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HEAD OF IMO IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTRUMENTS SUPPORT LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Brice Martin-Castex (Head of Implementation of Instruments Support, Department for Member State Audit and Implementation Support of IMO) delivered a lecture entitled "Challenges of using marine safety investigation information in the rule-making process" to the IMLI Class of 2020-2021. Mr. Martin-Castex was warmly welcomed by Professor Norman Martinez (Professor, IMLI).

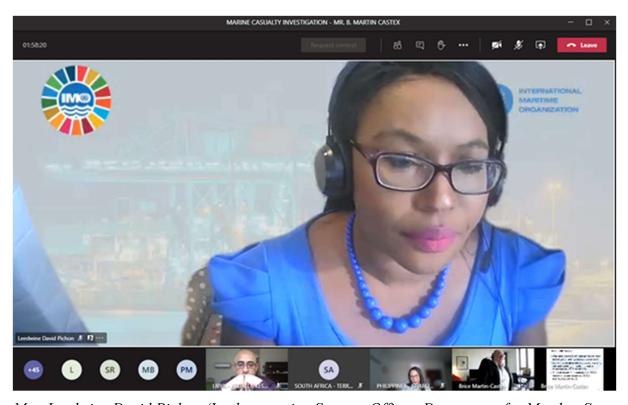


Mr. Brice Martin-Castex (Head of Implementation of Instruments Support, Department for Member State Audit and Implementation Support of IMO)

Mr. Martin-Castex commenced his lecture by noting that IMO has a long history of using casualty-related matters in the context of its rule-making process and explained that the Organization has developed a comprehensive casualty analysing scheme based on the fulfilment of casualty reporting requirements. Having introduced some guiding principles in the conduct of maritime casualty investigations, including the fair treatment of seafarers, he presented the classification of marine casualties and incidents, and associated legal framework,

including several mandatory instruments relating to Marine Casualty Investigation and, in particular, the Casualty Investigation Code. He stressed the importance of collecting casualty-related information, conducting marine safety investigations and reporting thereon to IMO. He presented the Marine Casualties and Incidents module, as a reporting tool contained in the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS).

Before the conclusion of his lecture, Mr. Martin-Castex was joined by Mrs. Leedwine David Pichon (Implementation Support Officer, Department for Member State Audit and Implementation Support of IMO), who further elaborated on training and implementation of casualty analysis-related matters and, in particular, the conduct, in November last year, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic of the first virtual regional train-the-trainers (TTT) Workshop on Marine Casualty Investigation.



Mrs. Leedwine David Pichon (Implementation Support Officer, Department for Member State

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Mr. Martin-Castex is a French Administrator of Maritime Affairs who joined IMO in 1993 to serve the Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (formerly Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation). He is particularly in charge of casualty-, port State control-, survey and certification-, and IMO number schemes-related matters, as well as illegal,

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