IMLI commenced its Fourth Specialized Course on the Law of Ports on 8 February 2023. The inaugural lecture entitled "The Role of IMO in Developing Port State Control Measures" was delivered by Ms. Tatjana Krilic (Acting Head, IMO Department for Member State Audit and Implementation Support, IMO).
Ms. Krilic was introduced to the Class and external Course participants by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), who noted that it was a distinct pleasure to introduce Ms. Krilic. Ms. Krilic expressed her delight at being able to lecture at IMLI, albeit online. She also expressed her wish to visit the Institute and deliver her lecture in person in the near future.

H.E. AMBASSADOR OF IRELAND TO MALTA VISITS IMLI

H.E. Ms. Caroline Whelan, Ambassador of Ireland to Malta, paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on Friday, 9 February 2023.

Ambassador Whelan was welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and Members of the IMLI Faculty. Upon her arrival, Ambassador Whelan was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023. When meeting the students, the Ambassador expressed her amazement at the richness of the diversity found in one place.
On 9 February 2023, IMLI commenced its annual Specialized Course on Seafarer's Rights. Ms. Beatriz Vacotto (Head of the Maritime Unit, International Labour Standards Department, International Labour Organization [ILO]) delivered online the Inaugural Lecture of this Specialized Course.

Ms. Vacotto was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and the external Course participants by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), who stressed the importance of the role of the seafarers to the maritime industry, affirming that they are essential workers and emphasizing the need to ensure that they enjoy decent working conditions.
Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) introducing Ms. Beatriz Vacotto (Head of the Maritime Unit, International Labour Standards Department, International Labour Organization) to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and external participants

Ms. Beatriz Vacotto noted that she was not only honoured to be inaugurating such an important Course but she also celebrates the valued relationship between IMLI and ILO. She stated that she was impressed by the number of participants and the expert knowledge each one brings into the room. Ms. Vacotto also expressed her appreciation for being able to lecture once again to the IMLI Class even though online and also expressed her wish to both visit and lecture at IMLI in the near future.

Objectives of the MLC, 2006

- Ensure decent working and living conditions for seafarers (broad definition)
- Provide a level playing field for shipowners

Ms. Beatriz Vacotto delivering the Inaugural Lecture of the Course to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 and the external participants