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IMOGEN WOMEN-ON-BOARD TO BE LAUNCHED AT IMLI

The Institute is pleased to announce the launching of a new initiative in promoting women in maritime affairs. This initiative entitled "IMOGEN Women-on-Board" will be the first at an IMO level and aims to match an IMLI female student with an experienced IMOGENder member who will provide her with the tools and advice she needs to realise her potential and advance her professional development.

IMOGEN, the International Maritime Organization Gender Equality Network, was established as a forum for IMO delegates to work in a coordinated manner, share information and exchange ideas and best practices aimed at achieving gender equality and promoting the participation of women in the maritime sector.



The "IMOGEN Women-on-Board" programme is based on values of intergenerational solidarity and transmission promoted by IMOGEN, as part of its plan to implement the actionable goals of resolution A.1147(31), Preserving the Legacy of the World Maritime Theme for 2019 and Achieving a Barrier-Free Working Environment for Women in the Maritime Sector. Its ambition is for IMLI female students to have access to professional role models enabling them to share experiences and information, to appropriate professional codes and to assert their individual ambition. Should you wish to know more about IMOGEN please contact coordinators Dr. Michaela Muscat Spaak and Ms. Gillian Grant on imogendernetwork@gmail.com.

A webinar launching this mentoring scheme will be held on 9 March 2021 at 11 am (CET). The IMO Secretary-General will deliver the keynote speech. Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) noted, 'I am delighted with this mentoring programme. This initiative reflects IMLI's tradition in supporting women in maritime affairs in general, and in maritime law in particular. As far back as 1988, the IMLI Statute mandated that 50 per cent of places to the Institute's programmes is reserved for deserving women. Just like this initiative, this provision in the IMLI Statute was another first within the IMO system.'

For more information on the initiative and the webinar please refer to the attached brochure. You can follow IMOGEN on @IMOGENNetwork.

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