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IMLI DIRECTOR REPORTING TO THE 33RD SESSION OF THE IMO ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, 6 December 2023, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) reported to the 33rd Session of the IMO Assembly on IMLI's activities for the year 2022.



*Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)
reporting to the IMO Assembly*



Professor Martínez commenced his report by congratulating the President of the Assembly on his election and to all States elected to the IMO Council.

He conveyed his pleasure to be attending the session in his capacity as the new Director of IMLI, and assured the Assembly of his intention to lead the Institute with dedication and commitment to IMO and its Mission. Professor Martínez informed that IMLI continues its untiring efforts to enhance global capacity-building, particularly in developing countries. He informed further that through its Master Programmes in International Maritime Law, IMLI has hitherto had the privilege of training 1112 Graduates from 152 States.

Professor Martínez expressed his sincere appreciation to the Government of Malta for sponsoring the state-of-the-art Lecture Hall, which will allow students to avail themselves of a hybrid learning environment and enable professionals from around the globe to participate in specialized courses on the various topics offered at IMLI. In the past two years these specialized courses have attracted hundreds of government officers from over 100 States, many of whom attended free of charge as IMLI waives the fees for one candidate nominated by countries of permanent missions to the IMO.

He noted with satisfaction the large number of female lawyers trained at IMLI, thanks to the fact that since its establishment, IMLI reserves 50% of its places for deserving women candidates. Through this initiative, 500 female professionals have graduated from the Institute. The Director also reported that the Institute is intensifying its efforts to attract government officers from non-English speaking countries by launching an intensive maritime legal English language training programme for deserving candidates prior to the commencement of the academic year.

He noted with pleasure the close links IMLI holds with its sister institution, World Maritime University (WMU), as well as many other academic institutions, international organizations, and national agencies with which IMLI collaborates on various training initiatives. He reported also that the quality of IMLI's training has been continuously commended by the United Nations General Assembly, IMO bodies, and relevant authorities, particularly in Malta, which recently recognized two other IMLI Programmes as satisfying the higher education criteria.

The Director was also pleased to note that the Institute remained on its path of stable financial progress to support its academic goals and capacity-building responsibilities.

He took this opportunity to extend his sincere appreciation to IMO, the Nippon Foundation, the ITF Seafarer's Trust, the Lloyd's Register Foundation, the International Group of P&I Clubs, the International Chamber of Shipping, the Governments of Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Ghana, Nigeria, the Philippines, and all IMLI donors who contribute to the institute's financial stability and support its academic goals and capacity-building mission.

Professor Martínez thanked Mr. Kitack Lim for all his support throughout his tenure as IMO Secretary-General and conveyed his pleasure at working with Mr. Arsenio Dominguez Velasco (Secretary-General elect, IMO) when he takes over the leadership of IMO in January 2024.

He concluded by saying that IMLI remains resolute in serving IMO and the international maritime community, reiterating that IMLI needs the firm support of States to further its capacity-building mission.

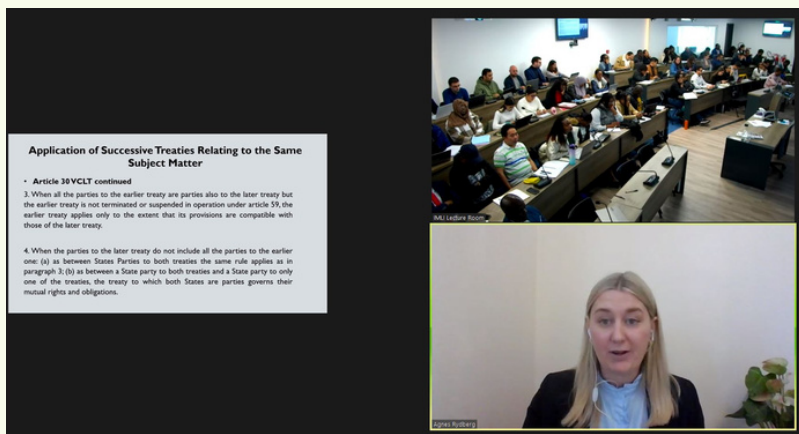


Mr. Kitack Lim (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with IMLI Graduates present at IMO at the time of its 33rd Assembly

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE SHEFFIELD CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD LECTURES AT IMLI

On Tuesday, 5 December 2023, IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming once again Dr. Agnes Rydberg (Deputy Director, Sheffield Centre for International and European Law, University of Sheffield and Lecturer in International Law). Dr. Rydberg was introduced by Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI) to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024 and the participants of the IMLI Course on the Law of Treaties 2023.

Dr. Agnes Rydberg (Deputy Director, Sheffield Centre for International and European Law, University of Sheffield; Lecturer in International Law) delivering her presentation



After being introduced to the Students and Course participants, Dr. Rydberg proceeded to deliver a set of lectures within Part B: Specialist Seminars on the Law of Treaties, which forms part of the IMLI Course on the Law of Treaties.

AMBASSADOR OF ETHIOPIA TO MALTA AND ETHIOPIAN MINISTER OF BILATERAL ISSUES AT THE EMBASSY IN ROME VISIT IMLI

H.E. Ambassador Demitu Hambisa (Ambassador of Ethiopia to Malta) and Mr. Endaweke Tesfaye (Minister in Charge of Bilateral Issues, Ethiopian Embassy in Rome) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on the 7 December 2023. H.E. Ambassador Hambisa and Minister Tesfaye were welcomed by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Students.

Both distinguished visitors were introduced to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024, after which, Ambassador Hambisa commended the Institute for bringing together so many nations and cultures, for one important purpose: the oceans.



L-R - Mr. Endaweke Tesfaye (Minister in Charge of Bilateral Issues, Ethiopian Embassy in Rome), H.E. Ambassador Demitu Hambisa (Ambassador of Ethiopia to Malta), Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI) and Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law)

IMLI MOURNS THE DEATH OF COMMODORE MADANI SENGHORE



It is with great sadness that the IMLI family mourns the death of one of its own, Commodore Madani Senghore (the Gambia). Commodore Senghore, student of the IMLI Class of 2020-2021, passed away on the 13 December 2023. Commodore Senghore was the Chief of the Gambian Naval Staff.



He joined the Institute in October 2020 as an Advanced Diploma candidate which was followed by his graduation from the same programme in 2021.

The Director and Staff of IMLI wish to express their heartfelt condolences to his family and the Gambian Navy for this very sad loss.

THE ADRIATIC INSTITUTE'S SENIOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AT THE CROATIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS LECTURES AT IMLI

On 11 December, IMLI welcomed once more Professor Adriana Padovan (Senior Research Associate, Adriatic Institute, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts; Titular Associate Professor, Zagreb Law Faculty). Professor Padovan was warmly welcomed by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI), the Faculty and Students.



Professor Adriana Padovan (Senior Research Associate, Adriatic Institute, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts; Titular Associate Professor, Zagreb Law Faculty) meeting the IMLI Class of 2023-2024



After being introduced to the Class, Professor Padovan proceeded to deliver a set of lectures entitled 'Shipbuilders Insurance'.

THE CHAIR OF THE IMO TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE VISITS IMLI

IMLI also welcomed H.E. Ambassador Dwight C.R. Gardiner (Chair, IMO Technical Cooperation Committee; Director/Registrar-General, Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS), the Maritime Administration of Antigua and Barbuda and Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the IMO) and Mr. Jonathan Pace (Former Deputy Director, Subdivision for Programme Management and Coordination, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) when they paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on 11 December.



*Ambassador Gardiner meeting the
IMLI Class of 2023-2024*



*Ambassador Gardiner addressing the
Course Participants*

Ambassador Gardiner and Mr. Pace were warmly welcomed by the IMLI Faculty and students, and were subsequently given a tour of the newly refurbished premises.



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