressed his great pleasure at his visit. Professor Attard stated that IMLI has strong links with Germany which have been developed throughout the years through Ambassador Ziegler's predecessors. Professor Attard said that he is positive that these excellent relations will also continue under Ambassador Ziegler's term and wished him a pleasant stay in Malta.

Ambassador Ziegler thanked Professor Attard for welcoming him at IMLI and giving him the opportunity to learn more closely about the Institute and its work and to meet such a diverse body of students. When addressing the students Ambassador Ziegler stated that the fact they are in Malta to attend the programme means that they are the chosen ones. He continued by saying that being part of such a diverse group is a unique opportunity, and an experience they will cherish and remember for the rest of their life. He wished them all the best in their academic endeavours and a pleasant stay in the wonderful Island of Malta.

Ambassador Ziegler studied mathematics and physics and was awarded a Doctoral Degree in 1980. From 1981 to 1983, he received training for the Higher Service at the Federal Foreign Office and in 1984, was appointed as an officer for Political Affairs and Protocol at the German Embassy London. Since that appointment, which he held for two years, he has offered his diplomatic services in different countries including, Ethiopia, Benin, Canada and Rwanda. Since 2010, he acts as Adviser to the Chief of Protocol at the Federal Foreign Office.

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