EMINENT MARITIME LEGAL PRACTITIONER LECTURES AT IMLI

On 22 January 2024, IMLI warmly welcomed again Dr. Ivan Vella (Eminent Maritime Legal Practitioner), who is a longstanding supporter of the Institute.

Dr. Vella was greeted by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI) and the IMLI Faculty and was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024.

Dr. Vella then proceeded to deliver a set of lectures entitled “International Conventions on Maritime Liens and Mortgages” to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024.

Dr. Vella, who is an IMLI Alumnus himself and also a former member of the IMLI Faculty, expressed his great pleasure at coming back every year to IMLI to lecture to the IMLI Classes.
IMLI warmly welcomed, for the first time in person, Captain Gurpreet Singhota (Senior Adviser, STM Validation Project) on 23 January 2024.

Captain Singhota was introduced to the IMLI Faculty and Class of 2023-2024 by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI).

Captain Singhota then proceeded to deliver two lectures. The first lecture which was entitled “COLREGS: An Overview”, was followed by the second lecture entitled “Operational Safety in the Maritime Context”. Captain Singhota has been a supporter of the Institute for many years, and has shared his knowledge to various generations of IMLI students via online presentations.
A virtual meeting was held on the 23 January 2024 between Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and Professor Gayo Sabela (President, Indonesia Dispute Board (IDB) / DSI Mediator and Arbitrator). Dr. Nurdin (DSI Mediator and Arbitrator), Dr. Martedjo Wagiman (DSI Mediator and Arbitrator) were also in attendance. The Indonesia Dispute Board (IDB) is a dispute resolution agency, based in Jakarta, Indonesia, that was established in July 2021.

During this meeting discussions took place on possible future cooperation between the Indonesia Dispute Board and IMLI.

On 24 January 2024, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) met with Mr. Ivan Sammut (Head of Office, Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)).

During this meeting, held at REMPEC Headquarters in Malta, Professor Martinez and Mr. Sammut discussed future cooperation between REMPEC and IMLI.
On 24 January 2024, IMLI commenced its annual Specialized Course on Seafarers’ Rights. Ms. Beatriz Vacotto (Head of the Maritime Unit, International Labour Standards Department, International Labour Organization (ILO)) delivered the Inaugural Lecture of this Specialized Course. Ms. Vacotto was introduced by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024 and the participants of the IMLI Course on Seafarers’ Rights 2024 who engaged actively with Ms. Vacotto during her lecture.

IMLI had the pleasure of having once again Mr. Andrew Chamberlain (Partner, Holman, Fenwick & Willan) address its students on 25 January 2024. Mr. Chamberlain was warmly welcomed by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI) who introduced him to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024. Mr. Chamberlain delivered a set of dynamic online lectures on the Law of Salvage to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024.
Ms. Emmanuelle M.M. Horeau, a 2023 IMLI Graduate from Seychelles, has been appointed as Legal Advisor for the Seychelles Regional Centre for Operational Coordination (RCOC).

The RCOC whose main function is to conduct joint actions at sea, works alongside the Madagascar-based Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre (RMIFC), which is responsible for exchanging and sharing maritime information and alert the RCOC of any abnormal activity at sea.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and the IMLI Staff would like to take this opportunity to extend their congratulations to Ms. Horeau and wish her all the best in her tenure as Legal Advisor to the RCOC.

DELEGATION FROM THAILAND VISITS IMLI

A Delegation from Thailand visited IMLI on 25 January 2024. The Delegation was headed by Associate Professor Dr. Pasit Lorterapong (Deputy Permanent Secretary for Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation), who was accompanied by Mr. Pornsith Pibulnakarintr (Minister Counselor, Royal Thai Embassy in Athens, Greece) and Ms. Nongnuch Chunbandhit (Director, International Cooperation Strategy Group, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation).

Upon their arrival, the Delegation was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and IMLI Class of 2023-2024. In a meeting that ensued, possible future cooperation between the parties was discussed.