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## IMLI FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT IMO HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON

The IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee (FINCOM) met for the second time during the year 2023. Meeting was held on Friday 7 December 2023 at the IMO Headquarters in London.



The IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee (FINCOM)

L-R: Professor Dr. h.c. Philippe Boisson, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, Dr. h.c. Jim Harrison, Dr. Reto Dürler, and Mr. Xiaojie Zhang



Dr. h.c. Jim Harrison presided over the meeting in his capacity as the Chairman of the Committee. This is one of the two meetings held annually by FINCOM to discuss important governance, financial, and personnel matters of the Institute.

The IMLI Director, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, expressed his appreciation for the continued support the Committee provides towards the sound governance of the Institute.

### THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORLDWIDE SHIP AGENCIES ASSOCIATION AND OF THE MALTA MARITIME FORUM LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Godwin Xerri, currently serving as the Chairman of the Worldwide Ship Agencies Association (WWSA) and Chairman of the Malta Maritime Forum, visited the Institute to deliver his annual presentations within the IMLI Shipping Law Course.

Upon his arrival, Mr. Xerri was met by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI), members of the IMLI Faculty and subsequently welcomed and then introduced to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024.



Mr. Xerri has been lecturing at IMLI since its early years and has seen it grow and evolve into the centre of excellence that it is today.



Mr. Godwin Xerri (Chairman, Worldwide Ship Agencies Association (WWSA); Chairman, Malta Maritime Forum) and Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2023-2024



#### COURTESY VISIT OF A DELEGATION FROM THE ITALIAN COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS AT IMLI

A Delegation from the Italian Coast Guard Headquarters paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on 14 December 2023. The Members of the Delegation visiting were LCDR Marco Ruberto (Head, International Training Sector), MCPO Rocco Neri (International Training Sector) and LCDR Andrea Meloni (Italian Coast Guard Cooperation Officer, Malta).

The Delegation was welcomed by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Students. A meeting ensued between the Delegation and IMLI representatives wherein training opportunities for Italian Coast Guards Officers were discussed.



LCDR Marco Ruberto (Head, International Training Sector), MCPO Rocco Neri (International Training Sector), LCDR Andrea Meloni (Italian Coast Guard Cooperation Officer, Malta) and Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI)



LCDR Marco Ruberto (Head, International Training Sector) meeting the IMLI Class of 2023-2024

#### IMO ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION DIRECTOR LECTURES AT IMLI

On 15 December, IMLI welcomed Ms. Azara Al-Hassan Prempeh (Director, Administrative Division, IMO). Ms. Al-Hassan Prempeh delivered the Closing Lecture of the IMLI Specialized Course on the Law of Treaties.

Ms. Al-Hassan Prempeh, who herself is an IMLI Graduate, was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024 and to the Specialized Course Participants by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI).



Ms. Al-Hassan Prempeh's presentation, which brought to a close this year's IMLI Specialized Course on the Law of Treaties, was well received by the Students.

#### **FESTIVE SEASON AT IMLI**

The Institute held its annual Lights Switch-on and Decoration of its premises on Monday 4 December 2023. Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), students of the IMLI Class of 2023-2024, together with the members of the IMLI Faculty and Staff were all part of this celebratory occasion.

Each student was given an ornament to place on the tree, until it was fully brightly decorated. The last ornament to go up was the topper which is placed at the very top of the tree, traditionally by the Institute's Director. This was followed by the switching-on of the lights, officially marking the beginning of the festive season at IMLI.











Cheerful IMLI Class of 2023-2024 with Professor Martínez (Director, IMLI) and Members of the Faculty and Administration after decorating IMLI for the festive season