Judge Tomas Heidar (Vice-President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)), delivered a lecture on 17 May to the IMLI Class of 2021-2022 and external government officers entitled "The Contribution of ITLOS to the Protection of the Marine Environment." He was introduced by Professor Judge David Attard (Director, IMLI), who expressed his delight to have him deliver a lecture at IMLI and informed the audience that Judge Heidar combines a remarkable legal and diplomatic career.
The Institute also had the pleasure of welcoming Judge Óscar Cabello Sarubbi and Judge Maurice K. Kamga (Judges of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)). The distinguished Judges delivered their lectures on 17 May to over 70 government officers who are attending the IMLI Course on Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes. Judge Cabello, who has been a Member of the Tribunal since October 2017, addressed the audience on the topic of "Advisory Opinion on Fishing in the EEZ of other States (case no. 21)." He was introduced by Professor Judge Attard (Director, IMLI), who noted that Judge Cabello is renowned lawyer, diplomat and academic.

In introducing Judge Kamga, Professor Judge Attard informed the participants that he has been a Member of the Tribunal since October 2020 and is a friend of the Institute, having visited it in the past as a distinguished visiting lecturer. Prior to being elected as ITLOS Judge, Judge Kamga was the Legal Secretary of the International Court of Justice (ICJ). His lecture was entitled "The Contribution of ICJ to the Development of the Law on Settlement of Maritime Disputes."
Professor Thomas J. Schoenbaum (Shefelman Distinguished Professor of Law, George Washington University School of Law) delivered on 18 May 2022 a Lecture entitled “Peace in the North-East Asia”. Professor Schoenbaum was welcomed and introduced to the participants by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI). In his introduction, Professor Attard referred to Professor Schoenbaum as one of the world's most distinguished international maritime lawyers and first (founding) Director of the Tulane University Maritime Law Center. Professor Attard recorded that subsequently Professor Schoenbaum became the holder of the Dean Rusk chair of law and Director of the Dean Rusk Center of International and Comparative Law at the University of Georgia.

Dr. Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce (Registrar, ITLOS) returned to address the IMLI Course on Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries to deliver two lectures on 19 May entitled "Consultations and identification of the Judicial Body" and "Relations between ITLOS and State Parties." Dr. Hinrichs was elected as the Registrar of the Tribunal in September 2019.
Her Excellency, Ambassador Vanessa Frazier (Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations in New York) delivered on 17 May 2022 a lecture entitled “The Role of The Security Council in Maintaining International Maritime Peace.” Her lecture formed part of the lectures being delivered within the IMLI Course of International Maritime Security Law.

Dr. Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce (Registrar, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS))

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALTA TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK LECTURES AT IMLI

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IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming Her Excellency Ms. Linda Scott on 18 May 2022. H.E. was accompanied by Mr. Pinehas Auene (Alternate Permanent Representative to the IMO). During the visit, Ms. Scott and her delegation held a meeting with Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) during which she reiterated her appreciation to Professor Attard and IMLI for the support extended to Namibian government officers who had the opportunity of being trained at IMLI. Professor Attard thanked the Ambassador for her recognition of IMLI's work at various IMO bodies. At the conclusion of the meeting, Professor Attard introduced the guests to the Institute's academic staff.

Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) with Her Excellency, Ms. Linda Scott (High commissioner of Namibia to London) during her visit

PROFESSOR AND VICE DEAN OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA INSTITUTE, SCHOOL OF LAW AT XIAMEN UNIVERSITY LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Yubing Shi (Professor and Vice Dean of the South China Sea Institute, School of Law at Xiamen University, China) delivering his lecture
Dr. Yubing Shi (Professor and Vice Dean of the South China Sea Institute, School of Law at Xiamen University, China) delivered a lecture within the IMLI Course on International Maritime Security Law entitled "China's newly adopted Coast Guard Law." Dr. Yubing Shi is also the Editor-in-Chief of China Oceans Law Review, a peer-reviewed bilingual journal that has been jointly operated by five universities since 2005.

Eminent personalities continue to deliver valuable lectures within the IMLI Course of Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance. In this regard, the Institute welcomed Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema (Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity) and Ms. Carmen Mifsud (Senior Environment Protection Officer, Environment and Resources Authority, Malta).

Ms. Mrema delivered a lecture on "The Role of UNEP in the Protection of the Marine Environment" and Ms. Mifsud's lecture focused on "Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction".
Dr. Derek Smith (Partner at Foley Hoag LLP, Washington, DC, USA) has commenced his lectures within IMLI Course on the Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries. His first lecture was entitled “Filing a Case”. This would be followed by a second lecture entitled "Preparation of Written Pleadings: Research Methodology and Legal Writing." Dr. Derek Smith practices in the areas of international dispute resolution, public international law and petroleum law. He represents governments and State entities in international arbitration and other dispute settlement proceedings, including at ICSID, the ICC and ICJ. He also works with governments of petroleum producing countries and national oil companies.

IMO OFFICER LECTURES ON CASUALTY INVESTIGATION

Mrs. Leedwine David Pichon, (Implementation Support Officer, Department for Member State Audit and Implementation Support at IMO) delivered a lecture entitled “Casualty Investigation” to the IMLI Class of 2021-2022. Mrs. David Pichon was warmly welcomed by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer, IMLI). Among other duties, Mrs David Pichon deals with all casualty related matters as part of the work carried out by the Organization.