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ANNUAL MARITIME TRANSPORT POLICY SEMINAR HELD AT IMLI

For the eighth consecutive year, IMLI had the distinct pleasure of holding, in collaboration with IMO and World Maritime University (WMU), the annual three-day Seminar on Maritime Transport Policy. This year, the Seminar was conducted by Professor George Theocharidis (Professor of Maritime Law & Policy, WMU). Professor Theocharidis was welcomed by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI) and the IMLI Faculty Members, after which he was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024.



Professor Theocharidis delivering his presentations to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024



Professor Theocharidis meeting the members of the IMLI Class 2023-2024

During this three-day Seminar, the students were introduced to the concept of a Maritime Transport Policy and its importance to the development of maritime legislation by highlighting the close relationship between policy and legislation. At the end of the Seminar, as is usual practice, the Class, which had already been divided into groups, presented an outline of a National Maritime Transport Policy of an imaginary country. In doing so, each of the working groups had to take into account the obligations of the represented country under international maritime conventions and the socio-economic development strategies.



A few of the Working Groups that presented the National Maritime Transport Policy outline at the end of the Seminar

AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE TO THE IMO AND AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE TO MALTA VISIT IMLI

H.E. Mrs. Marine de Carné de Trécesson de Coëtlogon (Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France to the IMO) and H.E. Mrs. Agnès von der Mühl (Ambassador of France to Malta) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on the 31 October 2023.

Their Excellencies were warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and the IMLI students of Class of 2023-2024.

A meeting was thereafter held wherein possible future cooperation was discussed.



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FOURTH ANNUAL COURSE ON THE LAW OF TREATIES



As a means to promote capacity-building in the Law of Treaties, IMLI is offering for the fourth consecutive year the annual intensive course on the Law of Treaties. The Course commenced on Thursday, 9 November 2023 wherein Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered the welcoming remarks and delivered a set of lectures within the Course. Dr. David K. Nanopoulos (Chief of Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations) once again honoured the Institute by delivering the Inaugural Lecture of the Course.

This unique IMLI Course is delivered into two parts. The first part provides a comprehensive introduction to the Law of Treaties which covers the major aspects in this area of study and the second part of the Course consists of Specialist Seminars on the Law of Treaties.



Dr. David K. Nanopoulos (Chief of Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations)

IMLI Class of 2023-2024 attending the inaugural lecture of this specialized course



Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice, a leading expert in the Law of Treaties, will deliver a number of lectures in the second part which will commence on Monday, 4 December 2023. The Course is delivered in a hybrid mode to make it available to external participants around the world, thereby increasing IMLI's global outreach.

IMLI LECTURER DELIVERS A TRAINING COURSE AT THE BIOFOULING MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP ORGANIZED BY THE IMO AND MTCC AFRICA



*Ms. Ramat Jalloh
(Lecturer, IMLI)*

MTCC-Africa held its IMO-MTCC-Africa Partnership Regional Workshop on TEST Biofouling hosted by NIMASA in Nigeria.

Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI) was the main Speaker of the training. She was both acknowledged and appreciated by the Centre for the invaluable support she offered as a Trainer during this Course and the insightful lectures she delivered.

Through this intensive and comprehensive training, MTCC-AFRICA recognizes the significance of raising awareness on the transfer of Invasive Aquatic Species (IAS) through biofouling, a matter of paramount importance for beneficiary countries participating in the TEST Biofouling project. These countries, whose rich coastal biodiversity hotspots are vulnerable to biofouling, are also intrinsically linked to the global concern of climate mitigation/climate change, notably through the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions attributed to maritime transport.

THE NIPPON FOUNDATION LECTURER ON GLOBAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE PARTICIPATES AS A SPEAKER IN TWO INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI) participated as a Speaker in the *Current trends in International Environmental Law Conference*. The Conference was held at the Faculty of Law of the National University of Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina. Dr. Prado delivered a presentation entitled “75 years of the Bogotá Pact and its Relevance in the Peaceful Solution of Environmental Disputes in our America”.

He also participated as a Speaker in the III International Congress on Land and Human Rights - Global Food Security and Sustainability Crisis, at the University of Seville and University of Cordoba, Spain



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DELEGATION FROM ALBANIA VISITS THE INSTITUTE

A delegation from Albania led by Mr. Elson Thana (Transport Permanent Secretariat) who was accompanied by Mr. Muharrem Trupja (Director, Port Security and Flag State Administration, Albanian Maritime Administration), Mr. Kastriot Sali (Head of Port State Control, Albanian Maritime Administration), Mr. Ermal Tushaj (Head of Flag State Control, Albanian Maritime Administration), and Ms. Ergis Kryekurti (Inspector of Dangerous Goods, Albanian Maritime Administration) visited the Institute.



Mr. Elson Thana (Transport Permanent Secretariat), the members of the Delegation from Albania and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the Class of 2023-2024

The Delegation was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Class of 2023-2024. A meeting ensued wherein possible future cooperation was discussed.

IMLI DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES AS SPEAKER IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MARITIME ARBITRATORS (ICMA) XXII HELD IN DUBAI

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) participated as a Speaker in the International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators (ICMA) XXII held in Dubai. His presentation was entitled "*Multiplicity of Limitation of Liability Conventions: The Unfortunate Effects Caused by Lack of Harmonization*".

The ICMA is a forum for maritime arbitrators, lawyers and for the global shipping industry in which professionals in the field can deliberate on and exchange views and news.



IMLI CLASS ATTENDS THE JOINT IMO/ILO CONFERENCE ON WORK AT SEA HELD AT IMO HEADQUARTERS

The IMLI Class of 2023-2024 attended virtually the *Joint IMO/ILO Conference on Work at Sea* held at the IMO Headquarters in London. The Conference focused on sharing best practices, views and experiences on: ensuring the rights of seafarers and fishers; identifying gaps in the current regulatory framework, including in relation to responsible management; and exploring how governments, industry, IGOs and NGOs can collaborate to improve the relevant international maritime legal framework.



IMO Secretary General Mr. Kitack Lim delivering his opening address



Class of 2023-2024 following the Conference virtually

IMLI DIRECTOR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NIPPON FOUNDATION MEET IN LONDON

On 14 November 2023, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) met in London with Mr. Mitsuyuki Unno (Executive Director, The Nippon Foundation).



Mr. Mitsuyuki Unno (Executive Director, The Nippon Foundation) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)

During this meeting, Professor Martínez and Mr. Unno discussed the strengthening of the very successful joint project entitled “*Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Global Legal Order for the Oceans*”.

This meeting cemented further the decades-long cooperation between the two institutions which is to continue in the forthcoming years for the benefit of the international maritime community.