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IMLI CELEBRATES THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE

UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

The Institute joined the international community in celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). IMLI's celebration of the anniversary consisted of several events which were held between 14 and 16 December 2022. These events included the visit of The Honourable Dr. Aaron Farrugia (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, Malta) to inaugurate the Arvid Pardo Room, the unveiling of the plaque of IMLI Past Directors, a commemorative lecture delivered by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and the UNCLOS at 40 Symposium.

MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS, MALTA VISITS IMLI

The Honourable Dr. Aaron Farrugia visited IMLI on 14 December 2022. He was introduced to the IMLI students by the IMLI Director who expressed his pleasure at welcoming the Minister once again at IMLI.





Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) with The Honourable Dr. Aaron Farrugia (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, Malta)



The Minister meeting the students of the IMLI Class of 2022-2023



IMLI students listening to the address of The Honourable Dr. Aaron Farrugia

Upon addressing the students, the Minister, together with Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and Judge Professor David J. Attard (Former Director, IMLI) proceeded to the inauguration of the Arvid Pardo Room situated in the IMLI Library. To mark the occasion, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held.



The Honourable Dr. Aaron Farrugia (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, Malta) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) cutting the ceremonial ribbon to inaugurate the Arvid Pardo Room

This new room, which forms an integral part of the IMLI Library, is a tribute to the work and achievements of the late Ambassador Arvid Pardo who is known as the "*Father of the new Law of the Sea*". The Arvid Pardo Room houses IMLI's extensive collection of books and publications on the Law of the Sea. Also on display are personal memorabilia such as correspondence, photographs, articles, frames, awards, medals, and more, all belonging to Ambassador Pardo. These items have been generously donated by the Pardo family to IMLI, for which the Institute is greatly appreciative.





Professor Martínez giving a brief tour of the Arvid Pardo Room to The Honourable Dr. Aaron Farrugia and Judge Professor David J. Attard

UNVEILING OF THE PLAQUE OF IMLI PAST DIRECTORS

Following the inauguration of the new Arvid Pardo Room, an unveiling ceremony was held in the Grotius Quadrangle wherein Judge Professor David J. Attard (Former Director, IMLI) unveiled a plaque that lists the names of all IMLI Past Directors. The list has been updated to include his name as past IMLI Director. On behalf of the Institute and Staff, Professor Martínez expressed his sincere appreciation towards Judge Professor Attard's three-decade-long career full of hard work and dedication at the helm of the Institute.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) addressing the distinguished guests and members of the Class of 2022-2023

The Director described Judge Professor Attard as a beacon of light to the Institute, leading it not only through calm waters but also through the darkest of storms. He went on to describe how Judge Professor Attard's vision helped shape IMLI into the world-renowned center of excellence that it is today. This plaque bears witness to the two past IMLI Directors and their legacy in establishing IMLI.



Judge Professor David J. Attard (Former Director, IMLI) unveiling the IMLI Past Directors plaque in the presence of Professor Martínez, The Honourable Dr. Farrugia, IMLI Staff, Class of 2022-2023 and members of the Attard family

IMLI DIRECTOR DELIVERS A COMMEMORATIVE LECTURE

As part of the IMLI events to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of UNCLOS, Professor Dr. Martínez delivered a commemorative lecture to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023. The presentation was entitled “*UNCLOS at 40 - The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea: A Global Treaty for the Oceans*”.

At the commencement of his lecture, Professor Martínez introduced the Class to the historical facts that were the sparks that initiated the works for a convention on the law of the sea.

He then continued by recounting the events that led to the beginning of the work on a draft convention by the United Nations, leading to the subsequent adoption of UNCLOS. Professor Martínez further informed the students of the importance of the Convention as a tool for sound ocean governance for the maritime community worldwide.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivering his presentation to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023



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MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND TRADE OF MALTA VISITS IMLI

The Honourable Dr. Ian Borg (Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, Malta) visited the Institute on the 16 December 2022. Upon his arrival, The Honourable Dr. Borg was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and the members of the IMLI Faculty. The Director then introduced the Minister to the members of the IMLI Class of 2022-2023.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) welcoming The Honourable Dr. Ian Borg (Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, Malta)

The Honourable Dr. Ian Borg (Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, Malta) meeting the members of the IMLI Class of 2022-2023



UNCLOS 40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE SYMPOSIUM

The IMLI celebrations culminated with a commemorative Symposium entitled "*UNCLOS at 40 - The Instrumentality of the Convention for Sound Ocean Governance*", organized by IMLI in collaboration with the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, Malta, and University of Malta.



The distinguished Panel of Speakers who addressed the Symposium were Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Mr. Frederick Kenney Jr. (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO), Judge Professor David J. Attard (Judge, President of the Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes, ITLOS), Professor Simone Borg (Professor, Environmental Law and Resources Law, University of Malta) and The Honourable Dr. Ian Borg (Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, Malta).

Professor Martínez welcomed the distinguished speakers and guests who included members of the Diplomatic Corps, maritime legal and technical experts, University of Malta professors, IMLI graduates, and students both from IMLI and the Faculty of Law of University of Malta. He then proceeded to deliver a presentation entitled "*The Inception of UNCLOS and its Relevance to the Legal Order of the Oceans*".





Judge Professor David J. Attard (Judge, President of the Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes, ITLOS) delivered the third presentation which was entitled “*UNCLOS and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)*”.

The next presentation was delivered by Mr. Frederick Kenney Jr. (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) entitled “*UNCLOS and the International Maritime Organization (IMO)*”.



Professor Simone Borg's (Professor, Environmental Law and Resources Law, University of Malta) presentation focused on “*The Viability of the Ocean: The Future Challenges of UNCLOS*”.



The Honourable Dr. Ian Borg (Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, Malta) concluded the Symposium with his presentation entitled “*The Contribution of Malta to the Codification of the New Law of the Sea*”.

