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## THE IMLI GOVERNING BOARD HOLDS ITS 37TH SESSION

The 37th session of the IMLI Governing Board (the Board) was held at the IMO Headquarters in London on 24 July 2023.



The session was chaired by Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, International Maritime Organization) and was attended by Professor Philippe Boisson (Legal Consultant to Bureau Veritas, Paris), Dr. Reto Dürler (Former Head, Swiss Maritime Navigation Office), Professor Atsuko Kanehara (Professor, Sophia University, Japan), Ambassador Nancy Karigithu (Special Envoy for Maritime and Blue Economy, Kenya), Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Marko Pavliha (Head of Law Department, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, Slovenia), Mr. Xiaojie Zhang (Director, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO). Dr. h.c. Jim Harrison (Vice-Chairman, IMLI





Governing Board and Chairman, IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee) was represented by proxy by Professor Boisson, Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Mbiah (Former Chairman, Legal Committee, IMO) was represented by proxy by Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Pavliha. Mr. Jonathan Pace (Deputy Director, Subdivision for Programme Management and Coordination, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) attended as an observer and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) was present to report to the Board on all items in discussion.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Ivan Sammut (Permanent Representative of Malta to IMO), Ambassador Victor Camilleri (Advisor to the Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, Malta), Dr. Partick Griggs CBE (Former President, Comité Maritime International), Mr. Louis Mbanefo (Patron, Nigerian Maritime Law Association), and Vice-Admiral Cristiano Aliperta (Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of Palau to IMO).

The Chairman welcomed the Board Members and thanked them for attending the session and for showing their commitment and support to the Institute through their active participation at IMLI's governance. He congratulated and thanked the Director and the Institute's staff for their sterling work in training the maritime leaders of tomorrow.

The Board considered reports on all financial matters of the Institute and approved the amended policies and regulations that assist in the effective management of the Institute in the delivery of its capacity-building mission. The Board placed particular emphasis on all matters relating to personnel including new appointments, internal personnel appointments, an analysis of current staff, continuous professional development of staff, and staff employment conditions.

In relation to Academic Matters, the Board considered a report which includes information on the different programmes offered by the Institute during the period under review, information on the Institute's specialized courses, conferences, workshops and seminars, and thanked all the eminent personalities who lectured during the academic year 2022-2023 as part of the Distinguished Visiting Fellows Programme thereby raising the academic profile of the Institute.

The Board also noted with satisfaction the work undertaken by the Academic Committee during the period under review and noted the information provided on the Institute's contribution to the IMO Goals and UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. Similarly, the Board noted the appreciation by the General Assembly of the United Nations and IMO Bodies for the Institute's work.



The Board approved the change of the organization of the field trip which will now allow students to participate in the meeting of the IMO Legal Committee since attending these deliberations will be constructive as it will expose students to the latest developments in the work of the Organization and this experience will also form part of the assessment of the students during the academic year. Furthermore, attending the session of the Legal Committee will prepare the students for the future as, more often than not, IMLI graduates represent their countries at these meetings.

The Board considered a report on the different specialized courses offered by the Institute during the period under review, including Maritime Legal English, highlighting the importance of constant updates to the IMLI syllabi so that they remain up-to-date and noting the information on the Institute's progress for the recognition of its Degrees.

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The Board then considered a report on the Institutional co-operation and partnerships, commended the Institute for its prolific work in this field, and endorsed the approval of the proposed Memoranda of Understanding.



*Mr. Kitack Lim (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board), and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)*