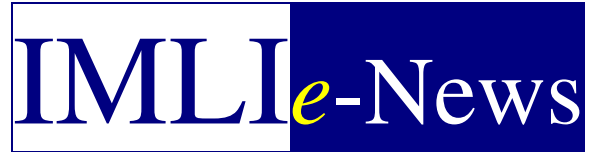


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Capt. Joseph Zerafa lectures at IMLI

SAFEMED Project Officer, Maritime Safety, Captain Joseph Zerafa, recently delivered lectures on the “*Technical Aspects of Shipping*” to the students of IMLI. The lectures centered on the technical aspects of ships – their construction, stability and compliance with international regulations. The lectures were intended to give the students a general overview of the terms, expressions and technical words used in the construction and

operation of ships which will assist them in their future work as lawyers either in the government or the private sector.

After over 13 years with the Malta Maritime Authority as the Technical Manager within the Merchant Shipping Directorate, Captain Zerafa has recently taken up a new job at the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC).

The “Euro-med Cooperation on Maritime Safety and Prevention of Pollution from Ships – SAFEMED” (SAFEMED) is an EU-funded project which is being implemented by the REMPEC. REMPEC is part of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). As SAFEMED Project Officer, Maritime Safety, Capt. Zerafa, together with two other Project Officers, one on Maritime Administrations and one on Accounting and Administration, are in charge of implementing the SAFEMED Project which seeks to mitigate the imbalance in the application of maritime legislation in the region among Mediterranean partners who are not members of the European Union (EU) and those who are members of the EU by promoting a coherent, effective and uniform implementation of the relevant international conventions aimed at better protection of the marine environment in the Mediterranean region.

SAFEMED currently provides scholarships to qualified, government-nominated IMLI students coming from the States of Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey. The scholarships granted under the Project are intended to further the Institute's role in ensuring that governments in developing States are provided with training opportunities for their domestic legal personnel in the field of international maritime law. This year's SAFEMED scholars are: Mohamed Farid Elsayed Khattab (Egypt), Bashar Abu Rumman (Jordan), Ali Al-Masri (Lebanon) and Salih Onder (Turkey).

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