



### **ITLOS REGISTRAR LECTURES AT IMLI**

Professor Philippe Gautier (Registrar of the International Tribunal for Law of the Sea (ITLOS)), visited the Institute and delivered a lecture on “Settlement of Disputes under the UNCLOS”. Professor Gautier was warmly welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI), who expressed his great pleasure at the visit of Professor Gautier to the Institute. He then invited Professor Gautier to deliver his lecture to the IMLI class of 2011/2012.

During the course of his lecture Professor Gautier dealt comprehensively with all the relevant provisions of Part XV of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982, on the Settlement of Disputes.

In the first part of his lecture he reviewed the mechanisms provided by UNCLOS for the settlement of disputes, including the settlement of disputes by peaceful means and the settlement of disputes by resort to compulsory procedures entailing binding decisions. He dedicated the second part of his lecture to explain the Statute of ITLOS, as found in Annex VI to UNCLOS. This included a detailed analysis of the organization of ITLOS, its competence and jurisdiction and the procedure adopted in the determination of disputes.



*Professor Philippe Gautier (Registrar of the International Tribunal for Law of the Sea (ITLOS)) with Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI) and the Class of 2011/2012*

Professor Gautier received a Licence en Droit in 1982, a Licence en philosophie in 1983, a Diplôme d'études spécialisées en droit européen in 1985, and Docteur en droit in 1992 from the Catholic University of Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve).

During his career he has held many important positions as Deputy Director, Head of the Law of the Sea/Antarctica Office from 1991 to 1995 and Director, Head of the Treaties Division Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium from 1995 to 1997. Since 1996 he is a Professor at Faculty of Law, Catholic University of Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve). He was appointed as the Registrar of the International Tribunal for Law of the Sea in 2001.

Professor Gautier was a member of the Belgian delegation to the maritime boundary negotiations with France, United Kingdom and the Netherlands (1991–1996), Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (1989–1990, Head 1991–1994), the UN Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (1993) and Antarctic Consultative meetings (1990, Head 1991–1996). He is a member of the Belgian Society of International Law, Société Française pour le droit international, Association internationale du droit de la mer and Center for International Law, Free University of Brussels.

Professor Philippe Gautier is the author of many publications in international law.

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