



**DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SUBDIVISION FOR IMPLEMENTATION) OF THE IMO
MARINE ENVIRONMENT DIVISION LECTURES AT IMLI**

Ms. Patricia Charlebois (Deputy Director, Subdivision for Implementation, IMO Marine Environment Division) delivered on 19 February 2021, a lecture entitled “*Oil and Chemical Pollution Response – The International Regulatory Framework and A Review of Recent Incidents*” to the IMLI Class of 2020-2021. Ms. Charlebois was welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI).



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In her lecture, Ms. Charlebois discussed prevention and matters related to marine oil and chemical pollution preparedness and response as covered by the OPRC Convention and the OPRC-HNS Protocol. In doing so, she also discussed key provisions of both the Convention

and its Protocol, explaining the tiered response system within the Convention. Ms. Charlebois also highlighted issues of liability and compensation before moving on to incident trends and IMO's recent involvement in marine oil and chemical pollution spills that required immediate attention and the support of the Organization, notably related to preparedness and response in respect of FSO SAFER in Yemen; and the deployment of an expert to support the Government of Mauritius in the response to an oil spill from MV Wakashio.



Ms. Charlebois has been with the IMO for more than 17 years and is currently Deputy Director within the Marine Environment Division. In this role, she has oversight of technical cooperation implementation related to IMO's environmental conventions, as well as all matters related to preparedness and response to marine pollution incidents from both oil and chemicals.

Prior to her time at IMO, Ms. Charlebois spent five years as Technical Officer with the United Nations Environment Programme, deployed to the United National Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian affairs in Geneva, Switzerland, where she was responsible for mobilizing assistance and participating in international response missions to major environmental emergencies and natural disasters around the world. She has also had considerable national-level experience, having occupied emergency management positions within the Government of Canada with both the Department of Transport and the Department of Environment.

Ms. Charlebois holds a BSc in Chemistry from the University of Ottawa, Canada, and an MSc in Environmental Management and Business from Royal Roads University in Victoria, BC, Canada.

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