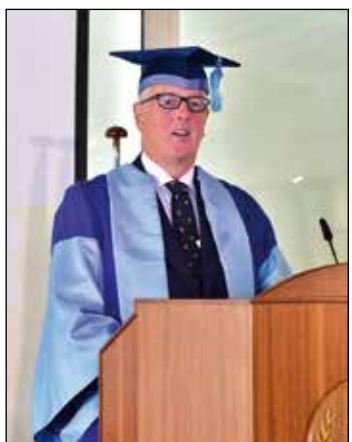


IMLI BESTOWS THE TITLE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW *HONORIS CAUSA* ON MR. JAMES T. HARRISON AND PROFESSOR DR. MARKO PAVLIHA

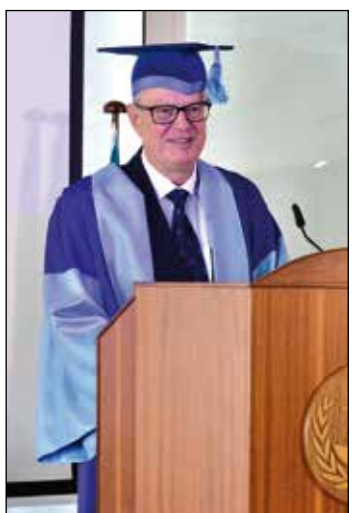
The Institute bestowed the Title of Doctor of Laws in International Maritime Law *Honoris Causa* on Mr. James T. Harrison (Former Group Legal Director of Lloyd's Register and current Vice-Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) and Professor Dr. Marko Pavliha (Head of Law Department, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, Slovenia; Member, IMLI Governing Board), during IMLI's 34th Graduation Ceremony.



Dr. h.c. James T. Harrison

Dr. h.c. James T. Harrison has rendered life-long service to the harmonization, dissemination, and implementation of international maritime law. For over thirty years, he served as Group Legal Director of the Lloyd's Register Group, where he made an immense contribution to the development and implementation of international maritime safety and environmental standards. In 2016, Dr. h.c. Harrison was also appointed as Ambassador of the Lloyd's Register Foundation. Throughout the years, Dr. h.c. Harrison has devoted time and effort to ensure that the Lloyd's Register Trust and Foundation provided numerous fellowships that enabled maritime professionals from all around the world to be trained at IMLI. He has also constantly offered unyielding support to the management of the Institute. As Vice-Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board, and also as Chairman of the IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee, Dr. h.c. Harrison has been instrumental in the good governance of the Institute and has relentlessly contributed to its sterling work.

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) has given a life-long service to the harmonization, dissemination, progressive development and codification of international maritime law. He has written numerous books on maritime law and countless contributions to highly regarded journals in English and Slovenian languages. Through his work at the Comité Maritime International (CMI), the Slovenian Maritime Law Association and other international fora, he has greatly contributed to the harmonization, progressive development and codification of international maritime law. Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Pavliha has been instrumental to the work of the Institute through his active contribution to the IMLI Governing Board and the IMLI Academic Committee, where he has been a Member for many years. Also, since 1998 he has dedicated time and effort to the Institute by delivering lectures on various topics relating to the Law of Marine Insurance, thus contributing to the continued development of IMLI as a centre of academic excellence for the teaching of international maritime law.



Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Marko Pavliha

Deputy Director, Subdivision for Programme Management and Coordination, IMO Technical Cooperation Division) attended as an observer and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) was present to report to the Board on all items under discussion.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Ivan Sammut (then Permanent Representative of Malta to IMO), Ambassador Victor Camilleri (Advisor to the Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, Malta), Dr. Patrick Griggs CBE (Former President, Comité Maritime International (CMI)), and Vice-Admiral Cristiano Aliperta (Permanent Representative of the Republic of Palau to IMO).

Mr. Lim welcomed the Board Members and thanked them for attending the session and for showing their commitment and support to the Institute through their active participation in IMLI's governance. He congratulated and thanked the Director and the Institute's staff for their sterling work in training the maritime leaders of tomorrow.

The Board considered reports on financial and academic matters, as well as IMLI's contribution to the IMO Goals and UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. The Board noted with satisfaction the Institute's efforts to enhance its global outreach and the appreciation expressed by the General Assembly of the United Nations and IMO Bodies for the Institute's work. The Board also considered a report on IMLI's institutional co-operation and partnerships and it commended the Institute for its prolific work in this field.



The Members of the IMLI Governing Board at the 37th Session

IMLI COMMENCES THE 35TH ACADEMIC YEAR

The Institute welcomed on 9 October 2023 the 35th generation of students for the Academic Year 2023-2024. The students were warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Staff.

Prior to the IMLI Director delivering his Welcome Address to the Class of 2023-2024, Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration) guided them through the Oath of Allegiance to the Institute.



Class of 2023-2024 taking the Oath of Allegiance to the IMO International Maritime Law Institute

When addressing the 2023-2024 Class, Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez stated that it was an honour and a privilege to welcome such a diverse class, full of talented individuals, to IMLI's 35th Academic Year. The Director informed the students that IMLI was set up to train maritime experts in the whole spectrum of international maritime law and in the incorporation and effective implementation of IMO treaties and rules into their domestic legislation. He highlighted the Institute's commitment to contribute to the realization of IMO's objectives and the international community for a sustainable and vibrant maritime sector.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) with members of the Class of 2023-2024

Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez stated that he was confident that the students' efforts coupled with the Institute's commitment to deliver the highest standards of training will make this Academic Year a very successful and rewarding one.

At the conclusion of the Director's Address, Ms. Kazara-Belja invited the students to introduce themselves. For the Academic Year 2023-2024, IMLI welcomes in-situ, 72 Students from 40 countries in all of its programmes.

INAUGURATION OF IMLI'S NEWLY REFURBISHED LECTURE HALL AND STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AND FORMAL OPENING OF THE 35TH ACADEMIC YEAR

IMLI had the honour to hold on Wednesday 11 October, a ceremony at which Mr. Kitack Lim (then IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) together with Hon. Minister Dr. Stefan Zrinzo Azzopardi (Minister for Public Works and Planning, Malta) inaugurated IMLI's new state-of-the-art lecture hall and student common room. The ceremony was attended by eminent personalities including Mr. Ivan Sammut (then Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen at Malta Ship Registry), and Judge Dr. Giovanni Griscti (Member of the Maltese Judiciary and Graduate of the IMLI Class of 1990).

Upon their arrival, Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez introduced Mr. Lim and Dr. Zrinzo Azzopardi to the Staff and students of the IMLI Class of 2023-2024. This was followed by the cutting of the ceremonial ribbon, which was jointly done by Mr. Lim and Dr. Zrinzo Azzopardi.

In the ceremony that ensued, Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez delivered the Welcome Address in which he stated that his message for the day was one of gratitude and pride. Gratitude for all who were present. Gratitude to the Government of Malta, especially for their warm reception of IMLI students and the facilities they have provided over the last 35 years. He also welcomed and expressed his gratitude to Mr. Lim for his visit to inaugurate the refurbished student accommodation and to formally open the 35th Academic Year. More importantly, the Director noted the crucial role he played in securing the necessary funding from Korea for the refurbishment of the student accommodation.

Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez stated that he was proud of what the Institute has achieved over the last 35 years, distinguishing itself for training the maritime leaders of tomorrow.

Minister Zrinzo Azzopardi delivered the Inauguration Address. He thanked all those who contributed to the realization of these projects, particularly the Government of Korea for the new student accommodation. Minister Zrinzo Azzopardi also stated that the celebration was not only of the new lecture hall and student accommodation, but also the principles and values that underpin IMLI's mission as a global educational institution. The Minister registered the pride of the Government of Malta, through



Mr. Kitack Lim (then IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) and Hon. Minister Dr. Stefan Zrinzo Azzopardi (Minister for Public Works and Planning, Malta) cutting the ceremonial ribbon inaugurating the newly refurbished lecture hall



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivering the Address



Hon. Minister Dr. Stefan Zrinzo Azzopardi (Minister for Public Works and Planning, Malta) delivering his address

the Ministry of Public Works and Planning of Malta, to have supported the full refurbishment of the IMLI lecture hall and the student common room.

The then Secretary-General delivered his Address and formally opened the academic year 2023-2024 by ringing the ceremonial bell. In his Address, he welcomed the new IMLI students, wishing them all the best as they embark on their academic journey. In respect of the lecture hall, Mr. Lim thanked the Government of Malta for its generous funding and for the continued and ongoing support to IMLI especially in realizing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 on 'Quality Education'. In respect of the refurbished student accommodation, Mr. Lim thanked the Government of the Republic of Korea for financing these improvements through the IMO Voyage Together Trust Fund.

Subsequently, Mr. Lim proceeded to unveil a plaque in recognition of the Government of the Republic of Korea which, due to his initiative, funded the renovations of the Institute's students' accommodation. The unveiling took place in the presence of the IMLI Director, Dr. Zrinzo Azzopardi, Mr. Sammut, Judge Dr. Griscti, and the IMLI Class of 2023-2024.

IMLI'S INAUGURAL LECTURE

Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division) delivered the Institute's Inaugural Lecture on 20 October 2023. Dr. Lost-Sieminska was warmly welcomed to the Institute by the IMLI Faculty and Staff and was introduced to the Class of 2023-2024.

When addressing the Class, Director Lost-Sieminska stated that it is always a great pleasure to be back in Malta and at IMLI as she feels she is part of the IMLI family. She also shared a little of her own personal experience when she herself was a student at IMLI. Director Lost-Sieminska then proceeded to deliver the Inaugural Lecture.



Director Lost-Sieminska addressing the Class of 2023-2024



Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) with the Students of the Class of 2023-2024

ANNUAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

The Institute's annual Flag Raising Ceremony was held after the Inaugural Lecture delivered by Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division). The Institute notes with pleasure that the flags of the 40 countries represented at IMLI during this year are:

Albania, Antigua & Barbuda, the Bahamas, Brazil, Cameroon, DR Congo, Croatia, Egypt, Ghana, Honduras, India, Iran, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Liberia, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, State of Palestine, Peru, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Switzerland, Tanzania, Tunisia, Türkiye, Tuvalu, Ukraine, and Yemen. The flags of these countries will adorn the Institute's premises throughout this academic year.



Flags of the countries represented in the IMLI programmes for the Academic Year 2023-2024

IMLI ANNOUNCES THE RECOGNITION OF THE DEGREE OF MAGISTER JURIS (M.JUR.) IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW BY THE MALTA FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORITY

IMLI is proud to announce that the quality training being delivered in all of its programmes is continuously being recognized by the Malta Further and Higher Education Authority. Most recently, Mr. Lawrence Azzopardi (Head of Accreditation Licensing Validation and Quality Assurance, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority) informed the IMLI Director that the Degree of Magister Juris (M.Jur.) in International Maritime Law has been recognized as meeting the standards required for a master's degree in Malta, falling under MQF Level 7. The recognition of this programme is another great accomplishment for the Institute.



Mr. Lawrence Azzopardi (Head of Accreditation, Licensing Validation and Quality Assurance, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority) during his visit to the Institute in 2020

IMLI DIRECTOR REPORTS TO THE IMO BODIES

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) reported to the 73rd Session of the IMO Technical Cooperation Committee, the 130th Session of the IMO Council and the 33rd IMO Assembly held at the IMO Headquarters in London.

The Director provided the different IMO bodies with information on IMLI's activities for 2022, including details on the governance and management of the Institute and key outcomes of sessions carried out by its governing bodies.

The Director was pleased to convey that while the Academic Year 2022-2023 has commenced in-situ, the Institute has also facilitated a hybrid learning environment which will enable many professionals from around the globe to participate in its specialized courses online.

In regard of financial matters, the Director proudly recorded that IMLI remained on a path to stable financial progress to support its academic goals and capacity-building mission. He thanked the host Government of Malta for its continuous support and for making available the Institute's premises, in particular, for the refurbishment of what is now a state-of-the-art lecture hall. He expressed his sincere appreciation to the Institute's donors, especially the IMO, The Nippon Foundation, the ITF Seafarers' Trust, Lloyds' Register Foundation, as well as the International Group of P&I Clubs and the International Chamber of Shipping, for their generous funding which enables deserving government officers from around the world to receive training at the Institute.

Furthermore, Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez extended his gratitude to the Governments of Argentina, Nigeria, the Philippines, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, and the Republic of Korea; the Comité Maritime International (CMI), the Australian Maritime Safety Agency (AMSA), and the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), for their unstinting support and generosity. The Director expressed sincere gratitude to the Technical Cooperation Division of IMO, as well as its Director and Senior Officers for their unwavering support.

Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez stated that as an institution dedicated to the training of the maritime leaders of tomorrow, IMLI continues to render valuable services to the IMO Member States through its numerous initiatives which have increased IMLI's global outreach while consolidating its status as the renowned centre of excellence for the training and education in international law.

Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez concluded by highlighting that while IMLI remains resolute in serving IMO and the international maritime community, it needs support from all IMO Member States, to continue fulfilling its capacity-building mission.

IMLI LAUNCHES ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO

IMLI is celebrating its 35th Anniversary this academic year and has proudly launched its 35th Anniversary Logo.



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