



IMLI CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On 8 March of each year, the world honours women on the day marked as International Women's Day. This is to celebrate the achievements of women and to raise awareness about gender equality. The theme for this year's International Women's Day is #ChooseToChallenge. It indicates that a challenged world is an alert world, and from challenge comes change.



IMLI Women 2018-2019

Being aware that shipping has historically been considered a male dominated industry, the Institute has, since its inception, joined the concerted efforts led by IMO to help the industry move forward and ensure that women achieve equal representation in the sector.

IMLI is proud to record that it has been in the vanguard of promoting participation of women in maritime affairs by ensuring equal access to quality education in its programmes and courses. In fact, IMLI was one of the first maritime training institutions within the United Nations

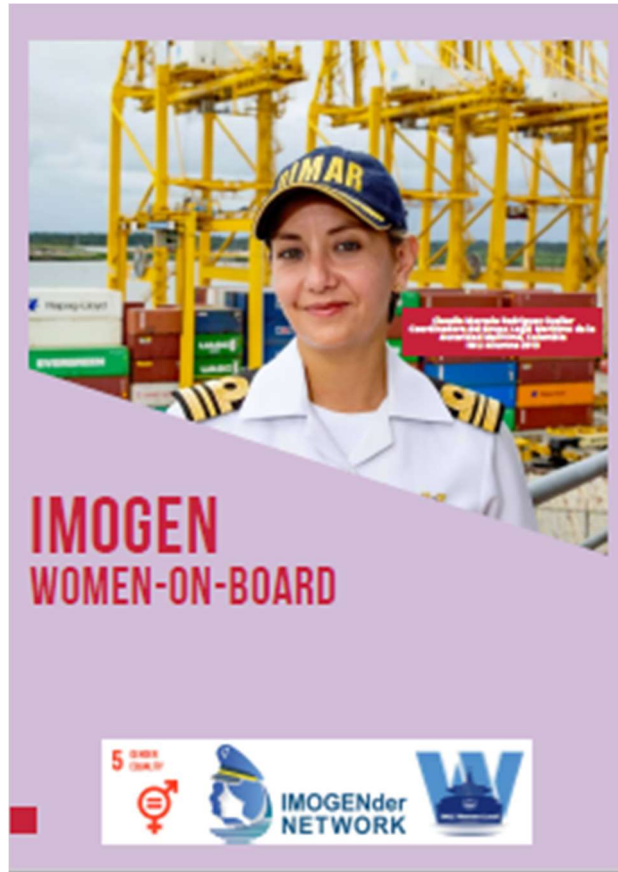
system to mandate that 50 per cent of the places in its programmes is reserved for qualified women candidates.



*(L to R) P. Vazquez Contreras (Mexico), M. Lopez Cruz (Nicaragua), L. Brajic (Mexico),
C. Riesco Fuenzalinda (Chile)*

This policy has been very successful and has brought about a substantial change in women participation in maritime training activities. The last decade has witnessed a major increase in the Institute's alumnae who have had the opportunity to hone their skills in maritime law and serve meritoriously their countries of origin and the international community at large.

In line with the theme for this year's International Women's Day, IMLI has continued with its relentless goal of empowering women, even in the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic. IMLI is currently providing training to 26 women in a class of 54 students. In addition, the Institute will launch tomorrow, a new initiative promoting women in maritime affairs, entitled "*IMOGEN Women-on-Board*", which will be the first at an IMO level. This initiative 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.



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) wishes to reiterate the Institute's commitment to continue empowering women in maritime affairs, while sending his best wishes to all women for a Happy International Women's Day.

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