

## **IMO LEGAL COMMITTEE ELECTS IMLI GRADUATE AS VICE-CHAIR**

IMLI notes with pride the election of Mr. Ivane Abashidze (Georgia), as Vice-Chair of the IMO Legal Committee during its 108<sup>th</sup> Session held 26-30 July 2021. He was unanimously elected by the Member States. Mr. Abashidze is an IMLI graduate of the class of 2013-2014.



*Mr. Ivane Abashidze (newly elected Vice-Chair of the IMO Legal Committee)*

Mr. Abashidze is currently the Deputy Director of the Maritime Transport Agency of his country and was also the Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO).



*Mr. Ivane Abashidze with Professor David Attard during the Graduation Ceremony held on 7 June 2014*

Upon his election as Vice-Chair of the Legal Committee, the IMLI media office had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Abashidze. In the interview, he had this to say:

*"A couple of years back when I came to study at IMLI, I had the determination to be the change for my country and to make a difference on the international scene. After a successful graduation from IMLI, I came back to Georgia and pursued my career in the maritime administration with even greater responsibilities. Today I am honoured, and so is my country, to have been elected as Vice-Chair of the Legal Committee, one of the main bodies of IMO.*

*IMLI graduates are truly changing the understanding of modern maritime law, which demonstrates the success this Institute enjoys throughout the globe under the able leadership of Professor Attard.*

*It is with humility that some years ago, as a proud graduate of the Institute, I joined fellow graduates as a delegate of Georgia. And today, with even greater humility and pride I welcome my election as Vice-Chair of the Legal Committee. It is not an easy undertaking. As a proud IMLI graduate, I shall do my utmost to live up to the needs and expectations of Member States and to that of the whole Committee."*

---

*\* If you do not want to receive IMLI e-News in future, please return this message to the above address with request to DELETE in the subject field.*

*\*\* For further information, please contact Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Editor, IMLI e-News) at [publications@imli.org](mailto:publications@imli.org)*