FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR/HEAD OF THE OPERATIONAL SAFETY SECTION IN THE IMO MARITIME SAFETY DIVISION LECTURES AT IMLI

On 23 and 24 January 2023, Captain Gurpreet S. Singhota (Former Deputy Director/Head, Operational Safety Section, IMO Maritime Safety Division) delivered a set of online lectures entitled “COLREGS: An Overview” and “Operational Safety in the Maritime Context” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023.

Captain Singhota was introduced by Mr. Murat Sumer (The Nippon Foundation Lecture in International Maritime Law).
Mr. Murat Sumer introducing Captain Gurpreet S. Singhota
to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023

Students were very appreciative of Captain Singhota's lectures which were enriched with practical examples drawn from his vast experience.

MEMBER OF THE MALTA MARITIME LAW ADVISORY COUNCIL AND FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE MALTA MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION LECTURES AT IMLI

The Institute welcomed Dr. Ivan Vella (Member, Malta Maritime Law Advisory Council and Former Vice-President, Malta Maritime Law Association) on 23 January 2023. Dr. Vella was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer and Head of Administration, IMLI).

As it is tradition, Dr. Vella delivers lectures on “International Conventions on Maritime Liens and Mortgages” and "Ship Finance" over a period of several weeks.

Dr. Ivan Vella (Member, Malta Maritime Law Advisory Council and Former Vice-President, Malta Maritime Law Association) and Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer and Head of Administration, IMLI) together with the Students of the IMLI Class of 2022-2023
Dr. Vella expressed his pleasure at being once again able to lecture at IMLI after years of delivering the sessions online and stated that he was delighted to meet the students in person. Students engaged actively with Dr. Vella during his lectures and conveyed their appreciation for making complex topics easy to understand.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Rosalie Balkin AO (Secretary-General, Comité Maritime International (CMI)) delivered an online lecture entitled “IMO and Global Ocean Governance” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 on 25 January 2023. Dr. Balkin was introduced to the IMLI students by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), wherein he highlighted the long standing friendship that Dr. Balkin has had with the Institute and the support she has extended to IMLI over the years.
Mr. Andrew Chamberlain (Partner, Holman, Fenwick & Willan) delivered the first of a set of online lectures on the topic of the “Law of Salvage” to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 on 25 January 2023.

Dr. Balkin's lecture was very well received by the students who noted that Dr. Balkin's experience enriched a very interesting lecture.
Mr. Andrew Chamberlain delivering his lecture to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW VISITS IMLI

Mr. Steven Hill (Executive Secretary, International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on Tuesday, 31 January 2023. Mr. Hill was welcomed to the Institute by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and Members of the IMLI Faculty. As it is now customary for all IMLI's visitors, upon his arrival, Mr. Hill was asked to sign the IMLI Guest Book.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and Mr. Steven Hill (Executive Secretary, International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law)

Mr. Steven Hill signing the IMLI Guest Book
This being the first official visit of Executive Secretary Hill to the Institute, he was given a tour of the IMLI premises by Director Martínez, including the two lecture halls, the library, and the newly inaugurated Pardo Room as well as a viewing of the current construction work of the Institute's new auditorium.

This was followed by a meeting between Director Martínez and Executive Secretary Hill to discuss possible cooperation between the two institutions.

Before departing the Institute, Professor Martínez introduced the Students of the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 to Executive Secretary Hill.
IMLI MOURNS THE DEATH OF MS. SHARON ROSE HUTCHINSON

It is with great sadness that the IMLI family mourns the death of one of its Graduates, Ms. Sharon Rose Hutchinson (the Bahamas). Ms. Hutchinson, an Alumna of the IMLI Class of 1993-1994, passed away on the 15 January 2023.

Ms. Sharon Rose Hutchinson with Professor David J. Attard (the then Director, IMLI) and H.E. Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici (the then President of the Republic of Malta) during the Graduation Ceremony of 1994 which was held at the Maritime Museum in Vittoriosa.

Ms. Rose Hutchinson was Assistant Director of Legal Affairs in the Office of the Attorney-General of the Bahamas and the first Bahamian to be trained at IMLI.

Ms. Sharon Rose Hutchinson meeting H.E. Dr. Subroto (the then Secretary-General, OPEC) when he paid a courtesy visit to IMLI during the Academic Year 1993-1994.

The Director and Staff of IMLI wish to express their heartfelt condolences to her family and the Office of the Attorney-General of the Bahamas for this very sad loss.

Ms. Sharon Rose Hutchinson, the first Bahamian to be trained at IMLI.