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IMLI'S FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

IMLI's Financial and Human Resources Committee (FINCOM) met on Friday 22 April 2022 in the Bureau Veritas offices in Paris. The meeting was attended by Mr. Jim Harrison, Professor David Attard, Dr. Philippe Boisson, Dr. Reto Duerler, and Mr. Xiaojie Zhang.



IMLI's Financial and Human Resources Committee (FINCOM)





The meeting is one of the two meetings held annually by FINCOM to review the financial, administrative and personnel issues of the Institute. The Members of FINCOM are appointed by the Governing Board. The Committee is currently presided over by Mr. Jim Harrison as its Chairman. The Committee's role is to assist the Governing Board and the Director on the funding and finances of the Institute and on administrative matters, including personnel.

PRESIDENT OF ITLOS INAUGURATES THE IMLI COURSE ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF MARITIME DISPUTES AND DELIMITATION OF MARITIME BOUNDARIES

IMLI had the distinct honour of having Judge Albert Hoffmann (President, ITLOS) inaugurate the IMLI Course on the Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries. President Hoffmann was introduced to the Course Participants by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI).



Judge Albert Hoffmann (President, ITLOS)

Prior to introducing President Hoffmann, Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) welcomed the 27 government nominated participants to the Course, informing them that the Course has become an annual landmark in the Institute's academic programme. He explained that the Course will focus on the settlement of maritime disputes generally, but more specifically on the role of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), which he described as the daughter to the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. He registered his hope that by the end of the Course, the participants will be able to identify possible avenues for the peaceful settlement of maritime disputes.



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) introducing President Hoffmann to the Course participants and students of the IMLI Class of 2021-2022

Professor Attard reiterated the Institute's recognition of the invaluable contribution of the Tribunal, informing the participants that, in 2008, IMLI had awarded to the Tribunal its Award for Meritorious Contribution toward the Development, Interpretation and Dissemination of International Maritime Law.

Professor Attard's welcoming remarks were followed by Judge Hoffmann's inaugural address.



President Hoffmann, in thanking Professor Attard, stated that in the more than 30 years of its existence, IMLI has made a remarkable contribution to capacity-building in maritime law and law of the sea, by training candidates from all over the world, particularly from developing countries, thereby helping those countries to build national capacity for implementing international maritime law. As such, he added, the Institute has played a key role in ensuring safer shipping and cleaner oceans. President Hoffmann noted further that focus on dispute settlement in the law of the sea is a natural and welcome extension of the Institute's work. Participants and students were very appreciative of his lecture.

REMPEC HEAD OF OFFICE LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Gabino Gonzalez (Head of Office, Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)) delivered a lecture within the Institute's Courses on Ports and Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance entitled "*Regional Approaches to Preparedness, Response and Cooperation in Case of Pollution Incidents*" . He was welcomed and introduced to the participants by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer, IMLI).



Mr. Gabino Gonzalez (Head of Office, REMPEC), delivering his lecture

Mr. Gonzalez's background combines a thorough knowledge of IMO Conventions related to prevention, preparedness, and response to marine pollution as well as research and development, scientific survey, chemical quality control, oil spill response operations, regional emergency coordination, advocacy, capacity building, development of regional and international technical guidelines and training material.

ITLOS JUDGE KATHY-ANN BROWN LECTURES AT IMLI

Judge Kathy-Ann Brown (Judge, ITLOS) delivered a lecture on 19 April to entitled '*International Dispute Settlement*.' In introducing Judge Brown, Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), expressed his appreciation to her for agreeing to address the external participants and IMLI students. He informed them that Judge Brown is an eminent lawyer with a brilliant career in her native country of Jamaica. He noted also that she has a wealth of knowledge in the area of her lecture.



Judge Kathy-Ann Brown (Judge, ITLOS)

Judge Brown has published widely and she was congratulated by Professor Attard for the recognition of her active contribution to human right's protection. She was inducted into the Hall of Eminent International Caribbean Jurists in 2019.

HEAD OF THE OFFICE FOR THE LONDON CONVENTION/PROTOCOL AND OCEAN AFFAIRS AT THE IMO LECTURES AT IMLI

The Institute was pleased to welcome Mr. Fredrik Haag (Head of the Office for the London Convention/Protocol and Ocean Affairs, IMO), who delivered a lecture entitled "*Protection of the Marine Environment from Dumping of Waste and Other Matter*" on 19 April 2022. Mr. Fredrik Haag was introduced by Professor Norman Martinez (Professor, IMLI) who informed the participants that, as Head of the Office, Mr. Haag's primary task is to support the implementation of the London Convention and Protocol on dumping of wastes and other matters at sea. Professor Martinez also noted Mr. Haag's involvevment in IMO's work on PSSAs, marine litter, noise and ship-strikes. He has also contributed to work on GHG emissions from ships and ballast water management.



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PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF ITLOS LECTURES AT IMLI

Professor Dr. H.C. Rüdiger Wolfrum (President Emeritus, of ITLOS) delivered a lecture on 8 April 2022. Professor Wolfrum was warmly welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), who noted that it was a particular honour and privilege for him to introduce him to the audience. Professor Wolfrum's lecture was entitled '*State Responsibility*.'



Professor Dr. H.C. Rüdiger Wolfrum (President Emeritus, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS))

Professor Wolfrum was President of ITLOS from 2005 to 2009. He was Judge at the Court of Appeal for Administrative Matters, Lüneburg and Schleswig. Professor Wolfrum is an widely published scholar and is currently the Editor of the Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law and Co-editor of the Max Planck Yearbook of United Nations Law.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF SLOVENIA LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Mitja Grbec (Vice-President, Maritime Law Association of Slovenia and Senior Lecturer, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation) delivered a series of lectures between 21-22 April 2022 to the IMLI Class of 2021-2022 and the external participants within the Institute's Courses on Law of Ports and Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance on the topic '*Marine Environmental Law: Liability and Compensation*'.



Dr. Mitja Grbec (Vice-President, Maritime Law Association of Slovenia, Senior Lecturer, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation)

Dr. Grbec was warmly welcomed and introduced to the Class and other participants by Professor Norman Martinez (Professor, IMLI). Dr. Grbec studied law at the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law and completed his LL.M. and Ph.D. studies at IMLI, where he was also a resident lecturer in the period 2004 to 2006. His lectures were very well received.

RENOWNED PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW EXPERT AND SENIOR ARBITRATION COUNSEL LECTURES AT IMLI

The Institute had the pleasure of welcoming online Professor Tullio Treves (Public International Law Expert and Senior Arbitration Counsel) on 21 April. Professor Treves delivered a lecture titled "*Institutional Judicial Bodies Vs Ad Hoc Arbitration*." He was introduced by Professor Norman Martinez (Professor, IMLI). Professor Treves served as a Judge at the Tribunal from 1996 to 2011 and was also the President of the Seabed Disputes Chamber.



Professor Tullio Treves (Public International Law Expert and Senior Arbitration Counsel) delivering his lecture



DAAD LECTURER IN LAW (FACHLEKTOR) AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON LECTURES AT IMLI

As part of the lectures delivered within the Institute's Law of Ports Course, IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming Professor Killian O'Brien (DAAD Lecturer, Law (Fachlektor), University College London) also on 21 April. Professor O'Brien's lecture was entitled "*The Role of Ports in Reducing Ship-Source Pollution*." He was introduced by Professor Norman Martinez (Professor, IMLI).

Professor Killian O'Brien (DAAD Lecturer, Law (Fachlektor), University College London) delivering his lecture

