

# IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE

ANNUAL REPORT 2019





# IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE Annual Report 2019

# A SMALL INSTITUTION WITH A GLOBAL MISSION

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# IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE (IMLI)

THE MISSION OF THE IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE IS TO ENHANCE CAPACITY-BUILDING IN ALL STATES, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING STATES, TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FULFILMENT OF THE IMO OBJECTIVES THEREBY PROMOTING SAFE, SECURE, ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND, EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING THROUGH COOPERATION.

## WHAT IS IMLI?

IMLI was established in Malta in 1988 under an agreement concluded between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Government of Malta and started its first programme in 1989. Its main purpose was, and remains, to train officers, principally from developing countries, in international maritime law.

Since its inception, through its research and other appropriate post-graduate programmes and courses, the Institute has been spearheading the dissemination of knowledge and expertise in International Maritime Law and the general Law of the Sea, with special reference to IMO regulations and procedures for the safety, security and efficiency of shipping, prevention of marine pollution from ships, and protection of life at sea. IMLI also offers unique training and guided practice in the techniques of maritime legislation drafting. Candidates are expected to assimilate the modus operandi and methods of implementation of IMO conventions into national law.

Cognisant of the fact that ocean governance is critical to establish the safe and sustainable use of the oceans, IMLI has in 2019 enhanced its efforts to assist governments with developing the cadre of specialists necessary to shape national policies designed to achieve the Sustainable Developments Goals encapsulated in the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and a more effective global ocean governance in the interest of present and future generations.



- 1. International Maritime Organization Headquarters, London, UK
- 2. Mr. K. Lim (Secretary-General, IMO), Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI), Prof. N. Martinez (Professor, IMLI) and the IMLI Class of 2018-2019
- 3. The IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE IMLI GOVERNING BOARD



KITACK LIM SECRETARY-GENERAL, IMO CHAIRMAN, IMLI GOVERNING BOARD

## As the Chairman of the Governing Board of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), it is an honour for me to present the Annual Report of the Institute.

The reported activities for the year 2019 are a reflection of the Institute's achievements. The Institute's crucial work in the dissemination of knowledge in international maritime law, the undertaking of ground-breaking research and enhancement of capacity-building, especially in developing countries, plays a significant role in the realization of IMO's goals. Indeed, IMLI has become a cornerstone of the IMO's Technical Cooperation Programme.

The year 2019 was a very special one for the Institute, which celebrated its 30th anniversary in the service of

the rule of international maritime law. It gave me great pleasure to host a Commemorative Seminar on this occasion, at the IMO Headquarters in London and welcome eminent personalities, including the Prime Minister of Malta, IMLI Board Members, IMO Member States representatives and IMLI alumni, to celebrate this important milestone. It was a moment of pride to witness the widespread appreciation of IMLI's achievements over the past three decades.

IMO has adopted a multitude of instruments which govern every facet of the maritime sector, and to effectively incorporate international instruments into domestic legislation, skilled and duly qualified human resources at a national level are required. Accordingly, capacity training remains a key priority for the Institute so as to ensure the adequate implementation and enforcement of IMO instruments in the domestic laws of its Member States.

As an Institution of higher learning, IMLI has continued to offer unique specialised training, focused on developing the necessary maritime legislation drafting skills of its students and thus

ensuring that IMO Member States avail of this cadre of experts to develop a robust national legal framework which complies with international rules and standards.

Furthermore, the year 2019 bears witness to IMLI's efforts to ensure that education and training are available to developed and developing countries. The completion of another successful academic year consolidated IMLI's reputation and was testament to its valuable mission.

The graduating Class of 2019 included fortyeight students from thirty-six countries and recorded the representation of a large number of Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries. In September 2019, a record number of government officials registered their participation in the Institute's programmes, demonstrating once again the importance of IMLI to capacity-building. I note with immense satisfaction that a large majority of this student body consisted of female participants. The Institute's policy to reserve 50% of the places to deserving female candidates was innovative in 1988 and is re-affirmed 30 years after its establishment. Visionary for its time, this policy has ensured that quality education is accessible equally to qualified men and women and, in empowering female professionals to become part of the maritime industry, has contributed to the promotion of gender equality. I record with pride that many of the Institute's female alumnae are highly regarded professionals in the maritime world.

Aware of the essential role of the oceans in supporting life on earth, sustainable development, innovation, as well as in providing recreational uses and amenities, the Institute continued to focus in 2019 on global ocean governance issues.

Bearing in mind the Organization's expanded mandate for a positive impact on global ocean governance, particularly with regard to the security of the oceans, the Institute encouraged research on global ocean governance issues with the view to promoting a harmonised and integrated approach. The Institute's training further strengthened its mission in enhancing capacitybuilding for a sustainable use of the oceans, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 14. Cognizant of the importance of the IMO work for the efficient management of ports and the effective implementation by Member States of their treaty obligations, IMLI expanded its syllabi on the law of ports which address the role of IMO conventions and prescriptions such as environmental protection, security, safety and facilitation.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Director, Professor David Joseph Attard, and his dedicated staff for assisting IMO in its commitment to the training of government officials in international maritime law. Their sterling work has ensured that IMLI, through its training and research, contributes to the advancement of IMO's mission and the capacity-building of nations around the world.

On behalf of IMO and the Institute's Governing Board I wish to record my sincere thanks to the Institute's donors who, over the past three decades, have believed in the Institute's global mission and, through the provision of generous fellowships, have enabled over 1,000 maritime professionals to contribute to the development of maritime laws and policies which promote further IMO's goals for safe, secure and efficient shipping on clean and sustainable oceans.



H.E. Dr. G.Vella (President of Malta) accompanied by Mr. K. Lim (Secretary-General, IMO), Dr. C. Doumbia-Henry (President, WMU), Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI) and the 2019 Graduates

# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

DAVID ATTARD DIRECTOR, IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE

As the Director of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), it is my great pleasure to present the 2019 Annual Report, which highlights the activities and achievements of our Institute in 2019.

This year was a milestone year in the history of the Institute marking three decades in the service of the rule of international maritime law. The Institute's various celebrations culminated with a Commemorative Seminar kindly hosted by Mr. Kitack Lim (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) at the IMO Headquarters in London on 25 June which brought together personalities from all fields of international maritime law and over 100 alumni who remain the Institute's best ambassadors.

In order to consolidate further its reputation as a centre of excellence, throughout 2019 IMLI continued to disseminate knowledge and develop expertise in international maritime law, with special emphasis on maritime legislation drafting techniques for the incorporation and effective implementation by States of their treaty obligations, in particular those emanating from IMO instruments.

IMLI's firm commitment towards the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) continued throughout 2019. In particular, IMLI has contributed to the achievement of SDG 14 through its quality training and research in the areas of global ocean governance and law of the sea.

Its research led to the publication of the IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance which has become a seminal work as it addressed global ocean governance in a comprehensive and interdisciplinary basis.



Written by 58 world leading experts, the threevolume Treatise examined the current state of ocean governance, its limitations including the lacunae and the weaknesses, and proposes actions to ensure an effective future governance strategy.

Guided by SDG 4 on "Quality education", IMLI continued to provide quality teaching in international maritime law to maritime professionals from the developing States. In 2019, the vast majority of participants came from developing economies. Students from Djibouti, Gabon, St. Lucia, Somalia and Turks and Caicos represented their countries for the first time in any of the Institute's programmes. In addition, government officers from over 30 other States, including Small Island States and Least Developed Countries, graduated from IMLI's programmes. It gives me great pleasure to report that a record number of 57 students, mainly from developing countries, entered the Institute's portals on 30 September 2019 to commence their studies at IMLI.

In the light of the Institute policy, dating back to 1988, of reserving fifty per cent of the places in its programmes for qualified women candidates, female participation in 2019 continued to grow. The Institute has trained nearly 500 women, thereby contributing to the realization of SDG 5.

It is with great pleasure that I record that IMLI's efforts towards gender equality were acknowledged by the IMO Assembly - through its Resolution A.1147(31), entitled "Preserving the Legacy of the World Maritime Day Theme for 2019 and Achieving a Barrier-Free Working Environment for Women" - which stated:

"[...] as far back as 1988, the Organization was in the vanguard of United Nations specialized agencies, as it put in place an institutional framework to incorporate a gender dimension into the Organization's policies and procedures, including a 50% quota for women for one of its educational institutes, through the adoption of resolutions aimed at ensuring access to maritime training and employment opportunities for women in the maritime sector".

For the twelfth consecutive year, the United Nations General Assembly recorded its appreciation for the Institute's academic work. In its Resolution A/RES/74/19 on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, the United Nations highest body acknowledged the importance of IMLI's work as a centre of education and training of specialists in maritime law, mainly from developing States, and confirmed its effective capacity-building role in the field of international law.

At IMLI we are conscious of the need to ensure that our training and teaching takes into account the latest developments in international maritime law. In this respect, the Institute continued to cooperate with IMO.

A reflection of this cooperation is the participation of IMLI in the IMO/IMLI/Hutchison Ports Seminar on 'Do ports need international regulation?' held at the IMO Headquarters in London on 9 September 2019 during the London Shipping Week.

Furthermore, IMLI actively focuses its academic efforts on cutting-edge issues of international law. On 5 March 2019, the Institute, in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan to Malta, organized an International Workshop on "The Role of Maritime Law in East Asian Maritime Relations". On 4-5 April 2019, IMLI and the Stockton Center for the Study of International Law, U.S. Naval War College held the second International Workshop on "Human Rights and the Law of the Sea". Bearing in mind 2019 IMO World Maritime Day theme "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community", the Institute organized on 26 April 2019 an International Seminar on "Empowering Women in Maritime Affairs".

In collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), IMLI held the second annual International Fisheries Law Training Course. Senior Officers from Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador and Panama participated in the Training Course. As part of the collaboration between IMLI, IMO and the World Maritime University (WMU), IMLI hosted the fourth Seminar on Maritime Transport Policy on 13-15 November 2019.

The Institute's academic success is the result of various practices that have been put in place, such as its close co-operation with senior IMO officials who once again visited IMLI in 2019 in order to provide students with the IMO perspective on different issues, ranging from the law of ports, maritime security law, marine environmental law to maritime legislation drafting. These experts complemented the Distinguished Visiting Fellows Programme which in 2019 welcomed over 60 eminent practitioners and leading academics.

The year 2019 also witnessed the continuation of the very fruitful cooperation with the CMI and its national maritime law associations such as the French Maritime Law Association, the Malta Maritime Law Association, the Nigerian Maritime Law Association, the Slovenian Maritime Law Association, and the Spanish Maritime Law Association.

All these achievements would not have been possible without the commendable support of IMLI's Governing Body and the valuable work of the academic and nonacademic staff. I am particularly grateful to the IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board, Mr. Kitack Lim, for his continuous support and generous interest. I wish to express my deep appreciation to the Institute's donors who, through the provision of fellowships, have enabled the Institute to train maritime law experts from all over the globe.

## Long Live IMLI!



Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI) with IMLI Graduates representing Thailand, Mexico, Namibia, and South Africa at IMO

# **GOVERNANCE OF THE INSTITUTE**

IMLI is governed by a Statute adopted by the IMO Assembly in 1988 and revised by the IMO Council during its 109th Session in 2012. In accordance with the Statute, IMLI's governance structure consists of a Governing Board, an Academic Committee, a Financial and Human Resources Committee, and the Director.

## **GOVERNING BOARD**



The IMLI Governing Board during its 33rd session (Dr. P. Griggs, CBE; Prof. A. Kanehara; Mr. L. Mbanefo; Dr. E. K. Mbiah; Dr. P. Boisson; Mr. J. Harrison; Prof. Dr. M. Pavliha; Mr. K. Lim; Prof. D. Attard; Ms. N. Karigithu; Amb. V. Camilleri; Mr. J. J. Shiundu)

#### CHAIRMAN: MR. K. LIM

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#### MEMBERS EMERITI: MR. K. SEKIMUZU MR. E. E. MITROPOULOS MR. W. A. O'NEIL

SECRETARY - GENERAL, IMO

DIRECTOR, IMLI EGAL CONSULTANT TO BUREAU /ERITAS, PARIS EAD, SWISS MARITIME AVIGATION OFFICE ORMER PRESIDENT, COMITÉ ARITIME INTERNATIONAL ORMER GROUP LEGAL DIRECTOR. LOYD'S REGISTER, VICE-CHAIRMAN, MLI GOVERNING BOARD PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL AW, FACULTY OF LAW, SOPHIA JNIVERSITY, JAPAN PRINCIPAL SECRETARY SHIPPING MARITIME AFFAIRS, KENYA PATRON, NIGERIAN MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION ORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SHANA SHIPPERS' AUTHORITY. ORMER CHAIRMAN, LEGAL COMMITTEE, IMO /ICE-DEAN FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND HEAD OF AW DEPARTMENT, FACULTY OF MARITIME STUDIES AND RANSPORTATION, UNIVERSITY OF JUBI JANA SLOVENIA PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALTA TO IMO DIRECTOR, TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION, IMO ACTING DIRECTOR, TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION, IMO

SECRETARY-GENERAL EMERITUS, IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL EMERITUS, IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL EMERITUS, IMO The IMLI Governing Board is chaired by the IMO Secretary-General and is composed of eminent personalities from around the world with expertise in different areas of international maritime law and maritime affairs.

The Governing Board is assisted by the Director, the Financial and Human Resources Committee in matters relating to the funding and finances of the Institute and on administrative matters, including personnel, and the Academic Committee in matters related to the coordination and implementation of the study and research programmes of the Institute.

The Governing Board held its 33rd meeting on 24 June 2019. The Board commended the Director, the Academic Committee and Financial and Human Resources Committee on the work carried out during the year under review to ensure that the Institute maintains its high academic standards and continues in its mission to serve the rule of international maritime law. The Board approved Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines that the Institute developed in consultation with the said Committees and which provide a comprehensive regulatory framework to govern the Institute's activities. The Board congratulated the Institute's Director and staff for their 30 years of serving the rule of international law and expressed its appreciation for the Commemorative Seminar hosted by the IMO Secretary-General to celebrate this milestone. It further congratulated the Institute for its recognition by the United Nations General Assembly which, for 11 consecutive years, through its yearly Resolution on "Oceans and law of the sea" has acknowledged the importance of IMLI's work as a centre of education and training of government legal advisers, mainly from developing States, and has confirmed its effective capacity-building role in the field of international law. The Board also congratulated the Institute for its recognition by the IMO Bodies, and expressed appreciation to the Institute's donors for supporting the Institute's activities. The Board also reviewed the financial standing of the Institute, approved its budget for 2019, and noted with satisfaction the ungualified opinion of the External Auditors.

## DIRECTOR

The Director of the Institute, appointed by the IMO Secretary-General, continued to be responsible for the direction and administration of the Institute. He continued to supervise the admissions process and managed the Institute's academic programmes and courses. The Director continued to manage the Institute's personnel in accordance with general policies and criteria approved by the Governing Board. The Director continued with his efforts to obtain funds to finance the Institute, which remains dependant on voluntary contributions. In 2019, the Director was able to attract additional funding of nearly one million Euro to support the IMLI activities.



Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI) holding a meeting with Minister S. Moon (Minister of Oceans and Fisheries, Republic of Korea)

## **ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**

In 2019, the Academic Committee continued to work assiduously to review and advise on the admission of students into the Institute's Research Degree Programme. The Academic Committee also continued to consider draft Memoranda of Understanding to establish cooperation between the Institute and other academic institutions as well as academic appointments at the Institute. During 2019, numerous applications for enrolment in the Institute's M.Jur. programme were submitted for the Academic Committee's consideration. Following the Committee's decisions, four applicants were accepted to the M.Jur. programme.

These applicants are currently undertaking research on the following topics: Ms. Nivedita Malliga Hosanee (Mauritius) "Examining the Likely Effectiveness of the Draft International Convention on Foreign Sale of Ships and their Recognition"; Mr. Daniel Kihiko (Kenya) "Compensation for Trans-Boundary Pollution Damage from Offshore Oil and Gas Activities: Conceptualization of a Global Legal Framework"; Ms. Vivian Radha Rambarath-Parasram (Trinidad and Tobago) "Enabling the Blue Economy through Effective Maritime and Ocean Governance in the Caribbean Region"; and Mr. Francisco Gutiérrez Figueroa (Peru) "The Regulation of Marine Plastic Pollution as a Common Concern of Humankind

CHAIRMAN: PROF. D. ATTARD

MEMBERS: DR. P. GRIGGS, CBE

MR. F. J. KENNEY JR.

DR. E. K. MBIAH

PROF. DR. M. PAVLIHA

PROF. F. L. WISWALL JR.













Members of the IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee meeting at IMO Headquarters



Mr. J. Harrison (Chairman, IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee) holding a meeting at IMLI with Mr. A. DeMarco (Chairman, Investment and Ethical Standards Committee, IMLI), Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI), Dr. D. Spiteri (Internal Oversight Officer, IMLI) and Mr. J. Aguilar (Finance Officer, IMLI)

## FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Financial and Human Resources Committee met twice in 2019, namely on 10 May and 6 November. In its meetings the Committee reviewed the Institute's finances, the external auditors report, and dealt with personnel issues, including the review of salaries.

CHAIRMAN: MR. J. HARRISON

MEMBERS: PROF. D. ATTARD

DR. P. BOISSON

DR. R. DÜRLER













# **HUMAN RESOURCES**

In 2019, the Institute's resident faculty, under the supervision of the Director, continued to be responsible for the teaching of all subjects within the academic syllabi. The teaching of the resident faculty was complemented by the Distinguished Visiting Fellows Programme, which aims to introduce students to the latest developments and offers networking opportunities which should serve students well when they return to their home countries. In 2019, distinguished visiting fellows came from leading universities such as, London University and Oxford University; while others came from international institutions such as the IMO, the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC), the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Law Commission (ILC), the Comité Maritime International (CMI), and the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). Other visiting fellows include eminent practitioners, diplomats and leading personalities in the maritime industry. A list of these distinguished visiting fellows is provided in pages 28-29 hereof.

The resident faculty also supervised 47 maritime legislation drafting projects and 47 dissertations / research projects, a list of which is provided in pages 30-32 hereof. A unique feature of the IMLI training is its dedicated personal attention to the students. In addition to academic supervisors, the Institute appoints a moral tutor for each student to give support of non-academic nature throughout the duration of studies.

## **RESIDENT FACULTY MEMBERS**

## PROFESSOR DAVID J. ATTARD (MALTA)

LL.D. (University of Malta) D. Phil. (University of Oxford) Advocate (Malta) Barrister-at-Law (London) Director

#### **PROFESSOR DR. NORMAN MARTINEZ (HONDURAS)** *Lic. (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Honduras)*

LL.M. (IMLI) Ph.D. (IMLI) Advocate (Honduras) Professor

**PROFESSOR MALGOSIA FITZMAURICE (THE UNITED KINGDOM/POLAND)** LL.B. (University of Warsaw)

LL.B. (University of Warsaw) LL.M. (University of Warsaw) Ph.D. (University of Warsaw) The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law

**MS. ELDA KAZARA-BELJA (ALBANIA)** Jurist (Ethniko kai Kapodistriako University of Athens) LL.M. (IMLI) Senior Lecturer

## DR. ÁNGELES JIMÉNEZ GARCÍA-CARRIAZO (SPAIN)

Lic. (Universidad Pontifica Comillas) LL.M. (Université Libre de Bruxelles) Ph.D. (Universidad de Jaen) Advocate (Spain) The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance

DR. SANJEET RUHAL (INDIA) LL.B. (Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University) LL.M. (The Indian Law Institute) Ph.D. (University of Delhi) Advocate (India) The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law

## MS. RAMAT JARAIE ANGELICA JALLOH (SIERRA LEONE)

B.A. (University of Sierra Leone) LL.B. (University of Sierra Leone) LL.M. (IMLI) Barrister-at-Law and Solicitor Assistant Lecturer (2019-2020)













## MR. MURAT SUMER (TURKEY)

LL.B. (Ankara University) LL.M. (Ankara University) LL.M. (IMLI) Advocate (Turkey) The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law (2019-2020)

**DR. BUBA BOJANG (THE GAMBIA)** LL.B. (University of Maiduguri) B.L. (Abuja Law School)

LL.M. (IMLI) Ph.D. (University of Aberdeen) Barrister-at-Law and Solicitor The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance (2018-2019)

MS. SABINA DOLIC (SLOVENIA) LL.B. (University of Ljubljana) LL.M. (IMLI) Lawyer (Slovenia) Lecturer (2018-2019)







## ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECRETARIAL STAFF



Ms. Josephine Aquilina (Malta) Head of Personnel and Administration



Dr. Donald Spiteri (Malta) Internal **Oversight Officer** 



Mr. Jacy Aguilar (the Philippines) Finance Öfficer



Ms. Magdalen Paris (Malta) Secretary / Purchasing Officer



Ms. Verica Cole (Serbia) Librarian



Ms. Ivana Riskova (Slovakia) Student Affairs Officer



Ms. Claudette Camilleri (Malta) Assistant to Head of Personnel



Ms. Leslie Ann Curmi (Malta) Receptionist



Mr. Joseph Mifsud (Malta) Driver / Maintenance



Tabyashki (Bulgaria) Maintenance



Ms. Mary Rose Inskip (Malta) Housekeeping



Ms. Josette Spiteri (Malta) Housekeeping

**STAFF GROUP BY GENDER AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2019** 





# **IMLI PROGRAMMES**

DURING 2019, IMLI OFFERED A PROGRAMME LEADING TO THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW, A PROGRAMME LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF HUMANITIES (M.HUM.) IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LEGISLATION, A RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMME LEADING TO THE AWARD OF THE DEGREES OF MAGISTER JURIS (M.JUR.) AND DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW, A PROGRAMME LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (M.PHIL.) IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW AND OCEAN POLICY IN COOPERATION WITH WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY (WMU), A PROGRAMME LEADING TO THE AWARD OF AN ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW AND OCEAN POLICY IN COOPERATION WITH WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY (WMU), A PROGRAMME LEADING TO THE AWARD OF AN ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW AND SEVERAL SHORT COURSES IN ALL AREAS WITHIN IMLI'S SYLLABI.

## LL.M. PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW

The LL.M. programme in International Maritime Law was designed to respond to the shortage of legal experts, especially in the developing world, who possessed the necessary skills to incorporate and efficiently implement international instruments into domestic legislation. Whereas there has been a plethora of international instruments which regulate the multifaceted aspects of international maritime law, States have failed to translate them into effective national measures which will ensure uniform applicability across the oceans. Accordingly, the programme provides dedicated training in the drafting of maritime legislation, with emphasis on the techniques for the incorporation and implementation of IMO instruments into domestic legislation. With this in mind, the LL.M. programme not only studies maritime law from an international perspective, but looks on a comparative basis into the major legal systems in relation to maritime affairs. Through its international faculty composed of eminent academics, practitioners and members of the judiciary, the programme addresses current challenges facing the international maritime community and the various responses put forward to ensure safety of navigation, security of shipping, protection of the environment, safeguarding of human rights, and peaceful use of the oceans. This one academic year programme is open to candidates who hold a degree in law and are proficient in English.

## **M.HUM. PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LEGISLATION**

In 2017, the Institute launched a specialised post-graduate programme leading to the Degree of Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) in International Maritime Legislation. The M.Hum. programme is open to candidates who hold an undergraduate degree from a recognised university or other academic institution in a related discipline to international maritime law and are proficient in English. The programme was introduced as a response to the needs of IMO Member States to have trained specialists in international maritime legislation drafting. Intensive drafting exercises are carried out to build the students' drafting skills so as to enable them to draft national legislation which effectively implements IMO instruments. The programme is suitable for qualified professionals working in the maritime field such as maritime administrations, port authorities, or other organizations concerned with maritime affairs.

# RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW

IMLI offers a Research Degree programme leading to the award of the Degree of Magister Juris (M.Jur.) in International Maritime Law and the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Maritime Law. Candidates are expected to undergo their studies in IMLI's Research Degree programme with a high degree of independence, thus, the programme can be largely undertaken from abroad. Candidates are assigned individual academic supervisors drawn from a list of internationally recognised experts.





## M.PHIL PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW AND OCEAN POLICY

In September 2017, IMLI and World Maritime University (WMU) launched a joint Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) programme in International Maritime Law and Ocean Policy designed to train expert maritime lawyers, immersed in the UN system structure and goals, to advocate sound policies and legislation which will support their sustainable development. This two-year programme recognises that the current legal and institutional framework for ocean governance is limited in dealing with the emerging challenges in the field. As a result, the programme has identified that the fragmentation of both legal and institutional framework has led to the adoption of well-intended action occasioning unintended consequences for the oceans. Thus, the need for a new paradigm of ocean governance captured by this initiative is geared towards ensuring the establishment of effective ocean governance for the 21st century and beyond, as reiterated in Goal 14 of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

# ADVANCED DIPLOMA PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW

The Advanced Diploma programme in International Maritime Law is designed to benefit professionals (including those at the most senior level) involved in maritime practice in both private and public sectors and who, because of their careers, are unable to be away from their jobs for a period of more than a few weeks / months per year. The programme is structured on a credit system and, to be awarded the Advanced Diploma, candidates must earn a sufficient number of credits after successfully following and completing courses on distinct subject areas within either the Public International Maritime Law strand or the Private International Maritime Law strand. The credits offered broadly follow the subjects offered within the Institute's LL.M. programme. Candidates are required to have a degree from a recognised university or other academic institution, or must have a comparable standard qualification, including relevant professional or practical experience, or both, recognised for this purpose by the Institute. This programme can be undertaken between one and five years.

## **SPECIALIZED SHORT COURSES**

The Institute's teaching in the Master's programmes is based on a modular system which enables a small number of applicants to attend these modules as independent short courses. The duration of such courses ranges from one to several weeks, depending on the subject area. At the conclusion of each short course, a certificate of attendance is awarded. The short courses have attracted, over the years, a large number of participants who are especially interested in the training the Institute offers in a particular area. On request of government entities, the Institute also organises tailor-made specialized courses on areas of interest of government officials who register their participation.



Dr. J. Hoffmann, Chief, Trade Logistics Branch, UNCTAD

How to apply: More information regarding the IMLI's programmes and courses is available on the IMLI website: https://www.imli.org/content/programmes-andcourses

For information on admissions, please contact: admissions@imli.org

# Service

# **OUR STUDENTS**

UPON GRADUATION THE 48 IMLI ALUMNI JOINED THE NETWORK OF OVER 1,000 MARITIME EXPERTS HAILING FROM OVER 145 STATES.



During the academic year **2018-2019**, enrollment in the **LL.M**. programme comprised of **40** students from **30** States, with students hailing from **Gabon**, **Luxembourg**, **Somalia**, **St. Lucia**, and **Turks and Caicos** joining for the first time any of the Institute's Master's programmes; **seven** students enrolled in the **M.Hum**. programme recording the participation of a student from **Djibouti** for the first time in any of the Institute's Master's programme; **one** student in the **M.Phil**. programme; **six students** in the **M.Jur**. programme; **eight** students in the **Ph.D**. programme; **four** students in the **Advanced Diploma** programme; and **six** students in the **Short Courses** on the Law of International Organizations; Nationality, Registration and Ownership of Ships; International Law of the Sea; International Maritime Security Law; and the Law of Marine Collisions.

The academic year **2018-2019** attracted **34** fellowships, of which **20** were awarded to women candidates. During this academic year, a total of **27** female students participated in the Institute's Master's programmes.



- 1. Students of the IMLI Class of 2019 during their registration in the Library 2. Mr. J. J. Shiundu (Director, Technical Cooperation
- Mr. J. J. Shiundu (Director, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) placing the IMLI badge on Turks & Caicos recording the country's first representation at IMLI
- 3. Judge A. Yusuf (President, ICJ) meeting the IMLI Class of 2019
- 4. The IMLI Class of 2019 with distinguished guests during the 30th Graduation Ceremony
- 5.Mr. C. Trelawny (Acting Director, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) with the IMLI Class of 2019

## PARTICIPANTS IN ALL PROGRAMMES AND COURSES BY REGION





During the academic year **2019-2020** enrolment in the **LL.M**. programme comprised of **37** students from **26** States, with students hailing from **Belarus** and **Sao Tome and Principe** joining for the first time any of the Institute's Master's programmes; **12** students enrolled in the **M.Hum**. programme; **two** students in the **M.Phil**. programme; **seven** students in the **M.Jur**. programme; **eight** students in the **Ph.D**. programme; **six** students in the **Advanced Diploma** programme; and **four** students in the **Short Courses** on Introduction to Public International Law; Law of Pilotage; International Law of the Sea; and Law of Marine Insurance.

The academic year **2019-2020** attracted **40** fellowships, of which **23** were awarded to suitable qualified women candidates. A total of **28** female students are currently undertaking studies in the Institute's Master's programmes.



- 1. The IMLI Class of 2020 taking their oath of allegiance on 30 September 2019
- 2.Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI) meeting the IMLI Class of 2020
- 3. The IMLI Class of 2020 during a team work exercise
- 4. Mr. F. J. Kenney (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) with Prof. D. Attard (Director,IMLI) and the Class of 2020

# IMLI'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UN 2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

IN 2019, THROUGH ITS INTENSIVE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND RESEARCH AGENDA, IMLI CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF SEVERAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENTS GOALS ENCAPSULATED IN THE UN 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

In line with the spirit of **Goal 14**, *Life below Water*, the Institute provides quality training and research in the areas of ocean governance and law of the sea, as well as protection of the marine environment from pollution. Students are also encouraged to conduct research in those areas.

**Goal 4**, *Quality Education*, reflects the Institute's education mission. IMLI provides the platform necessary to enhance capacity-building, particularly in the developing world, through quality training in international maritime law for sustainable development across the globe.

IMLI has taken a proactive stance to achieve **Goal 5**, *Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls*, by way of mandating in its admissions process that fifty (50) percent of places in the Institute is reserved for suitably qualified female candidates.

To achieve **Goal 7, 13** and **17** that aim to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all; take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts; and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development, respectively; and in line with **Goal 14**, IMLI, together with The Nippon Foundation, prepared "The IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance". The Treatise covers different areas of ocean governance such as the protection and preservation of the marine environment, maritime security, protection of biodiversity, and climate change.

To champion **Goals 9** and **16** that aim to build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation, and just, peaceful and inclusive societies, the Institute offers courses on international maritime law to enhance specialization of individuals working in the shipping industry, incentive business and ensure best practices.





# **IMLI PUBLICATIONS**



- 1. The IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance, The IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law, and The Exclusive Economic Zone in International Law by Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI)
- 2. The Book series "IMLI Studies in International Maritime Law"
- 3. Book entitled "Celebrating 30 years in the Service of the Rule of International Maritime Law"
- 4. Essays in Honour of Professor David Joseph Attard
- 5.IMLI News and Graduation Brochures published by the Institute

Throughout 2019, "The IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance", under the general editorship of Professor Attard, continued to receive widespread appreciation. Published by Oxford University Press, the Treatise is the product of the fruitful collaboration between IMLI and The Nippon Foundation. In its three volumes, the Treatise deals with "The United Nations (UN) and Global Ocean Governance", "The UN Specialized Agencies and Global Ocean Governance", and "IMO and Global Ocean Governance", respectively. The publication contains studies by 58 leading experts on crucial areas of ocean governance. IMO Member States also continued to obtain copies of "The IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law" which has become a reliable source of international maritime law used by government officials, academics, and practitioners.

In January 2019, Professor Norman Martinez succeeded Professor David Attard as General Editor of the book series "IMLI Studies in International Maritime Law". Published by Routledge simultaneously in London and New York, the Series is dedicated to the publishing of original, scholarly contributions that analyse key issues in international maritime law, which are of interest to an audience of students, scholars and practitioners in international maritime law. Four new titles, "Autonomous Ships and the Law", "Joint Development of Shared Oil and Gas Resources in International Law", "The Straight Bill of Lading", and "Laytime and Demurage" have been approved in 2019 while others are being considered for publication under the Series.

A book entitled "Celebrating 30 years in the Service of the Rule of International Maritime Law" was published by the Institute with the support of the IMO Technical Cooperation Division and was launched on 25 June 2019. The commemorative publication records the journey of IMLI from its modest beginnings to today's achievements as a world leader in the teaching of international maritime law. It includes a foreword by the IMO Secretary-General and many articles by distinguished personalities who recorded their contribution to IMLI over the past three decades.

The Institute issues weekly electronic newsletters that are distributed to over 145 States and which contain the latest IMLI news and interviews with renowned personalities who visit the Institute. In 2019, the Institute published 84 issues of the electronic newsletter. The Institute also published two IMLI News - a four page printed newsletter - which highlighted important academic events and developments of the Institute together with alumni achievements. On the occasion of its Graduation Ceremony, IMLI published its Graduation Brochure recording the academic successes achieved in 2019.



# ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

In 2019, IMLI continued to collaborate closely with IMO divisions, in particular those related to Technical Cooperation, Legal Affairs and External Relations, Maritime Safety and Marine Environment; as well as organising lectures by senior IMO officials. IMLI hosted a maritime transport policy seminar in cooperation with IMO and WMU. Mr. Jonathan Pace (Acting Chief, Subdivision for Programme Management and Coordination, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) and Prof. Dr. Henning Jessen (Associate Professor, WMU) delivered the two-day seminar. Additionally, key figures in international maritime law continued to deliver theme specific lectures and participate in the Distinguished Visiting Fellows Programme. These included, amongst others, eminent personalities from the ICJ; ITLOS, the Legal Office of FAO; UNCTAD, CMI; IOPC Funds; the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute; and the Stockton Centre for International Law, U.S. Naval War College.





Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) addressed the Hutchison Ports/IMO/IMLI Seminar on "Do ports need international regulation?" held at the IMO Headquarters in London on 9 September 2019.



On the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea and of the Korean Society of International Law, Professor David Attard moderated the session on "Climate Change and the Law of the Sea" at the 2019 International Conference on the Law of the Sea held in Seoul.



Further to the conclusion in 2017 of a Co-operation Agreement between the Institute and the International Ocean Institute (IOI), Professor Norman Martinez delivered a set of lectures at the seventh "Training Programme on the Sustainable Development and Governance of the Caspian Sea" in Turkmenbashi, Turkmenistan.



Further to a Co-operation Agreement between the Institute and the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea (IFLOS), the Director of the Institute and Professor Norman Martinez delivered a set of lectures within the framework of the 13th IFLOS Summer Academy on "Promoting Ocean Governance and the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes", which took place in Hamburg.



- 1. Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI) delivering his address during the joint IMO/IMLI/Hutchinson Ports seminar
- 2. Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI) with H.E. Dr. Kang Kyung-wha (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea) and Judge Jin-Hyun Paik (President, ITLOS)
- 3. Dr. X. Hinrichs Oyarce (Deputy Registrar, ITLOS), Prof. N. Martinez (Professor, IMLI) and participants of IMLI/FAO Summer Course on International Fisheries Law
- 4. Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI), Justice Prof. Dr. D. König (Federal Constitutional Court, Germany), Judge Jin-Hyun Paik (President, ITLOS) and participants of IFLOS Summer Academy
- 5. Prof. N. Martinez (Professor, IMLI) delivering his lecture at the seventh "Training Programme on the Sustainable Development and Governance of the Caspian Sea"
- 6. Prof. N. Martinez (Professor, IMLI), Mr. J. König (Director, IFLOS Summer Academy) and IMLI graduates at IFLOS Summer Academy

# ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND EVENTS



## 8 JANUARY 2019 PRESIDENT OF ICJ LECTURES AT IMLI

His Excellency Judge Abdulqawi A. Yusuf (President, International Court of Justice) visited the Institute on 8 January 2019 and delivered a lecture on "The Contribution of the International Court of Justice to Contemporary Law of the Sea" to the IMLI Class of 2018-2019.



## 28 MARCH 2019 IMLI DIRECTOR ADDRESSES THE IMO LEGAL COMMITTEE

Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) addressed the IMO Legal Committee at its 106th Session at the IMO Headquarters, London on 28 March 2019 where he presented the report on IMLI's activities for the academic years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.



## 25 JUNE 2019 IMLI DIRECTOR ADDRESSES THE IMO TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE

Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) addressed the IMO Technical Cooperation Committee at its 69th Session at the IMO Headquarters, London on 25 June 2019 where he presented the report on IMLI's activities for the academic years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.



#### 5 MARCH 2019 INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON "THE ROLE OF MARITIME LAW IN EAST ASIAN MARITIME RELATIONS" IMLI together with the Embassy of Japan to Malta jointly organised

the workshop on "The Role of Maritime Law in East Asian Maritime Relations".



## 10 APRIL 2019 IMLI 30TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE LECTURE

Dr. Patrick Griggs CBE (Former President, the Comité Maritime International (CMI)) visited IMLI between 8 and 10 April and delivered the Institute's 30th Anniversary Commemorative Lecture on 10 April 2019. This lecture was part of a series of events marking IMLI's 30 years in the service of the rule of international maritime law.



## 4 DECEMBER 2019 IMLI DIRECTOR ADDRESSES THE IMO ASSEMBLY

Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) addressed the IMO Assembly at its 31st Session at the IMO Headquarters, London on 4 December 2019 where he presented the report on IMLI's activities for the period August 2017 to August 2019 where he highlighted the Institute's continued efforts to train international maritime law experts and legal drafters, and promote capacitybuilding.

## 26 APRIL 2019

## IMLI SEMINAR ON EMPOWERING WOMAN IN MARITIME AFFAIRS

The Institute, which was the first in the United Nations system to mandate that 50 per cent of the places in its programmes are reserved for qualified women candidates, celebrated World Maritime Day 2019 on 26 April 2019. To commemorate 2019 year's theme, IMLI held an International Seminar on Empowering Women in Maritime Affairs. The Seminar aimed to encourage participation of women in maritime affairs, including equal rights of access to quality education, engagement in the development of international maritime law, active participation in maritime practice, inclusion of women in the shipping and trade sector, and representation in international fora. The Seminar compliments the efforts of IMO in raising awareness on the need to empower women in the maritime sector and, in line with World Maritime Day theme "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community", served as an opportunity to raise awareness on the importance of gender equality, in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and to highlight the vital contribution of women within the maritime industry.













- 1. Female students of the IMLI Class of 2019 together with the IMLI Female lecturers
- Prof. D. Attard and Minister Dr. H. Dalli (Minister for European Affairs and Equality, Government of Malta)
   Mrs. M. Mbanefo (Former Director, IMO Technical Cooperation
- 3. Mrs. M. Mbanefo (Former Director, IMO Technical Cooperation Division)
- 4.Ms. H. Buni (Principal Programme Assistant, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO), Captain L. Falzon (Frist Female Master Mariner, Malta), Dr. H. Deggim (Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO) and Dr. M. Muscat (Maritime Attaché, Permanent Mission of Malta to IMO)
- 5. Dr. M. Faghfouri (Former Chief of Maritime Legislation / Legal Section, UNCTAD)
- 6. Ms. E. Belja (Senior Lecturer, IMLI) delivering a presentation on IMLI's role in promoting gender equality in maritime education

## **GRADUATION CEREMONY** 15 JUNE 2019

IMLI held its 30th annual Graduation Ceremony on Saturday 15 June 2019 at the Malta Maritime Museum, Vittoriosa. During the Graduation Ceremony, 48 students (from 36 countries) graduated from the Institute's programmes. 39 students were awarded the Degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law, one student was awarded the Diploma in International Maritime Law and seven students were awarded the Degree of Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) in International Maritime Legislation. One student was awarded the Degree of Magister Juris (M.Jur.) in International Maritime Law *in absentia*.



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During the 2019 Graduation Ceremony selected students were awarded the following prizes:

- IMO Secretary-General's Prize for Best Dissertation given to Ms. Kamyla Alejandra Barrientos Pineda (Guatemala)
  Professor Walter Müller Prize for the Best Maritime Legislation Drafting Project given to Mr. Mohd Nurrul Faiz Mohd Taib (Malaysia)
- 3. Sasakawa Prize for the Best Performing Nippon Foundation Scholar given to Ms. Barbara Ujlaki (Luxembourg)
- 4. Transport Malta Prize for Best Performance in Shipping Law given to Lt. Luis Arturo Morales Bretón (Mexico)
- 5. LRF Prize for the Best Performing Lloyd's Register Foundation Scholar given to Mr. Andrianirina Félicien Rabutin (Madagascar)
- 6. Maltese Government Prize for Best Performance in the Law of the Sea given to Ms. Sofiva Shvelidze (Kazakhstan)
- 7. Dr. Kofi Mbiah's Prize for the Best Performing African Scholar given to Mr. Nana Osei Adutwum (Ghana)
- 8.ITF Seafarers' Trust Prize on Seafarer's Law given to Mr. David Jincharadze (Georgia)
- 9. Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malta Branch Prize for Best Performance in Maritime Transport Law given to Lt. Cdr. Nasnaranpattiyage Don Chamira Jude Manilka Wickramasinghe (Sri Lanka)
- 10. REMPEC Marine Environment Law Prize given to Ms. Safiya Moore (Trinidad and Tobago)
- 11. The CMI Prize for Best Overall Performance given to Ms. Maja Radunovic (Montenegro)

Photos on the left:

- 1.Mr. K. Lim (Secretary-General, IMO), Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI), Dr. C. Doumbia-Henry (President, WMU) with Prof. G. Theocharidis, IMLI Faculty Members and the IMLI Graduands
- 2.H.E. Dr. G.Vella (President of Malta) accompanied by Mr. K. Lim (Secretary-General, IMO), Minister C. Abela (Minister, Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of Malta), Minister J. Mizzi (Minister for Energy and Water Management of Malta), Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI) and Dr. C. Doumbia-Henry (President, WMU)
- 3. Mr. K. Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) and Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI)
- 4.Mr. K. Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) with Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI) and IMLI Resident Faculty Members

## IMO CELEBRATED IMLI'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY 25 JUNE 2019

On 25 June 2019, Mr. Kitack Lim (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) hosted at the IMO Headquarters in London a Commemorative Seminar to celebrate IMLI's 30th anniversary. The Seminar was organised during the 69th Technical Cooperation Committee's meeting and was attended by Members of the IMLI Governing Board, representatives of IMO Member States, academic institutions and the maritime community, as well as by IMLI alumni from all over the world.

On the occasion, Mr. Lim acknowledged the long-standing exceptional contribution of Professor David Attard and expressed his sincere gratitude to the Government of Malta, the many donors and other institutions, both public and private, without whose support IMLI's success would not have been possible.

















- 1.Mr. K. Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) with Judge J. Paik (President, ITLOS), Ms. A. Szczepanski (Strategic Planning Support Officer, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG), IMO) and Professor D. Attard (Director, IMLI) at the IMO Headquarters on the occasion of the Commemorative Seminar
- 2.Mr. J. Harrison (Vice Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) delivering his address
- 3.Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI) delivering his address 4.Mr. K.Lim (Secretary-General, IMO), Mr. J. Bugeja (Secretary-General, General Workers' Union, Malta), Ms. K. Higginbottom (Head, ITF Seafarers' Trust), Minister I. Borg (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects of Malta) and Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI)
- 5.IMLI Alumni attending the Commemorative Seminar; 6. Judge J. Paik (President, ITLOS) delivering his address
- 7.Mr. K. Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) and Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI) cutting the IMLI Anniversary cake in the presence of Dr. I. Borg (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects of Malta)
- 8.Mr. K. Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) presenting Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI) with a letter of appreciation and commemorative award for his outstanding contribution to IMLI
- 9. Members of IMLI Governing Board attending the Commemorative Seminar
- 10. -12. IMLI graduates attending the Commemorative Seminar

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# **FELLOWSHIP DONORS** The Nippon Foundation - IMLI Cooperation

IMLI and The Nippon Foundation established in 2003 a joint project entitled "Human Resources development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Global Legal Order for the Oceans". Mr. Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman of The Nippon Foundation), accompanied by a high-level Delegation of Executives paid an official visit to IMLI on 26 March 2004 for the official launching of the Project.

The aim of this common undertaking is to contribute to the promotion, adoption, effective implementation and enforcement of international maritime conventions adopted under the aegis of the United Nations and of the IMO, and to encourage a greater participation by developing States, particularly Asian, in the major international maritime law conventions and legal instruments.

In 2019, the Project sponsored the studies of an additional 15 fellows who now form part of a formidable network of 183 maritime experts from 73 States who are making a positive impact on their countries and international fora. In 2019, the Project expanded further its contribution by sponsoring a fourth teaching position at the Institute. The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Law joined the Professor on Marine Environmental Law and the Lecturers on International Maritime Security Law, and Global Ocean Governance.



Mr. M Unno (Executive Director, The Nippon Foundation) addressing the Graduation Ceremony

## The IMO - IMLI Cooperation

IMO continued to support IMLI's activities. In 2019, IMO sponsored the studies of 11 fellows (one student co-funded with the Government of Saudi Arabia) from developing States, including Small Island States and Least Developed Countries. Thanks to the generosity of the Organization, to date, 196 maritime experts from 84 States have received training in the Institute's LL.M. and M.Hum. programmes since the Institute's inception. In addition, the IMO Technical Cooperation Division, sponsored in 2019 the visits to IMLI of senior IMO officials who lectured on the latest developments in the areas of maritime safety, maritime security, protection of the marine environment as well as delivered lectures on maritime legislation drafting which enhanced the IMLI students expertise in the field.

## **The LRF - IMLI Cooperation**

The Lloyd's Register Foundation financed the studies of three deserving government nominated candidates in 2019. Providing fellowships since 2002, the support of the Foundation has allowed 44 lawyers from 37 States to receive training in international maritime law and contributing to the Foundation's goals to enhance the safety of life and property at sea and to advance education in related technical field.



Mr. K. Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) and Prof. R. Clegg (Foundation Chief Executive, Lloyd's Register Foundation) with the 2019 LRF sponsored graduates



Mr. Anthony Loke Siew Fook (the Honourable Minister of Transport of Malaysia) addressing the 69th session of the IMO Technical Cooperation Committee Meeting where he announced his Government's support to IMLI



Mr. K. Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) and Mr. J. J. Shiundu (Director, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) with the 2019 IMO sponsored graduates

# The ITF Seafarers' Trust - IMLI Cooperation

In 2019, IMLI and the ITF Seafarers' Trust further consolidated their cooperation by signing a Cooperation Agreement wherein the Trust committed to provide yearly fellowships to five deserving candidates for the period 2019-2024. For the academic year 2019-2020 the first five students hailing from developing countries which need to enhance their capacity in labour laws to ensure safe and decent working conditions on board vessels have benefitted from the Trust's funds.



Ms. Katie Higginbottom (Head of the ITF Seafarers' Trust) and Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI) signing the Cooperation Agreement between the ITF Seafarers' Trust and IMLI

## National Governments - IMLI Cooperation

In 2019, the Government of Malaysia supported IMLI through the provision of two fellowships for candidates applying to its LL.M. and M.Hum. programmes. Similar financial assistance was received by the Government of Saudi Arabia which enabled the training at IMLI of three government officials (one co-sponsored with IMO) from developing economies. The Governments of Ghana, Malta, Republic of Korea and Singapore also provided financial contributions to IMLI.

# **FINANCES**

REVENUE (IN EURO)	2017	2018	2019
	( 50, 970	207.020	262.116
DONATIONS/ GRANTS	459,879	307,030	262,116
	1,283,028	1,494,047	1,525,842
PHD PROGRAMME/ OTHER COURSES	30,297	4,907	60,444
	21,209	112,240	274,151
	9,744	53,552	53,212
	39,786	49,194	37,722
TOTAL REVENUE	1,843,943	2,020,970	2,208,487
EXPENDITURE			
PERSONNEL COSTS	1 121 622	1 212 200	1 269 510
STUDENT COSTS	1,131,633 157,975	1,213,300 274,364	1,268,510 366,304
MISSION TRAVEL	12,903		22,450
LIBRARY	25,529	10,877 17,847	36,244
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	166,133	174,415	181, 615
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	10,886	25,879	12,724
DEPRECIATION	18,622	17,415	20,682
OTHER EXPENSES	40,214	2,000	25,240
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,563,895	1,736,097	1,933,769
OPERATING INCOME	280,048	284,873	274,718
	200,040	204,015	214,110
GAIN/ (LOSS) ON DIFFERENCE	-13,091	16,302	2,504
ON EXCHANGE APPRECIATION/	-	-116,654	66,079
(IMPAIRMENT) OF INVESTMENT TAX	-	-956	-973
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR.	266,957	183,565	342,328
FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES (IN EURO)			
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FUND BALANCES AS AT 1 JANUARY	2,788,813	3,055,770	3,239,335
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	266,957	183,565	342,328
FUND BALANCES AS AT 31 DECEMBER	3,055,770	3,239,335	3,581,663

The Institute has steadily built up its Reserve Fund, attributed to surplus it generated over the years since its inception which is transferred to form part of the Fund Balances and Reserves.

The Fund Balances and Reserves of EUR 3,6 million can cover 185% or 22 months of sustainable support for a calendar year of operation of the Institute.

In the beginning of 2020, the external auditor of IMO, the Auditor-General of Ghana, conducted the annual audit of IMLI's financial statements for the year 2019 and thereafter issued an unqualified audit opinion. The Auditor-General declared further that IMLI is in a position to meet its current liabilities as and when they fall due.

## \*The above figures are based on the Institute's audited financial statements

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND FUND **BALANCES AND RESERVES (X EUR 1000)**



## **DONORS**

DONORS	2018	%	2019	%
THE NIPPON FOUNDATION	266,192	87	231,200	88
TRANSPORT MALTA	10,000	3	10,222	4
GOVERNMENT OF MALTA	7,981	3	9,214	4
CMI CHARITABLE TRUST	3,386	1	6,284	2
PROF. DAVID ATTARD	3,722	1	4,770	2
DR. JOSEPH BORG	6,629	2	0	0
REMPEC	85	0	85	0
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA	8,694	3	0	0
DR. KOFI MBIAH	295	0	295	0
CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LOGISTICS	46	0	46	0
TOTAL	307,030	100	262,116	100

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## **FELLOWSHIP DONORS**

A limited number of full fellowships are available to IMLI students annually on a competitive basis. The following donors provided fellowships in 2019:

The Nippon Foundation of Japan (15) International Maritime Organization (10) International Transport Worker's Federation (ITF) Seafarers' Trust (5) Lloyd's Register Foundation (3) Government of Malaysia (2) Government of Saudi Arabia (2+1 co-funded) Malta Ministry for Foreign Affairs (1 co-funded)

## Distinguished Visiting Fellows Programme Academic Year 2018-2019

The Honourable Minister Carmelo Abela (Malta) Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of Malta Mr. Julián Abril (Spain) Head of Facilitation, IMO Capt. Moin Ahmed (Bangladesh) Director General, IMSO Prof. Pinar Akan (Turkey) Head of Maritime and Insurance Law Department Marmara University, Istanbul Prof. Kevin Aquilina (Malta) Dean of the Faculty of Laws, University of Malta Prof. Ignacio Arroyo (Spain) Lawyer, Former President of the Spanish Association of Maritime Law Ms. Elena Bernini (Italy) Founder and CEO of Oxford Omnia International Mr. Archie Bishop (the United Kingdom) Consultant, Holman Fenwick & Willan Law Firm Prof. Augustín Blanco-Bazán (Argentina) International Lawyer and Consultant Dr. Philippe Boisson (France) Legal Consultant to Bureau Veritas, Paris The Honourable Minister Dr. Ian Borg (Malta) Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects Professor Simone Borg (Malta) Resident Academic, University of Malta, Chair, Institute for Climate Change and Sustainable Development and Head, Department of Environmental and Resources Law Mr. Ben Browne (the United Kingdom) **Enalish Solicitor** Capt. David Bugeja (Malta) Chief Officer & Harbour Master Ports & Yachting **Directorate Transport Malta** Ms. Violeta Bulc (Slovenia) European Commissioner for Mobility and Transport Ms. Helen Buni (the United Kingdom) Focal Point, the Women in Maritime Programme, Technical Cooperation Division of the IMO Mr. Richard Case (the United Kingdom) Senior Claims Director, Thomas Miller & Co., Managers of the UK P&I Club The Honourable Minister Dr. Helena Dalli (Malta) Minister for EU Affairs and Equality Dr. Hichen Dammak (Tunisia) Lawyer Dr. Heike Deggim (Germany) Director of the Maritime Safety Division, IMO Ms. Astrid Dispert (Brazil) Technical Adviser to the GEF-UNDP-IMO GIOMEEP Project, IMO Cdr. Dave Dubay (the United States of America) Military Professor, Stockton Center for International Law -U.S. Naval War College

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## Mr. Blaise Kuemlangan (Papua New Guinea)

Chief, Development Law Service (LEGN), Legal Office, FAO

## Prof. Ronán Long (Ireland)

Director, Global Ocean Institute and Professor, WMU

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## Mr. David Martin-Clark (the United Kingdom)

Insurance and Shipping Consultant

## Mr. Louis Mbanefo (Nigeria)

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## Mr. Jonathan Pace (Malta)

Acting Chief, Subdivision for Programme

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The Honourable Madam Justice Jacqueline Padovani Grima (Malta)

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# Academic projects 2018-2019

## Ms. Claudete Miguel do Sacramento e Sousa (Angola)

A Legal Analysis of the Cape Town Agreement on the Safety of Fishing Vessels and its Relevance to Angola

/ A Resolution to Incorporate the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 into the Laws of Angola and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

#### Mr. Robert Anthony Robinson (Belize)

Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries: An Assessment of Belize Legal Framework / Regulations to Incorporate the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) into the Laws of Belize and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

#### Capt. Marcus Vinicius de Oliveira (Brazil)

A Critical Analysis of the Recommendations of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf regarding the Brazilian Submission for an Extended Continental Shelf / A Presidential Decree Amending Brazilian Decrees No. 4,136 of February 20, 2002 and No. 8,127, of October 22, 2013, With Regard to the Legal Status of the Superjacent Waters to the Extended Continental Shelf

### Mr. Hassan Djama Mohamed (Djibouti)

An Assessment of the Challenges in the Implementation of the Jeddah Amendments to the Djibouti Code of Conduct concerning the Repression of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden / A Law to Incorporate the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 into the Laws of Djibouti and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

#### Mr. Ramy Ahmed Mohamed Ahmed (Egypt)

A Legal Analysis of the Need to Implement the International Safety Management Code in Egypt / A Decision to Implement the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 into the Laws of Egypt

## Mr. Ahmed Khamis Tulba Hussein (Egypt)

A Legal Analysis of the Impact of Search and Rescue Operations on the Welfare of Seafarers / A Law to Incorporate the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code into the Laws of Egypt and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

## Ms. Faranisese Kinivuwai (Fiji)

A Legal Analysis of the Transitioning of the Government Shipping Franchise Scheme to Decarbonisation: A Fiji Perspective / Marine (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) Regulations 2019

#### Ms. Anne Sandy Nzougha (Gabon)

A Legal Analysis of the Safety of Navigation Regulations with Special Reference to the SOLAS Convention: A Gabon Prospective / A Law to Incorporate the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping as amended into the Law of Gabon and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

#### Ms. Mben Faal (the Gambia)

A Critical Analysis of the Legal Regime on the Prevention of Pollution of the Marine Environment from Offshore Activities: A Gambian Prospective / Merchant Shipping (Safety of Fishing Vessels) Regulations 2019

## Mr. David Jincharadze (Georgia)

A Legal Analysis of the Manila Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping / A Law to Incorporate the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995 (STCW-F 1995) into the Laws of Georgia and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

#### Mr. Nana Osei Adutwum (Ghana)

The Development of a Maritime Security Framework in the Western Coast of Africa: A Critical Analysis of the Code of Conduct Concerning the Repression of Piracy, Armed Robbery against Ships, and Illicit Maritime Activity in West and Central Africa (Yaounde Code of Conduct) / Ghana Shipping (Amendment) Act 2019: An Act to Amend the Ghana Shipping Act, 2003 to Incorporate the Provisions of the Protocol of 1996 to Amend the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976 (as amended) and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

#### Ms. Pamela Deh (Ghana)

An Assessment of the International Legal Framework on Paperless Port System on Cargo Clearance for the Purpose of Trade Facilitation: A Ghanaian Perspective / Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collision at Sea) Regulations, 2019

## Capt. Nikolaos Papadakis (Greece)

An Assessment of the Effective Implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 as amended into Greek Legislation / A Law to Incorporate the 2016 Amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 into the Laws of Greece and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

## Ms. Kamyla Alejandra Barrientos Pineda (Guatemala)

A Legal Analysis of Measures Adopted to Prevent Unlawful Practices Associated with the Fraudulent Registration of Ships / A Decree to Incorporate the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 into the Laws of Guatemala and Regulations to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

#### Ms. Shonelle Oneca Streete (Guyana)

A Critical Analysis of the Implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention and its Implications on Female Seafarers in Guyana / An Act to Incorporate the Convention for the Suppression on Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA Convention 2005)and the Protocol for the Suppression on Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf, 2005 (SUA Protocol 2005) into the Laws of Guyana and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof Ms. Dayana Moldakhmetova (Kazakhstan)

A Legal Analysis of the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007: A Kazakhstan Perspective / A Law to Incorporate the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution, 2001 into the Laws of Kazakhstan and to Provide for the effective Implementation Thereof

#### Ms. Sofiya Shvelidze (Kazakhstan)

An Assessment of the Legal Regime of the Northern Sea Route in Light of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982 / A Law to Incorporate the Protocol of 1992 to Amend the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage of 29 November 1969 and the Protocol of 1992 Amending the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971 into the Laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

## Ms. Wendy Awudr Okun (Kenya)

he Migingo Island Dispute and the Importance of Peaceful Settlement of the Maritime Dispute between Kenya and Uganda / Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships Act

#### Ms. Caroline Wanjiru Wathuo (Kenya)

A Legal Analysis of the Impact of Marine Protected Areas on Shipping: A Kenyan Perspective / Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea) Regulations. 2019

#### Ms. Barbara Ujlaki (Luxembourg)

Enforcement Jurisdiction Over Stateless Vessels on the High Seas / A Law to Incorporate the Convention for the Suppression on Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA Convention 2005) and the Protocol for the Suppression on Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf, 2005 (SUA Protocol 2005) into the Laws of Luxembourg and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

#### Mr. Manolotsoa Narindra Rabemila (Madagascar)

A Legal Analysis of the Role of Maritime Information Exchange and Data Sharing for the Suppression of Maritime Security Threats: A Madagascar Perspective / A Law to Incorporate the Convention for the Suppression on Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA Convention 2005) and the Protocol for the Suppression on Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf, 2005 (SUA Protocol 2005) into the Laws of Madagascar and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

## Mr. Andrianirina Félicien Rabutin (Madagascar)

A Legal Analysis of the Measures Adopted to Combat IUU Fishing in Madagascar / A Decree to Implement the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 into the Laws of Madagascar

## Ms. Edith Igorette Fanomezantsoa Rasolondraboa (Madagascar)

A Legal Analysis of Irregular Migration by Sea: Combating a Threat to the Maritime Security of Madagascar / A Law to Incorporate the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended into the Laws of Madagascar and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

#### Lt. Hazwani Binti Senafi (Malaysia)

A Legal Analysis of South China Sea Disputes: A Malaysian Perspective / Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from Ships Act

#### Mr. Mohd Nurrul Faiz Mohd Taib (Malaysia)

An Assessment of the Challenges in the Implementation of the ISM Code: A Malaysian Perspective / Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulations 2019

#### Dr. Matthew Cassar (Malta)

Port State Control: An Analysis of Some of the Salient Legal Implications / A Set of Subsidiary Legislation to Transpose Directive 2017/2110 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2017 on a System of Inspections for the Safe Operation of Ro-Ro Passenger Ships and High-Speed Passenger Craft in Regular Service and Amending Directive 2009/16/EC and Repealing Council Directive 1999/35/EC into Maltese Law

#### Dr. Nigel Micallef (Malta)

The Responsibilities of States in Distress at Sea Situations: A Focus on the Mediterranean Sea / A Series of Technical Notices to Implement the 2016 Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as Amended into the Laws of Malta

#### Dr. William Vella (Malta)

A Legal Analysis of the 2020 Goals to Reduce Sulphur Emissions / Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Implementation of Regulation EC 1257/2013 on Ship Recycling into the Laws of Malta

## Mr. Teyib Sidi Teyib (Mauritania)

A Legal Analysis of the Safety of Fishing Vessels: The Importance of the Implementation of the Cape Town Agreement in Mauritania / A Law to Incorporate the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 Relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 into the Laws of Mauritania and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

## Lt. Luis Arturo Morales Bretón (Mexico)

A Legal Analysis of the Principle of Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims and its Implementation in Mexico / A Law to Incorporate Protocol of 1996 to Amend the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976 (as amended) to the Laws of Mexico and to Provide for the effective Implementation Thereof

## Lt. Paulina Vázquez Contreras (Mexico)

Safeguarding Seafarers Rights in Mexico: A Legal Analysis of the Importance of the Effective Implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention 2006, as amended into National Legislation / A Law to Incorporate the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended into the Laws of Mexico and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

## Ms. Maja Radunović (Montenegro)

Maritime Liens in Bankruptcy Proceedings: A Legal Analysis of the Need to Harmonize and Amend the Montenegrin Legislation / Law on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 2019

#### Ms. Idania Libertad Malespín López (Nicaragua)

A Legal Analysis of Arbitration Clauses in the Contract of Carriage of Goods by Sea: A Nicaraguan Perspective / A Law to Incorporate the Protocol of 1996 to Amend the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976 (as amended) to the Laws of Nicaragua and to Provide for the effective Implementation Thereof

#### Mr. Baba Inuwa (Nigeria)

Admiralty Jurisdiction and Arrest of Ships: A Nigerian Perspective / Merchant Shipping (Data Collection System For Fuel Oil Consumption of Ships) Regulations 2019

## Ms. Akpozuagha Diane Ndiomu (Nigeria)

A Legal Analysis of the Employment Private Armed Guard Personnel in the Nigerian Context / Merchant Shipping (Safety of Fishing Vessels) Regulations, 2019

#### Ms. Mei Sian González Wong (Panama)

A Legal Analysis of the Challenges in the Adequate Compliance with the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004: A Panamanian Perspective / A Law to Incorporate the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 into the Laws of Panama and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

#### Ms. Tinmet Elizabeth Toikilik (Papua New Guinea)

A Legal Analysis of the State's Rights and Obligations Relating to the Exploration and Exploitation of the Seabed: A Papua New Guinea Perspective / Underwater Cultural Heritage Act

## Mr. Maximo Imperio Bañares Jr. (the Philippines) The Right of Innocent Passage in the Territorial Sea versus

the Right of the Coastal State to Levy Charges Upon Foreign Ships: A Philippine Perspective / An Act to Incorporate the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 Relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 into the Laws of the Philippines and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof and for Other Purposes



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#### Lt. Evelyn Dinapunan Verganio-Monroy (the Philippines)

A Legal Analysis of the Safety of Small Vessels: A Philippine Perspective / An Act to Incorporate the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea,1972 as amended into the Laws of the Philippines and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof and for Other Purposes

## Ms. Veronique Rita Nibourette (Seychelles)

An Assessment of the International Convention on Ships' Ballast Water and Sediment Management, 2004: Advocating for its Incorporation and Implementation in the Seychelles' Legal System / An Act to Incorporate the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 into the Laws of Seychelles and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

#### Ms. Suad Nur (Somalia)

A Legal Analysis of the Challenges in the Implementation of 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972: The Case of Somalia / Maritime Security Act

#### Lt. Cdr. Nasnaranpattiyage Don Chamira Jude Manilka Wickramasinghe (Sri Lanka)

A Legal Analysis of the Issue of Illegal Migrants by Sea and the Enhanced Role and Responsibility of the Sri Lankan Navy / An Act against the Smuggling of Migrants by Sea, Land and Air 2019

## Ms. Allison Hermia Tench (St. Lucia)

Small Island Developing States and Ocean Governance – A Legal Analysis of St. Lucia's Legal and Regulatory Regimes against Vessel-Source Pollution (Discharge of Sewage) / An Act to Incorporate the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 into the Laws of St. Lucia and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

## Ms. Safiya Moore (Trinidad and Tobago)

A Legal Analysis of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment in the Wider Caribbean Region (WCR) or Cartagena Convention with Emphasis on the Legal Obligations Enunciated in the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities and its Enforcement within Trinidad and Tobago / Protection of Wrecks (Amendment) Act 2019: An Act to Amend the Protection of Wrecks Act Chapter 37:04 to Incorporate the Provisions of the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

## Mr. Rached Benmohamed (Tunisia)

An Assessment of the Challenges in the Implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention 2006, as amended into the Laws of Tunisia / A Law to Incorporate the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 into the Laws of Tunisia and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof

### Ms. Khalila Wanalia Astwood (Turks and Caicos)

Maritime Delimitation Intricacies: The Impact of the Archipelagic State's Regime on the Maritime Boundary of the Turks and Caicos Islands / Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) Regulations, 2019

#### Mr. Mykola Kozachenko (Ukraine)

Safeguarding Seafarers' Human Rights during Investigation in the Wake of a Maritime Incident / A Law to Incorporate the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 into the Laws of Ukraine and to Provide for the Effective Implementation Thereof



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  The IMLI Class of 2019 visiting Palumbo Shipyards, Malta
  IMI students attending the Malta v. Spain football match in March 2019
  The 2019 IMLI International Cuisine Competition
  The IMLI Class of 2019 in their trip to Gozo which is organised annually by Ms. M. Paris (Purchasing Officer, IMLI)
  Mr. K. Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) greeting Lt. A. Morales (Mexico) and Lt. P. Vasquez (Mexico) during the 2019 Graduation Ceremony



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