



## THIRD SHIP SECURITY COURSE AT IMLI

Major (Retd) Anthony Hall and Major (Retd) Martin Walker of LITAV Formazione Marittima Superiore, recently delivered a two-day seminar on maritime security to IMLI Class of 2006-2007.



*Major Anthony Hall (right) of LITAV, with Major Martin Walker (left), lectures on the practical aspects of the ISPS Code to the Class of 2006-2007*

Capt. Manuel Tavilla (General Manager of LITAV) introduced the course, which has been delivered by LITAV to IMLI students for the past three academic years. He emphasized the need to understand both legal implications and practical aspects of maritime security which together form a coherent whole for the protection of life and property at sea.

The course introduced the students to the procedures and processes necessary for the assessment of risks. It focused on the need to understand the threats that the maritime industry faces and the response given by States through the creation of international regulations and policies that cover maritime security as well as the national regulations that have been imposed. The importance of the ship security assessment, its relationship to the ship security plan, and the necessity for port security measures were also extensively explained and demonstrated during the seminar.

The need for greater maritime security awareness was also emphasized considering the growing threat of global terrorism comprising of the proliferation of weapons, the trafficking of drugs, and the prevalence of piracy, hijacking, theft, armed robbery and stowaways. When addressing all of these possible threats or any combination of these threats, they stressed that it was necessary to identify the threat and create the security measures best suited to respond to the particular threat.

The main part of the seminar was the Company and Ship Security Officer Training Course where IMLI students were exposed to theoretical situations and practical exercises wherein they could apply the knowledge imparted to them during the seminar.

Major Anthony Hall was previously with the Royal Air Force and later transferred to the Intelligence Corps of the British Army where he served for 24 years. During his career, his primary areas of expertise were counter-intelligence, protective security, intelligence analysis and exploitation, and counter-terrorism.

Major Martin Walker worked with the Intelligence Corps of the British Army for 28 years. During his last five years in the service he served as Officer Commanding and Senior Instructor Surveillance Branch Joint Service Intelligence Organisation where he was responsible for all aspects of management, development and implementation of specialist covert surveillance training, including the requirement to train Intelligence Corps and authorized personnel from other agencies.

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