

IMLI *e*-NEWS

THE IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE OFFICIAL ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Circulated in more than 150 States



IMLI DIRECTOR ADDRESSES THE 72ND SESSION OF IMO'S TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE

The IMO held the 72nd Session of its Technical Cooperation Committee in its Headquarters in London between the 17 and 21 October 2022, wherein Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) introduced Document TC 72 Agenda Item 10(B): *IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE*, relating to the main activities that took place at IMLI during 2021.

Prior to introducing this document, the Chair informed the Committee of the retirement of Professor David Attard (Former Director, IMLI) who successfully led IMLI since 1992 and had an excellent cooperation with IMO. The Chair stated further that he was pleased to announce that the Directorship of IMLI has been entrusted to Professor Martínez, a longstanding and dedicated staff of the Institute. The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed Professor Martínez and stated that they look forward to working with him in the time to come.

At the beginning of his address, Professor Martínez assured the Committee of his intention *"to continue to lead the Institute with dedication and commitment to IMO and its mission to enhance global capacity-building."*





Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivering his introduction of Document TC 72 Agenda Item 10(B)

Professor Martínez went on to outline IMLI's activities during the year 2021 and how the challenges of the Covid-19 Pandemic affected the Institute. *"However, notwithstanding the adverse circumstances, IMLI continued to deliver its capacity-building mission uninterrupted."* Even at the worst of the pandemic, he noted, the Institute did not slow down in its steady course of delivering its mission but instead increased its global outreach by offering online training. The Director expressed his gratitude to all students, staff, donors and new partners that kept believing in IMLI's capabilities even in such a challenging moment.

He stated further that such extraordinary belief is also reflected in the fact that IMLI's important work in the maritime legal community was recognized for the 14th consecutive year by the United Nations General Assembly.

The Director concluded his address with a pledge to work unrelentingly to take the Institute to new academic heights and to work together with IMO so that IMLI can contribute in a more direct manner to the delivery of the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme's objectives.



Distinguished Members of the IMO Technical Cooperation Committee

The Director received an overwhelming expression of congratulations and show of support from many Member States. Whilst thanking the retired Director, Professor Attard for his excellent service, the delegates also expressed their confidence in the leadership of the new Director, stating that IMLI is in good hands and will continue to flourish under his guidance.



Representatives of Member States

IMLI VISITING FELLOW APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF CMI

The Institute wishes to congratulate Dr. Ann Fenech for her appointment as President of the Comité Maritime International (CMI) on 21st October during the Organisation's 125th Anniversary commemorated at the CMI Assembly and Conference held in Antwerp.

Dr. Fenech is a Member of IMLI's Distinguished Visiting Fellows' programme and longstanding friend of the Institute.

Dr. Fenech is also President of the Malta Maritime Law Association and Managing Partner and Head of the Marine Litigation Department of Fenech & Fenech Advocates in Malta. Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Institute, to wish Dr. Fenech all the best in her new appointment.



Dr. Ann Fenech, newly appointed President of the Comité Maritime International (CMI) and Member of the Distinguished Visiting Fellows' Programme at IMLI



Dr. Ann Fenech (President of the Comité Maritime International (CMI)) during her visit to IMLI with Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and students of the IMLI Class of 2022-2023

IMLI DIRECTOR APPOINTED TITULARY MEMBER OF THE COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL



*Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez
(Director, IMLI)*

The Institute is proud to announce that its Director, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, has been appointed a Titulary Member of the Comité Maritime International (CMI). This appointment was announced on Friday 21 October 2022 during the CMI's 125th Anniversary, commemorated at the CMI Assembly and Conference held in Antwerp.

MARITIME SAFETY CONSULTANT LECTURES AT IMLI



Captain Joseph Zerafa (Maritime Safety Consultant) visited the Institute on 19-20 October 2022 and delivered a set of lectures entitled "*Technical Aspects of Shipping*" to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023.

In his lectures, Captain Zerafa gave the students a detailed overview of the technical terms used in the construction and operation of ships. He explained and illustrated technical matters such as ship construction and dimension, tonnage, dead-weight and ship stability. Captain Zerafa analysed the need to be compliant with international regulations and the documents needed to achieve it.

Given his vast expertise and experience, these lectures gave the Class a unique insight of the technical aspects of shipping and the challenges associated with them.



Captain Joseph Zerafa (Maritime Safety Consultant) and Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer and Head of Administration, IMLI) with students of the IMLI Class of 2022-2023

IMLI GRADUATES ATTEND THE CMI CONFERENCE HELD IN ANTWERP

During the CMI Assembly and Conference commemorating its 125th Anniversary, two IMLI Graduates were invited to attend this prestigious Conference. Mr. Amjad Mufawaq Abulafi (Palestine, IMLI Class of 2021) and Mr. Alexandr Boiciuc (Malta, IMLI Class of 2022) were the proud recipients of the CMI Prize for Best Overall Performance of their respective academic years.

Mr. Boiciuc addressed the Conference based on his dissertation submitted as partial fulfillment of the Institute's Master of Laws Degree (LL.M.) exploring the challenges resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak, which prompted a number of recommendations that could help the seafarers to exercise their fundamental rights even if events similar to those of 2020 should recur in the future.

CMI Conference 2022

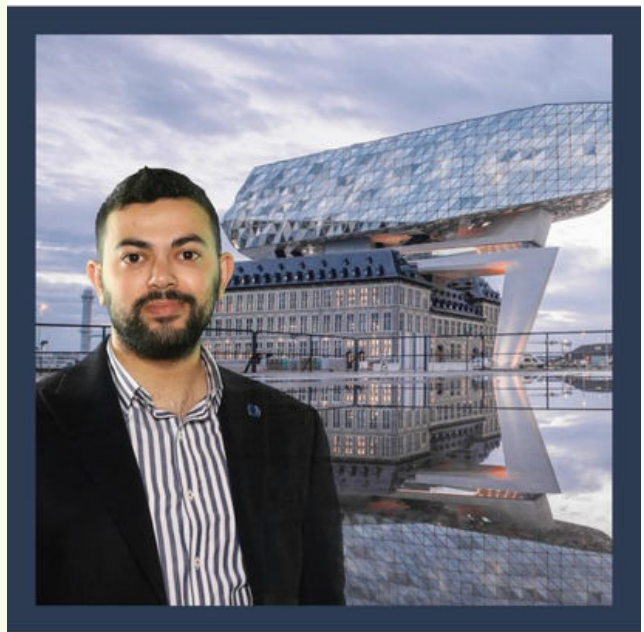
18-21 October, Antwerp - Belgium



Mr. Alexandr Boiciuc
(Malta, Class of 2022)

CMI Conference 2022

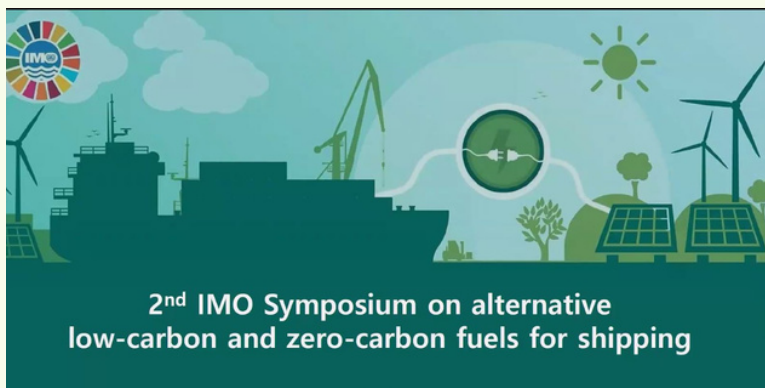
18-21 October, Antwerp - Belgium



Mr. Amjad Mufawaq Abulafi
(Palestine, Class of 2021)

Mr. Abulafi commented that both himself and Mr. Boiciuc were proudly wearing the IMLI lapel badge, which he described as "*a key to all doors of maritime law*". He went on to say that it was a great pleasure and honour for him to join IMLI and be part of the IMLI Alumni network that spans across the globe.

IMLI CLASS ATTENDS THE 2ND IMO SYMPOSIUM ON ALTERNATIVE LOW-CARBON AND ZERO-CARBON FUELS FOR SHIPPING



IMLI students of the Class of 2022-2023 had the privilege to attend, online, the 2nd IMO Symposium on alternative low-carbon and zero-carbon fuels for shipping held on Friday 21 October, 2022 at the IMO Headquarters in London.



Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) delivering the opening speech at the Symposium