



UNIVERSITY OF MALTA RECTOR VISITS IMLI

IMLI Class of 2006-2007 recently had the honor of being introduced to Professor Juanito Camilleri, Rector of the University of Malta.



*Professor Juanito Camilleri (Rector of the University of Malta), with Professor David Attard (Director IMLI),
Professor Frank Wiswall (Member, IMLI Governing Board), and IMLI Class 2006-2007*

At the reception held in honor of the Rector, Professor Attard thanked the Rector for the facilities the University was offering to IMLI students. The Rector in his response expressed his appreciation for the invitation extended to him by the Institute. He was pleased to see the diversity of cultures that were represented at the Institute. He was glad for the cooperation between the Institute and the University and looked forward to continued support and cooperation.

In response, Professor Frank Wiswall, a member of the IMLI Board of Governors who has been lecturing at IMLI since virtually its inception, stated that he has seen the growth of IMLI in the years that he has been coming to teach at the Institute. He stated that IMLI is a unique institution that was conceptualized by Mr. C. P. Srivastava in 1988 who was then IMO Secretary General principally to address the need for the training of lawyers, particularly from developing countries, in the adoption and interpretation of international maritime conventions.

The challenge to create this unique institution was given to the Government of Malta, particularly to Dr. Joseph Fenech, who was then Parliamentary Secretary for Maritime Affairs, to establish an institute that could provide the needed training of lawyers for the benefit of all member States. In less than a year from the time the challenge was made, the Government of Malta had taken action and IMLI was established on the campus of the University of Malta.

The IMO continues to rely on IMLI for the training of lawyers. IMLI has been given support not only by IMO, but by the governments of the different member States of IMO, and by private organizations and foundations. Professor Wiswall particularly mentioned the American Maritime Law Association who has made a significant contribution to the IMLI library collection. The IMLI library, he noted, has one of the very finest collections of books on international maritime law.

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