

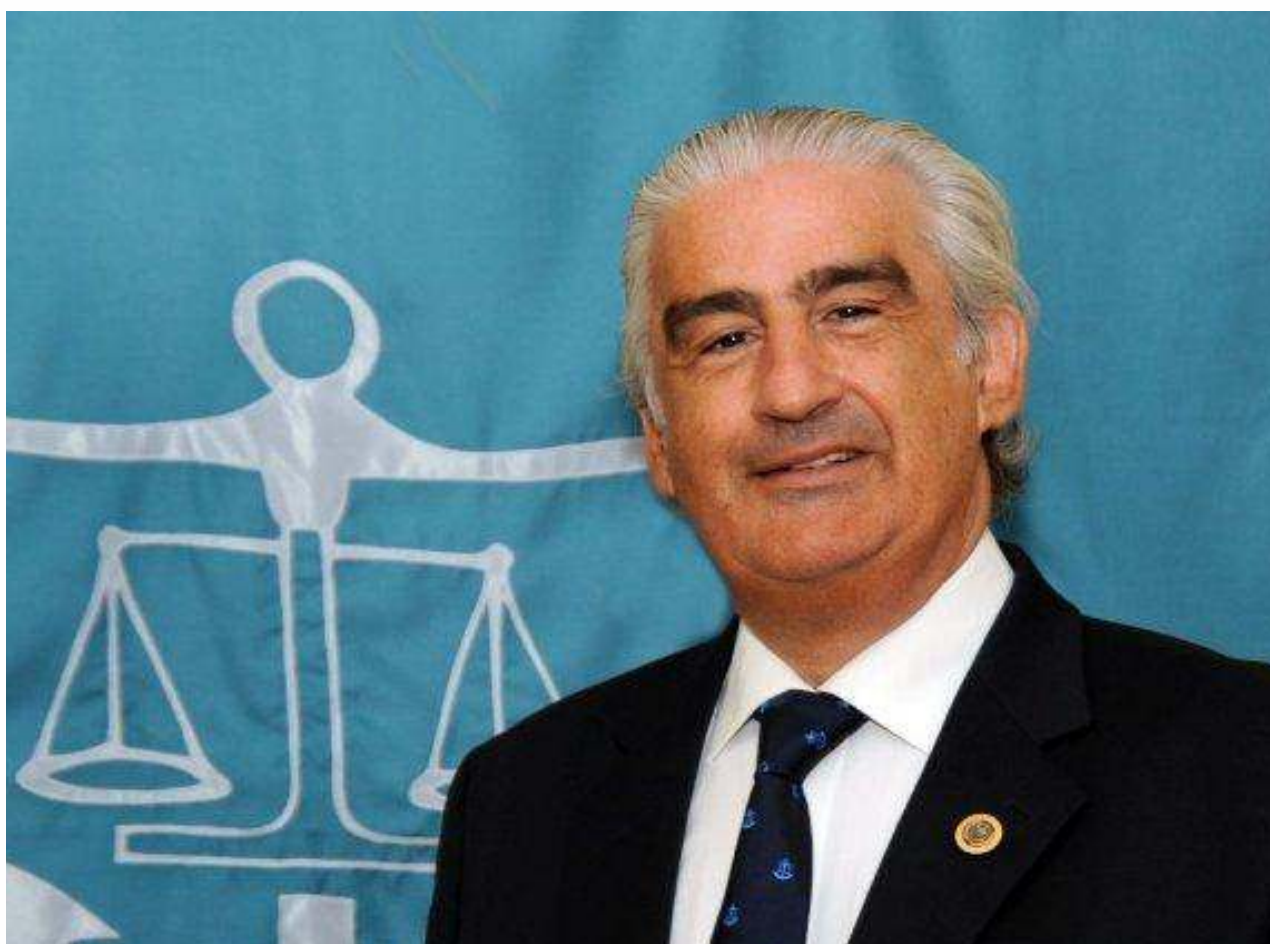
# IMLI *e*-NEWS

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## **PROFESSOR DAVID ATTARD TO BE AWARDED THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME PRIZE**

The Institute is proud to announce that the prestigious International Maritime Prize for 2021 is to be awarded to Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI). The International Maritime Prize is awarded annually by the IMO Council to the individual or organization judged to have made the most significant contribution to the work and objectives of IMO.



In its nomination, the Government of Malta commended Professor Attard's outstanding contribution to the objectives and functions of the International Maritime Organization, his remarkable leadership and his personal contribution to the International Maritime Organization through his role as Director of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute. Professor Attard has dedicated his entire career to enhancing capacity-building in all States, particularly developing States, to contribute to the fulfilment of the objectives of the International Maritime Organization thereby promoting safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping through cooperation. As Director of IMLI, Professor Attard has trained over 1,000 maritime professionals from nearly 150 States, thereby promoting the incorporation and effective implementation of international standards adopted by the International Maritime Organization.



The IMLI staff and the global network of maritime professionals trained by Professor David Attard since the Institute's inception congratulate him on this well deserved recognition.

DAVID JOSEPH ATTARD  
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE



**Academic Qualifications:**

- University of Malta: Diploma Notary Public, University of Malta (1977)
- Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), University of Malta (1978)
- Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.), University of Oxford (1986)

**Professional Qualifications:**

- Advocate, Malta
- Barrister-at-Law, Middle Temple, London

**Academic Appointments:**

- Associate Professor in the Department of Public Law, University of Malta (1986)
- Full and Founding Professor of Public International Law, University of Malta (1988-2011)
- Visiting Professor, IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Malta (1989)
- UNEP Chair of Environmental Diplomacy, Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, Malta (1990)
- Director, IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Malta (1992-Present)
- Head of the Department of International Law, University of Malta (1992-2009)
- Visiting Professor of International Law, University of Rome “Tor Vergata” (1994)
- Senior Visiting Lecturer, College of Foreign Affairs, Beijing (1995)
- Visiting Senior Research Fellow, University of Oxford (1998-1999)
- Fulbright Scholar, Yale Law School (2000)
- Titulary Member, Comité Maritime International (2001)
- Honorary Member, Comité Maritime International, Slovenia (2002)
- Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague; and Member of the Specialized Panel of Arbitrators, Permanent Court of Arbitration (2004-Present)
- Visiting Professor, University Pantheon Sorbonne (Paris I) (2007)

## **International Appointments:**



- Special Adviser to the IMO Secretary-General, London (1982)
- Special Senior Legal Adviser to the UNEP Executive Director, Nairobi/Geneva (1989)
- Member, United Nations Group of Experts on Petroleum Law, Paris (1988)
- Member, Committee of Experts on the International Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution, Valletta (1988)
- Elected Co-Chairman (together with Ambassador Alan Beesley, Canada) of Legal Experts Group to present working document on legal and policy issues to the Ministerial Conference on the Changing Atmosphere, Netherlands (1989)
- Member, Governing Board of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Malta (1989)
- Member, UNEP/WMO Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on Climate, Geneva (1989)
- Member, Council of Europe Group of Experts on Public International Law, Strasbourg (1989)
- Member, Board of Governors, Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, Malta (1990)
- Member, World Academy of Art and Science (nominated by Professor M. Reisman [Yale Law School]), Sweden (1990)
- Member, Board of Advisers, Climate Institute, Washington D.C. (1990)
- Adviser to President of the United Nations General Assembly, New York (1990)
- Chairman, UNITAR Working Group on Environmental Diplomacy, Geneva (1991)
- Co-ordinator, EU/MED CAMPUS course on Maritime Legal Problems in the Mediterranean, Rome (1993)
- Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, Malta (1993)
- Coordinator, with Professor Paul Kennedy (Yale Institute of Security Studies), of the Symposium “Law, Strategy and Policy in the Mediterranean: Past, Present and Future”, Yale University (1997)
- Member, Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), Strasbourg (2000)
- Member, EU Expert Group on Maritime Policy, Brussels (2005)

## **International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS):**



- Member of the Tribunal (2011-Present)
- Vice-President of the Tribunal (2017-2020)
- President of the Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes (2020-Present)

## **International Law Association (ILA):**

- Member of the British Branch of the ILA (1981)
- Representative of the British Branch of the ILA on its Exclusive Economic Zone Committee (1983)
- Representative of the British Branch of the ILA on its Cultural Heritage Law Committee (1990)
- President and Founder Member of the Maltese Branch of the ILA (1995)
- Arbitration Law Committee, ILA (1999)

## **Diplomatic Appointments:**

- Member of and Consultant to the Maltese Delegation to the International Maritime Organization General Assembly (1986)
- Head of the Maltese Delegation to the United Nations Preparatory Commission on Deep Sea Mining and the Law of the Sea Tribunal, New York (1987)
- Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the United Nations Secretary-General, New York (1987)
- Special Envoy of the Maltese Foreign Minister to the Government of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh (1988)
- Special Envoy of the Maltese Foreign Minister to the Government of the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi (1988)
- Adviser to the Maltese Delegation to the 43rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York (1988)
- Representative of Malta at the 2nd Committee (Economic) of the United Nations General Assembly, New York (1988)
- Principal Delegate to the UNEP/WMO Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Geneva (1988)
- Personal Representative of the Maltese Prime Minister to the Heads of States and Governments Meeting on the Global Atmosphere, The Hague (1989)
- Head of the Maltese Delegation to the UNEP Governing Council, Nairobi (1989)



- Member of Maltese Delegation to the IMO Diplomatic Conference on the Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response Convention, London (1990)
- Adviser to the Maltese Delegation to the CSCE meeting on the Settlement of Peaceful Disputes, Valletta (1991)
- Head of the Maltese Delegation to the United Nations Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on the Framework Convention on Climate Change, Washington D.C./Geneva/ Nairobi (1991)
- Head of Delegation to the Law of the Sea Meeting, New York (1994)
- Representative of Malta to the U.N. Congress on International Law (1995)

### **Membership in Professional Societies:**

- World Academy of Art & Science
- American Society of International Law (Washington)
- Oxford Law Society (Oxford) (Convener, Malta Branch)
- International Law Association
- Middle Temple, London
- Chamber of Advocates (Malta)
- Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (Houston)
- Comité Maritime International

### **Prizes and Awards:**

- Paul Guggenheim Prize for Public International Law, Geneva (1987)
- MUYAP Award, Istanbul (1988)
- Thorn/EMI Intellectual Property Award, London (1993)
- Lega Navale “DIOSCURI Prize”, Catania (1998)
- Chevalier dans l’Ordre National de la Legion D’Honneur, Paris (2004)
- Official, National Order of Merit, Malta (2007)
- Encomienda de Número de la Orden de Isabel la Católica, Spain (2009)
- Order of Merit, Italian Republic (2010)