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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION VISITS IMLI

On 14 February 2024, IMLI was honoured to welcome Mr. Arsenio Domínguez Velasco (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) who visited IMLI for the first time following the recent commencement of his tenure as the IMO Secretary-General.

Mr. Domínguez Velasco was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), IMLI Staff and the Class of 2023-2024.



*Mr. Arsenio Domínguez Velasco
(IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the
IMLI Governing Board)*





Mr. Arsenio Domínguez Velasco (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) with Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Marko Pavliha (Head of Law Department, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, Slovenia; Member, IMLI Governing Board) and the IMLI Staff



The IMO Secretary-General signing the IMLI Visitors' Book



The IMO Secretary-General meeting the students of the Class of 2023-2024



The IMO Secretary-General, IMLI Director, Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Pavliha and the IMLI Class of 2023-2024

After his formal introduction to the Class by the IMLI Director, the IMO Secretary-General was then given a tour of the newly refurbished IMLI premises which included the lecturing facilities, Staff offices and students' accommodation.



The IMO Secretary-General being shown the Arvid Pardo Room which was inaugurated in December 2022 on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the adoption of UNCLOS



The IMO Secretary-General, the IMLI Director and Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Pavliha



The IMO Secretary-General being given a tour of the IMLI premises



Following the tour of the premises, the Secretary-General then proceeded to deliver his address to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024 in the Lecture Hall.



The IMO Secretary-General addressing the IMLI Class of 2023-2024

In addressing the students, Mr. Domínguez Velasco explained his vision for the Organization encouraging the students to ask any questions in respect of his address.

The Secretary-General also held a meeting with the IMLI Staff.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Branko Berlan (ITF Accredited Representative to the IMO) delivered online a lecture entitled *“The Contribution of ITF to the Work of IMO for the Protection of the Seafarers”*, on 13 February, 2024, as part of the IMLI Course on Seafarers' Rights 2024. Mr. Berlan was introduced to the IMLI Class by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI) who expressed the Institute's appreciation for Mr. Berlan's support to IMLI's academic activities.



Mr. Branko Berlan (ITF Accredited Representative to the IMO) being introduced to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024 by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI)



MEMBER OF THE IMLI GOVERNING BOARD LECTURES AT IMLI

On 14 February 2024, IMLI had the distinct pleasure of welcoming once again Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Marko Pavliha (Head of Law Department, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, Slovenia; Member, IMLI Governing Board).

Following Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Pavliha's introduction to the Class of 2023-2024, he proceeded to deliver his annual lectures on the *“Law of Marine Insurance”*, which concluded with the usual Moot Court.



The Institute is proud to note that this visit marked the 25th consecutive annual visit of Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Pavliha to IMLI to deliver lectures. Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Pavliha has since become an avid supporter of the Institute, its activities and its Graduates. This is emphasized in his commitment to continue disseminating knowledge even throughout the time of the pandemic when his lectures were delivered online to ensure that the IMLI students benefited from his experience in the field of Marine Insurance Law.



Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Marko Pavliha (Head of Law Department, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, Slovenia; Member, IMLI Governing Board), Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI), Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI) and Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI) and Class of 2023-2024

SENIOR LEGAL CONSULTANT AND LEAD TRAINER LECTURES AT IMLI

IMLI welcomed Dr. Iliana Christodoulou-Varotsi (Senior Legal Consultant and Lead Trainer) for the second time to lecture within the IMLI Course on Seafarers' Rights. Dr. Christodoulou-Varotsi was welcomed by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI), IMLI Staff and Students.

Following her introduction to the Class of 2023-2024, Dr. Christodoulou-Varotsi delivered a set of lectures entitled "*Maritime Labour Standards: COVID-19 Challenges*" and "*Challenges for multi-flagged fleets in ensuring regulatory compliance with MLC and the role of maritime administrations*".



Dr. Iliana Christodoulou-Varotsi (Senior Legal Consultant and Lead Trainer), Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI), Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI) and Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI) with the IMLI Class of 2023-2024

IMLI DIRECTOR AND THE NIPPON FOUNDATION LECTURER FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY LAW AT IMLI PARTICIPATE AS SPEAKERS AT THE WMU-GOI BUGWRIGHT2 FORUM 2024



On 16 February 2024, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law, IMLI) participated as Speakers in two separate Panels at the WMU-GOI BUGWRIGHT2 Forum 2024.

The Forum, hosted by the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute (GOI) at the World Maritime University (WMU) which was entitled “Overcoming Regulatory Barriers for Service Robotics in an Ocean Industry” was held in the city of Athens in Greece.

Professor Dr. Ronan Long (Director, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Professor Max Meija (President, World Maritime University and Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law, IMLI)



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) participating as a Speaker in the Panel on “Confronting Global Environmental Challenges with Innovation” at the WMU-GOI BUGWRIGHT2 Forum 2024



Dr. Sanjeet Ruhal (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law, IMLI) participating as a Speaker in the Panel on “Global North v. Global South: Bridging the Digital Divide” at the WMU-GOI BUGWRIGHT2 Forum 2024

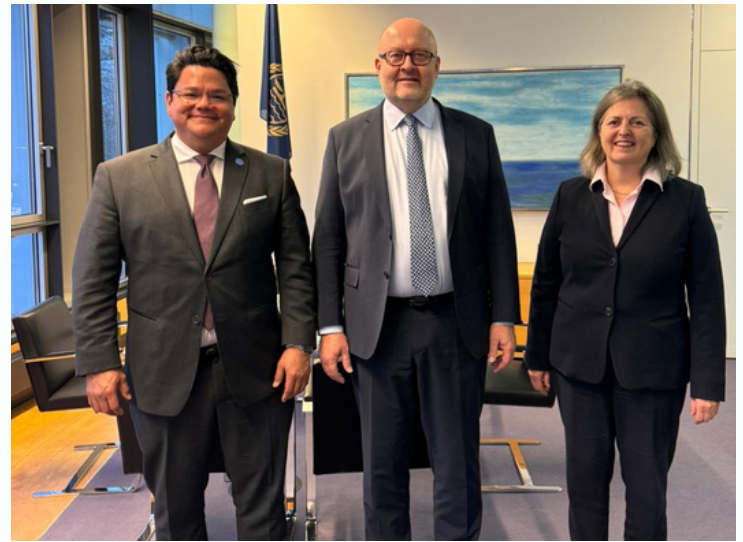
IMLI DIRECTOR LECTURES AT THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

Professor Dr. Norman Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) lectured at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), to the Fellows of the ITLOS - Nippon Foundation Capacity Building and Training Programme on 20 February 2024. His presentation was entitled “*The IMO Conventions and the Law of the Sea*”.

During his visit, Professor Martínez Gutiérrez had the honour of holding a meeting with Judge Tomas Heidar (President, ITLOS) and Dr. Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce (Registrar, ITLOS) to discuss future cooperation between IMLI and ITLOS.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the Fellows of the ITLOS - Nippon Foundation Capacity Building and Training Programme



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Judge Tomas Heidar (President, ITLOS) and Dr. Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce (Registrar, ITLOS)

IMLI MOURNS THE DEATH OF MR. ELVIS NDFIFANG



The Institute mourns the death of one of its own, Mr. Elvis Ndipmun Ndifang (Cameroon). Mr. Ndifang, a recent graduate of the IMLI Class of 2020-2021, passed away on 26 February 2024. Mr. Ndifang was the of Head of South West Maritime District (Registrar of Ships), Cameroon Maritime Administration.

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

Mr. Elvis Ndipmun Ndifang (Cameroon), during the 2021 IMLI Graduation Ceremony



IMLI'S COMMITMENT TO CAPACITY-BUILDING CONTINUES

The Admissions Team is very pleased with the overwhelming positive response to the Institute's call for applications to its Master programmes for the academic year 2024-2025. The quality of applications received is testament to the trust bestowed on the Institute by governments worldwide to have their finest officers trained at IMLI in the full spectrum of international maritime law.

As an Institute committed to serving the rule of international maritime law and empowering human capacity in all corners of the globe, IMLI is pleased to announce that it is extending the deadline for submission of applications, as requested by many administrations. The new deadline is 31 March 2024.

OUR COMMITMENT TO CAPACITY-BUILDING CONTINUES



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