IMLI had the distinct pleasure of welcoming once more, Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj Belkaid (Secretary-General, Federation of European Private Port Companies and Terminals) on 6 March 2024.

Ms. Kerdjoudj Belkaid was introduced by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024 and to the external participants of the IMLI Course on the Law of Ports 2024.

Upon her introduction, Ms. Kerdjoudj Belkaid proceeded to deliver an online lecture entitled “The Relationship between Shipowners and Ports”. Ms. Kerdjoudj Belkaid’s practical presentation on this subject-matter was very much appreciated by the students and course participants.
IMO HEAD OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Julián Abril García (Head of the Facilitation Section, Maritime Safety Division, IMO), visited the Institute on 7 March to deliver a set of lectures entitled “Benefits of Maritime Trade Facilitation for the Port States” and “Introduction to the IMO Facilitation Convention on International Maritime Traffic and its Annex”.

On his arrival at IMLI, Mr. Abril García was met and warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) who introduced Mr. Abril to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024 and to the external participants of the IMLI Course on the Law of Ports 2024. His engaging lectures were followed by numerous thought provoking questions and contributions from the Class.
Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI), participated in the *Women in Maritime: Navigating Decarbonization* Workshop on 7 March, under the IMO Cares project, hosted online by the Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre for Africa (MTCC Africa). IMO CARES Programme aims to promote Coordinated Actions to Reduce Emissions from Shipping. The IMO CARES Project will focus on the needs of developing countries to meet the IMO Energy Efficiency and IMO GHG Strategy targets and help drive the achievement of global GHG emissions' reduction from shipping.

Ms. Jalloh's contribution was in the first Session of the virtual workshop, entitled “*Women’s Inclusion in the Development of Decarbonization Policies and Measures*”, where she was in the company of other eminent personalities in the industry.

IMO TECHNICAL OFFICER LECTURES AT IMLI

IMLI welcomed again Ms. Martina Fontanet Solé (Technical Officer, IMO) on 7 March 2024.

Ms. Fontanet Solé was introduced by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI) to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024 and to the external participants of the IMLI Course on the Law of Ports 2024.

Ms. Fontanet Solé delivered a fascinating online lecture entitled "*Digitalization of the Ship-Port Interface*".
LAWYER WITHIN THE MARITIME UNIT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION LECTURES AT IMLI

On 7 March IMLI welcomed again Ms. Federica Ninni (Legal Officer, Maritime Unit, International Labour Organization (ILO)) who delivered an online lecture entitled “MLC in Practice: Effective Implementation and the Role of the ILO Committee of Experts” to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024 and the external participants of the IMLI Course on Seafarers’ Rights 2024.

Ms. Ninni was introduced to the class and external participants by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI).

Ms. Ninni’s lecture, which marked the successful conclusion of the IMLI Course on Seafarers’ Rights, was very well received by the students and participants.
IMLI welcomed again Mr. Andrew Kennedy (Global Head of Dispute Resolution and Compliance, Lloyd’s Register). Mr. Kennedy was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024 by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI).

Following his introduction, Mr. Kennedy proceeded to deliver an online lecture entitled “The Legal Position of Marine Classification Societies” which was met by several interesting and intriguing questions from the students, to which Mr. Kennedy expertly responded.

IMLI welcomed again Mr. Brice Martin-Castex (Deputy Director, Subdivision for Marine Technology and Cargoes, Maritime Safety Division, IMO) on 11 March 2024. Mr. Martin-Castex was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024 and the external participants of the IMLI Course on the Law of Ports 2024 by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI).

Upon his introduction, Mr. Martin-Castex proceeded to deliver an online lecture entitled “Implementation of the FAO’S PSMA and Potential Harmonization with other PSC Inspection Regimes” which encouraged class participation and dialogue.