HEAD OF LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN SECTION, IMO TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION LECTURES AT IMLI

Captain Carlos Salgado (Head of Latin America and Caribbean Section, IMO Technical Cooperation Division) addressed on 20 January 2021 the students of the IMLI Class of 2020-2021 on the “IMO's Work in Global Regions: The Example of Latin America and Caribbean Section”. Captain Salgado was introduced to the Class by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), who expressed his pleasure in Captain Salgado’s participation in the IMO Work Operation Aspects Programme.

In his lecture, Captain Salgado highlighted some areas of focus in the current ICTP in Latin America and the Caribbean, including technical advisory and the gender programme as found in the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5, which he noted is a very important issue to the work of ICTP, especially in the Caribbean. He also referred to the National Maritime Transport
Policy and capacity-building and supporting developing countries to improve their ability to comply with the international rules and standards relating to maritime safety and the prevention and control of marine pollution, giving priority to technical assistance programmes that focus on human resource development and institutional capacity building. Captain Salgado further noted that the result of the training institutions, such as IMLI and WMU, is key to the work of ICTP. He commended IMLI for its Maritime Legislation Drafting Project, stating that it is of high importance after the IMO Member State Audit Scheme process.

Captain Salgado concluded his lecture by inviting two IMLI alumnae Lt. Paula Grillo (Class of 2006) from Argentina and Ms. Carolina Riesco (Class of 2010) from Chile to share their work achievements after their training at IMLI. He noted that both ladies have distinguished themselves as having played a crucial part in the region for the benefit of future generations and “...have been very instrumental in the development of technical cooperation in the region, in particular, in effectively incorporating IMO instruments into domestic legislation. Both ladies have been working in their respective maritime authorities and as a result of personal effort, have done extraordinarily for the region.” Captain Salgado informed the students that they also have the capacity, after being trained at IMLI to do much more for their regions.
Captain Salgado is a senior officer retired of the Chilean Navy. He attended the Arturo Prat Naval Academy and graduated as a midshipman in 1989. He is a maritime administration engineer, and a sub-specialist in maritime telecommunications. He served in maritime authority and coast guard duties more than 30 years. In his 30 years of active service, Captain Salgado has held a variety of shore and sea appointments. As a junior officer, most of his seagoing appointments were as commander of patrol boats fulfilling search and rescue and maritime police functions, while his shore appointments included the positions of Head of the Operations Department of several local maritime authority offices and Captain of the Port. As a senior officer, he has been assigned as Head of the Communications and Public Relations and International Affairs departments of the Chilean Maritime Authority Headquarters. He has also been appointed as Alternate Permanent Representative of Chile to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on two occasions.

At the international level, Captain Salgado has represented the Chilean Maritime Authority in numerous meetings and events related to the maritime field. In 2006, he was elected Vice chairman of the IMSO Assembly and between 2007 and in 2015 was elected Chairman of the IMO Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue (COMSAR). After the restructuring of IMO's subcommittees, he was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR).
Under IMO technical cooperation agreements, he has provided technical advisory to a variety of countries and organizations such as the Central American Commission on Maritime Transport (COCATRAM), the Maritime Authority of Panama, the Maritime Authority of El Salvador, and the Operative Network for Regional Co-operation among Maritime Authorities of the Americas (ROCRAM).

As of August 2016, he assumed the position of Head of Latin America and Caribbean Section, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO – London.

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