On Tuesday 19 October, Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) presided over a ceremony held at the Institute during which the IMLI Class of 2022 took the Oath of Allegiance to the Institute. Professor Norman Martínez Gutiérrez (Professor, IMLI) guided the students through the Oath.
IMLI held its flag raising ceremony on Monday 25 October 2021. The ceremony was presided over by the Institute’s Director, Professor David Attard. During the Ceremony, the honour of raising the flag was bestowed on the respective moral tutors of the students.

Students attending the Ceremony online
The Institute notes with pleasure that 36 flags were raised and that El Salvador and Guinea-Bissau are being represented for the first time in any of the Institute’s programmes. The flags of the 36 countries represented at IMLI are:

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas (the), Belarus, Benin, Brazil, China, Dominica, Fiji, El Salvador, Gambia (the), Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Liberia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Montenegro, Namibia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Philippines (the), Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Sudan (the), Trinidad and Tobago, and Tunisia.

Subsequently, a student from Ghana has joined one of the Institute's programmes and the flag of Ghana will be hoisted to note the country's representation at IMLI.
On Friday 29 October, H.E. Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici (President Emeritus of Malta) commenced the delivery of his annual set of lectures on Comparative Law. In his lectures, Dr. Mifsud Bonnici will address the topics of ‘Classification and Differentiation’; ‘The Mainstream of Law in the West’; ‘The Specific Nature of Anglo-Saxon Common Law Systems’; ‘Law in Islamic Countries’, and ‘Law and Change: The Drafting of New Laws’.

**AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE TO MALTA VISITS IMLI**

IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming Her Excellency Agnès von der Mühll (Ambassador of France to Malta) on 29 October 2021. During her visit, Ambassador von der Mühll held a meeting with Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI). During the visit, Professor Attard also introduced Members of the Institute’s Faculty to Ambassador von der Mühll.
To promote capacity-building in the Law of Treaties, IMLI is offering for the second time an online intensive programme on the subject commencing Monday 8 November 2021.

The Programme comprises of two parts. The first part will provide a comprehensive Introduction to the Law of Treaties which will cover the major aspects of the Law of Treaties and the second part of the Programme, which will commence on 30 November 2021, will consist of Specialist Seminars on the Law of Treaties.

To apply, please contact admissions@imli.org by not later than 01 November 2021.

IMLI congratulates Dr. Emeka Okwuchukwu Akabogu (Nigeria), who has successfully completed his studies in the IMLI Research Degree Programme and has been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Maritime Law. Dr. Akabogu's undertook his research on “Utility of the single window system for trade facilitation in Nigeria's Import and Export Regimes”. Dr. Akabogu noted that he was very proud to be the first African to be bestowed the prestigious Ph.D. Degree from IMLI.

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