

## IMLI GOVERNING BOARD HOLDS ITS 35TH SESSION

The 35th session of the IMLI Governing Board (the Board) was held virtually today, 19 July 2021. The session was chaired by Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board), and attended by Professor David Attard, Dr. Philippe Boisson, Ambassador Victor Camilleri, Dr. Reto Dürler, Dr. Patrick Griggs, Mr. Jim Harrison, Professor Atsuko Kanehara, Ms. Nancy Karigithu, Dr. Louis N. Mbanefo, Dr. Kofi Mbiah and Mr. Xiaojie Zhang.

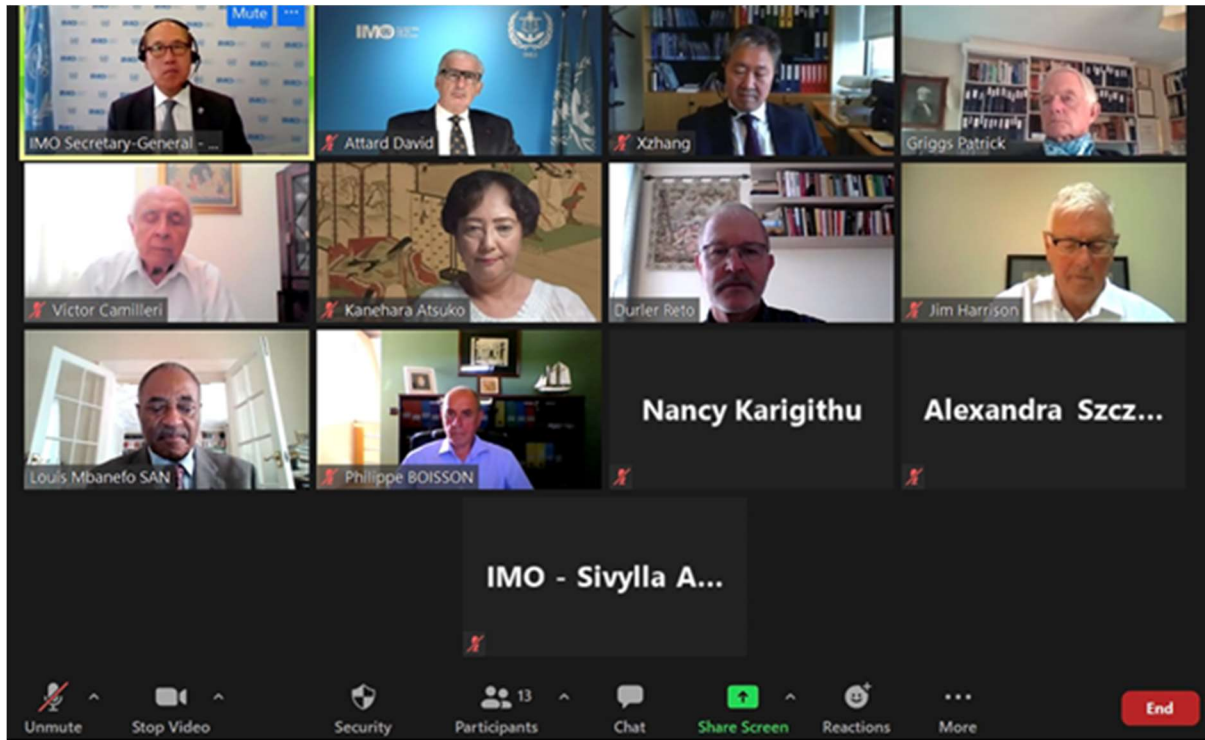
The Governing Board reviewed the Financial and Academic progress of the Institute for the period between 1 June 2020 and 30 June 2021.



*Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board)  
addressing the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Board*

The Director presented the Financial and Academic Reports for the Board’s consideration.

The Board commended the Institute for its financial stability and for completing its financial year, despite the prevailing difficult times, with a surplus.



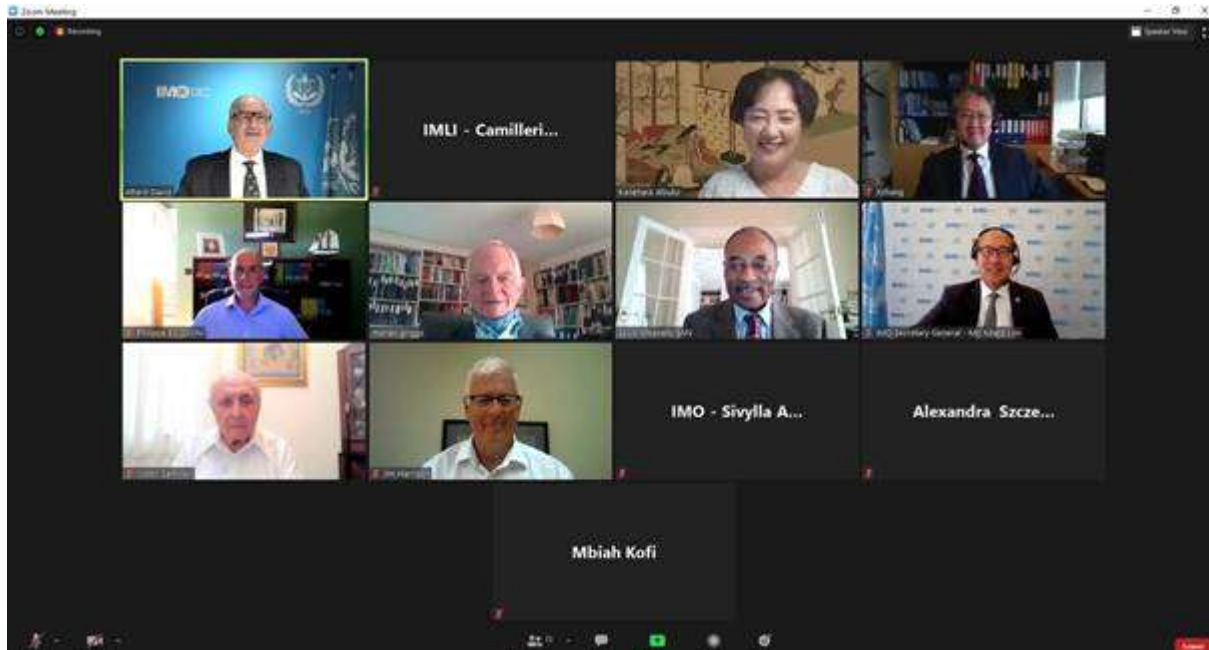
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The Board also noted with satisfaction the measures adopted by the Institute to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the health and safety of its students and staff, while maintaining the Institute’s high academic standards through its online teachings, supervision and examination. The Board further commended the Institute for the recognition by the Malta Government of its LL.M. and Ph.D. degrees, the organization of the specialized short courses which have contributed to the enhancement of capacity-building of IMO Member States, and its contribution to international conferences, workshops and theme specific webinars on different aspects of international maritime law.

Upon the request of Governor Griggs, the following was inserted into the record of the meeting  
*“The Governing Board wishes to record its appreciation of the manner in which the Director, the academic staff and the support staff have adapted the work of the Institute during the Covid-*

*19 Pandemic. The result has been an uninterrupted academic programme and yet another group of students fully equipped to advance their careers in the service of their countries.*

*On the financial side the Director and the Institute are to be commended for the continuing success in finding sponsors whose contribution to the financial success of the Institute is highlighted in the Financial Report.”*



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The Chairman then gave the floor to each Member of the Board for general comments. The Board Members expressed their appreciation for the Director's work during the pandemic, the Institute's continuous support to outgoing and incoming students and commended the Institute's adaptability to the new circumstances.

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