MARITIME TRANSPORT POLICY SEMINAR HELD AT IMLI

For the seventh consecutive time, IMLI had the distinct pleasure of holding, in collaboration with IMO and World Maritime University (WMU), the annual three-day Seminar on Maritime Transport Policy. This year, the Seminar was conducted by Mr. Jonathan Pace (Deputy Director, Subdivision for Programme Management and Coordination, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) and Professor Henning Jessen (Associate Professor, Maritime Law and Policy Specialization, WMU). Both speakers were welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) who subsequently introduced them to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) with Mr. Jonathan Pace (Deputy Director, Subdivision for Programme Management and Coordination, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) and Professor Henning Jessen (Associate Professor, Maritime Law and Policy Specialization, WMU) together with the IMLI Class of 2022-2023
During this three-day Seminar, the students were introduced 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. At the end of the Seminar, as is the usual practice, the Class, who had already been divided into groups, presented an outline of a National Maritime Transport Policy of an imaginary country. In doing so, each of the working groups had to take into account the obligations of the represented country under international maritime conventions and the socio-economic development strategies.
On Monday 5 December 2022, Brigadier Clinton O'Neill (Commander, Armed Forces of Malta) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute. Brigadier O'Neill was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and members of the Institute's Faculty and Staff. The Director then introduced Brigadier O'Neill to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023, proudly informing them that Brigadier O'Neill is himself an IMLI Graduate.

Having introduced Brigadier O'Neill to the Class, Professor Martínez took the opportunity to take him on a brief tour of the newly refurbished parts of the IMLI premises, and also around the site of the Auditorium which is currently under construction.

The tour was followed by a meeting between Professor Martínez and Brigadier O'Neill.
Professor Adriana V. Padovan (Associate Professor and Senior Research Associate, Adriatic Institute, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts) delivered a set of online lectures entitled “Shipbuilders Insurance” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 on 5 December, 2022. Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) welcomed and introduced Professor Padovan. Professor Martínez proudly informed the Class that Professor Padovan is an IMLI Graduate who also served in the past as a lecturer at the Institute.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) introducing Professor Adriana V. Padovan (Associate Professor and Senior Research Associate, Adriatic Institute, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts) to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023

Professor Adriana V. Padovan delivering her lectures to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023
TEACHING ASSOCIATE AND CHIEF EXAMINER OF QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON LECTURES AT IMLI

On 7 December 2022, Ms. Agnes V. Rydberg (Teaching Associate and Chief Examiner on Maritime Dispute Settlement, Queen Mary University of London) delivered a set of lectures on the topic of Law of Treaties within the IMLI Specialized Course on the Law of Treaties. Ms. Rydberg's lectures formed part of the Specialist Seminars on Law of Treaties which were convened by Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law) who had already addressed the participants on crucial aspects of the Law of Treaties.

Mr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law) introducing Ms. Agnes V. Rydberg to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023

IMLI LECTURER PARTICIPATES AS SPEAKER IN AN INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law) participated as a Speaker in the 21st Naval Warfare and International Humanitarian Law: Implications for Coastal and Maritime Security Workshop. His presentation was entitled “Legal Complications for Employing Unmanned Underwater Vehicles.”

The workshop was jointly held by Rashtriya Raksha University (Indian Defence University) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in order to promote awareness about the constant efforts of the international community to adhere to international humanitarian laws, especially those related to maritime security. The Workshop was attended by diplomats, armed forces personnel, and academics.
FESTIVE SEASON AT IMLI

The Institute held its annual Lights Switch-on and Decoration of its premises on Friday 9 December 2022. Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), students of the IMLI Class of 2022-2023, together with the members of the IMLI Faculty and Staff were all part of this celebratory occasion.

Each student was given an ornament to place on the tree, until it was fully brightly decorated. The last ornament to go up was the topper which is placed at the very top of the tree, traditionally by the Institute's Director. This was followed by the switching-on of the lights, officially marking the beginning of the festive season at IMLI.