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
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.

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.

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.
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.

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.
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”.

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
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. 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.

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

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

IMLI MOURNS THE DEATH OF MR. ELVIS NDIFANG

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

IMLI EXTENDS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025 IN RESPONSE TO NUMEROUS REQUESTS BY GOVERNMENTS

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