IMLI WOMEN LEAD: MORE PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Captain Carlos Salgado (Head of Latin America and Caribbean Section, IMO Technical Cooperation Division) delivered a lecture to 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”. Before concluding his lecture, Captain Salgado invited two IMLI alumnae, Lt. Paula Grillo (Class of 2006) from Argentina and Lt Cdr. 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. He acknowledged that both ladies have performed
extraordinarily and have been instrumental in the development of technical cooperation in the region. Captain Salgado used their achievements to serve as an inspiration to the Class.

In commenting on her professional experience, Lt. Grillo stated: “I must say coming to IMLI was a turning point in my professional life. After graduating, I focused only on maritime related issues, started writing articles on areas such as sub-standard ships and registration of ships. I also started attending IMO Legal Committee meetings as part of the Argentine delegation. I was then transferred to the Safety of Navigational Regulations Department. This was the Department responsible for monitoring new rules and amendments adopted at IMO, analyzing the need to adopt or amend domestic legislation towards implementation of IMO rules. A few years ago, I was given the opportunity to be in charge of a regional workshop on the implementation of international conventions. This was an excellent opportunity for me to demonstrate what I had learnt at IMLI and the 10 years practical experience gained through work.”
In sharing her professional experience with the IMLI students of the Class of 2021, Lt Cdr. Riesco said: “When I came to study at IMLI, I met a lot of people and still have a lot of friends from my class and I want to tell you that at IMLI you will have a large network from your colleagues to the vast number of influential Visiting Fellows. For me, it has been a very supportive network and every time that I have needed something, I just have to call someone, and I will have an answer to my doubt. Further, if you need something from any part of the world, you will find an IMLI fellow that will give you help and that is a certainty.”

Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) thanked Captain Salgado for his wonderful initiative of providing a platform for IMLI graduates to share their experiences to the Class. He congratulated Lt. Grillo and Lt Cdr. Riesco for their meaningful contribution to the region and stated that this was a moment of extreme pride for him.

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