

Circulated in more than 100 States to personalities in the legal and maritime professions



The IMO International Maritime Law Institute Official Electronic Newsletter (Vol. 4, Issue No. 12) 27 October 2006

PRESIDENT-EMERITUS, H. E. DR. UGO MIFSUD BONNICI OF MALTA LECTURES AT IMLI

President-Emeritus, His Excellency, Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici, is again delivering a series of lectures on Comparative Law to IMLI Class 2006-2007.



H. E. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici lectures to IMLI Class 2006-2007

During his lectures, he compares the different legal systems and legal traditions, such as the Shari'ah, Civil Law, and Common Law systems, and the various other legal systems that have derived from these systems. The study of comparative law is given much importance at IMLI because it is one of the keys to understanding the present-day legal systems of the world, and it works as an important tool in the move towards the unification of laws.

When asked about the relevance of the study of comparative law, he said that: *“Maritime law is international. It does not rely on just one system of law; it must deal with several jurisdictions and several systems of law. To maritime lawyers knowledge of comparative law is fundamental. In the years that I have taught at IMLI, I have learned that students are interested in the diversity of law. My contact with IMLI students has also enriched my own knowledge of comparative law because of the exchange I have had with the students themselves.”*

His lectures include the following topics: *“The Mainstream of Law in the West”, “The Specific Nature of the Anglo-Saxon Common Law System”, “The Law in Islamic Countries”, “The Law in Marxist Systems”, and “Law and Change: The Drafting of New Laws”.*

H. E. Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici was President of Malta from 1994 to 1999. Prior to his election as President of Malta, he was Cabinet Minister for several years holding the Education portfolio.

** If you do not want to receive IMLI e-News in future, please return this message to the above address with request to DELETE in the subject field.*

*** For further information please contact Ms. Josephine Uranza (Editor, IMLI e-News) at publications@imli.org*