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#### THE IMLI FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S MEETING HELD



Members of the IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee (FINCOM)



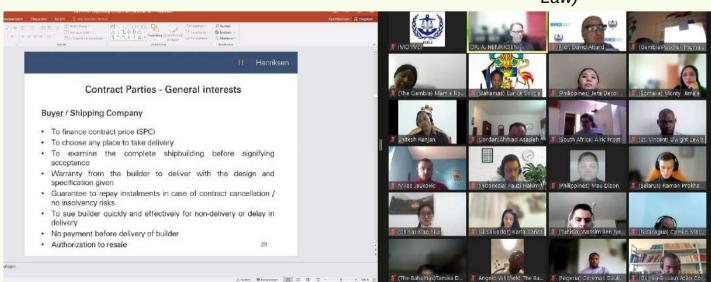
The Institute's Financial and Human Resources Committee (FINCOM) met on Friday 10 December 2021. The meeting was attended by Mr. Jim Harrison (Chairman, FINCOM), and FINCOM Members, namely Professor David Attard, Dr. Philippe Boisson, Dr. Reto Duerler, and Mr. Xiaojie Zhang. The Committee examined, approved and expressed appreciation for the financial performance of the Institute in the first six months of the financial year. The Committee also considered the report relating to the Institute's Strategic Plan progress and congratulated the Director and staff for achieving progress despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Finally, it was decided that in order to attract Government Officials from non-English speaking States, IMLI would utilize part of its surplus to offer maritime legal English training. This measure is intended to provide training opportunities at IMLI to Government Officials hailing from non-English speaking countries.

## EMINENT SPECIALIST IN COMMERCIAL AND CORPORATE LAW LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Axel Henriksen (German Lawyer **Specialist** Certified and а in Commercial and Corporate Law) delivered three lectures on the topic "Ship Building Contracts: A Practical Perspective" from 14 to 16 December 2021. Dr. Henriksen, who is also a qualified Bank Clerk (Deutsche Bank AG) was introduced to the Class by Professor David Attard (Director. IMLI).



Dr. Axel Henriksen (Lawyer and a Certified Specialist in Commercial and Corporate Law)





#### **IMO ASSEMBLY MEETS FOR ITS 32ND SESSION**

The IMO Assembly, which is the Organization's highest governing body, has met for its 32nd session from 6 to 15 December 2021 at the IMO Headquarters in London. During the meeting, the Assembly elected the Members of IMO Council for the 2022-2023 biennium. During this Session, the Assembly also adopted amendments to the IMO Convention to expand the size of the Council, extend the term of its Members and recognize three additional language texts as authentic versions of the IMO Convention.



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) delivered a brief intervention during the meeting highlighting the Institute's efforts to enhance capacity-building in all IMO Member States, especially developing countries. He recorded with satisfaction the large body of IMLI graduates and informed the Assembly on the numerous specialized training programmes launched by the Institute.

Professor Attard shared with the States' Representatives attending the meeting that IMLI's policy to reserve 50 per cent of places to its programmes and courses has been instrumental in producing 446 female maritime leaders.

Professor Attard's speech was followed by interventions of Representatives from the Bahamas, Indonesia, Namibia, Nigeria and South Africa who expressed their appreciation to the Director and IMLI for the valuable services to the international maritime community.

#### IMLI MOURNS THE PASSING OF ONE OF ITS DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSORS

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute wishes to express its heartfelt condolences to Malta and the family of Ambassador Saviour F. Borg, who passed away on Sunday, 12 December 2021 at the age of 76. Ambassador Borg served in Malta's Foreign Service from 1977 to 2012, having joined the Maltese Civil Service in 1965. He was an ardent friend and supporter of the the Institute and a Visiting Professor.

From August 2007 to January 2012, the he served Permanent as Representative of Malta to the United Nations in New York, also serving as the Rapporteur of the United Nations Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. Ambassador Borg was instrumental in the recognition by the UN General Assembly of the Institute's capacitybuilding role for the benefit of the international community. IMLI records with pride that such recognition has continued to be extended for the last 13 years.



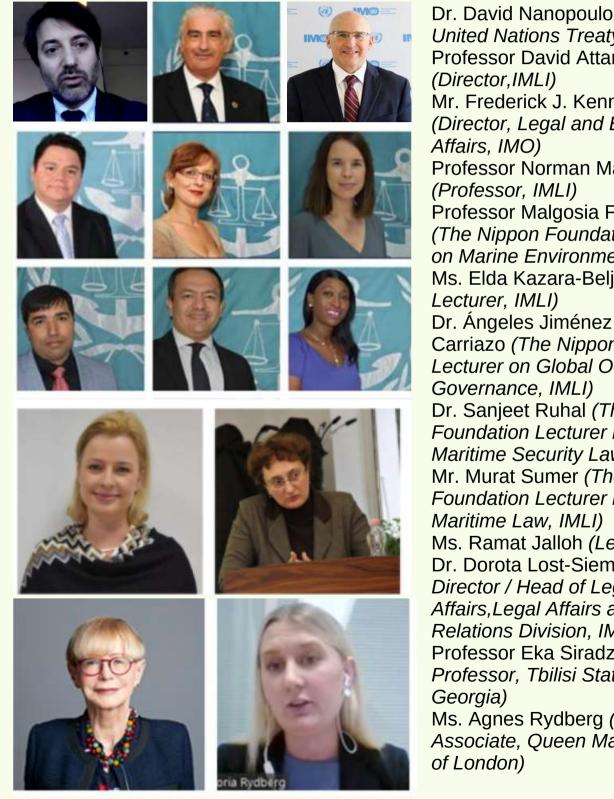
Ambassador Saviour Borg lecturing at IMLI



Ambassador Saviour Borg with the IMLI Class of 2014-2015

#### IMLI SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES ITS SECOND ANNUAL LAW OF TREATIES PROGRAMME

IMLI has successfully completed its dedicated Programme on the Law of Treaties, with a concluding lecture delivered by Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, IMO Legal and External Affairs). The Specialized Programme which ran from 8 November 2021 to 16 December 2021, had commenced with the Inaugural Lecture of Dr. David Nanopoulos (Chief of the United Nations Treaty Section). The Programme brought together thirteen experts.



Dr. David Nanopoulos (Chief, United Nations Treaty Section) Professor David Attard Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, Legal and External Professor Norman Martínez Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI) Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Dr. Ángeles Jiménez García-Carriazo (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law, IMLI) Mr. Murat Sumer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI) Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Deputy Director / Head of Legal Affairs, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) Professor Eka Siradze (Associate Professor, Tbilisi State University, Ms. Agnes Rydberg (Teaching Associate, Queen Mary University

### **MEXICAN NAVY OFFICERS AND CADETS VISIT IMLI**

IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming a number of Officers and Cadets from the Mexican Navy on 16 December 2021. They had arrived in Malta on board the Mexican Navy sail training ship '*Cuauhtemoc*', which called at the Valletta Harbour on the 14 December. During their visit, they were welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI). Professor Norman Martínez (Professor, IMLI) delivered an address in Spanish about the work of the Institute which was followed by a presentation on IMLI-Mexican Navy Alumni by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer, IMLI).



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and Professor Norman Martínez (Professor, IMLI) with the Officers and Cadets during the visit

