THE SIXTH CONSECUTIVE MARITIME TRANSPORT POLICY SEMINAR HELD AT IMLI

Professor Raphael Baumler (Professor, Head of Maritime Safety & Environmental Administration, WMU), Professor Henning Jessen (Associate Professor of Maritime Law & Policy, WMU), Mr. Jonathan Pace (Chief, Subdivision for Programme Management and Coordination, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO), and Professor George Theocharidis (Professor of Maritime Law & Policy, WMU), conducted a four-day seminar on Maritime Transport Policy for the IMLI Class of 2021-2022. During the Seminar, the resource persons, who were welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), introduced the students to the concept of a maritime transport policy and its importance to the development of maritime legislation by highlighting the close relationship between policy and legislation. To conclude, as is the usual practice, the students, who had been divided into groups, presented an outline of a National Maritime Transport Policy of an imaginary country, taking into account the obligations under international maritime conventions and the socio-economic development strategy of the represented country.
Row 1- L-R: Professor Raphael Baumler (Professor, Head of Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration, WMU), and Professor Henning Jessen (Associate Professor of Maritime Law & Policy, WMU)

Row 2- L-R: Mr. Jonathan Pace (Chief, Subdivision for Programme Management and Coordination, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO), and Professor George Theocharidis (Professor of Maritime Law & Policy, WMU)
Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Deputy Director/Head, Legal Affairs Office, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division of IMO) delivered on 16 November a set of lectures within the Institute's Programme on Law of Treaties. Her lectures were entitled “IMO Treaties: From Adoption to Amendment” and “Implementing IMO Instruments: Turning International Conventions into National Law” respectively. Dr. Lost-Sieminska was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2021-2022 by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer, IMLI). Dr. Lost-Sieminska informed the students with great satisfaction that she is an IMLI alumna and that there is no better place than IMLI and Malta to study about maritime law.
THE FAO – IMLI INTERNATIONAL COURSES ON FISHERIES LAW COMES TO A SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

The FAO – IMLI International Course on Fisheries Law and the FAO – IMLI Curso Internacional sobre el Derecho de la Pesca have been completed. The Courses were conducted in English and in Spanish respectively from September to November 2021.

The Courses aim to enhance the participants’ knowledge in international fisheries law and governance, with emphasis on the relevant FAO instruments such as the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.
Labour at sea is deemed unique owing to its specific features and the environment in which it takes place. Seafarers, by the nature of their employment, are an isolated international occupational group of workers who face prolonged absence from their homes, resulting in important social and legal consequences. Unfortunately, since the development of the maritime industry, seafarers' fundamental rights have not always been considered a priority, thereby often not respected by shipowners.

Therefore, it was deemed necessary to adopt international rules to make special provisions for seafarers' rights protection and to ensure effective implementation of their provisions through the cooperation of the international community. The latest of these efforts is the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC), as amended.

IMLI has been in the vanguard in raising awareness on the importance of maritime labour law standards.

The IMLI Course on Seafarers' Rights reiterates the Institute's commitment to the protection of seafarers in line with the international efforts spearheaded by the IMO and ILO.

The Course will address many aspects of maritime labour law, including the characteristics of international maritime labour law, the functions of ILO, IMO, ITF and other organizations committed to the protection of seafarers' rights, the different international instruments dealing with seafarers, their rights and duties, with particular emphasis on the MLC. The Course will guide participants to the practical application of the MLC, including its amendments, and the efforts being made to limit the effect of the pandemic on seafarers worldwide.
The Course is addressed to persons directly involved with maritime labour law issues. It will be particularly beneficial to policy makers and legal drafters, as well as maritime administrations' and port authorities' officers. The Course will also be of benefit to private practitioners who handle seafarers' rights infringements and any other person who advocates for the upholding of seafarers' rights.

The Course will be delivered online. Candidates who attend at least 80 per cent of the lectures will be eligible for a Certificate of Attendance.

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