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PROGRAMME

Procession:	Faculty and Class of 2024
Welcoming Address:	Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez Director, IMLI
Graduation Address:	Mr. Arsenio Antonio Domínguez Velasco IMO Secretary-General and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board
Valedictory Address:	Ms. Patience Ella Diaba (Ghana) on behalf of the Students
Presentation of Candidates:	Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI
IMLI Conferment of Degrees:	Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez Director, IMLI
Presentation of Prizes:	IMO Secretary-General's Prize for Best Dissertation Government of Malta Prize for the Best Maritime Legislation Drafting Project Professor David Attard Prize for Best Performance in the Law of the Sea Transport Malta Prize for Best Performance in Shipping Law Sasakawa Prize for the Best Performing Nippon Foundation Scholar Dr. Kofi Mbiah's Prize for the Best Performing African Scholar ITF Seafarers' Trust Prize on Seafarer's Law Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malta Branch Prize for Best Performance in Maritime Transport Law REMPEC Marine Environment Law Prize CMI Prize for Best Overall Performance

A MESSAGE FROM MR. ARSENIO ANTONIO DOMÍNGUEZ VELASCO IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE IMLI GOVERNING BOARD

Today, IMLI is celebrating its 35th Anniversary and holding its 35th Graduation Ceremony. Over more than three decades, the Institute has played a pivotal role in providing unparalleled legal training to over 1,700 maritime professionals from over 160 States and territories, from diverse backgrounds.

IMLI remains firmly committed to delivering its mission of capacity-building for the Member States of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

The quality training offered at the Institute has helped countries to take their rightful place and play their part in international maritime affairs by enhancing the maritime sector and achieving IMO's objectives for safer, secure, efficient, and environmentally friendly shipping. IMLI's education ensures that IMO Member States are provided with the legal expertise required for the incorporation and effective implementation of international maritime conventions into national legislation.

I am delighted that IMLI has been proactive in achieving gender equality and empowerment of women, by mandating that 50 percent of places in the Institute's programmes are reserved for suitably qualified female candidates. I note with pride that many female IMLI graduates are leading their countries' delegations at IMO meetings today and are leaving their mark on both the academic and the shipping world.

It is my pleasure to congratulate the Class of 2024 on graduating from this unique Institution. Today, you are joining the ranks of a formidable network of alumni which provides significant benefits to the global maritime community.

I offer my heartfelt appreciation to Professor Norman Martinez (Director, IMLI), the Institute's Staff and all supporters and donors, for their commitment to the education and welfare of the students. None of this would have been possible without them. As always, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the Government of Malta for continuing to be a welcoming and supportive host.

I know that the graduates of 2024 will prove just as hard-working and productive as their predecessors, and I wish them every success. I look forward to meeting many of them at the IMO in their professional capacity, very soon.



Mr. Arsenio Antonio Domínguez Velasco
IMO Secretary-General,
Chairman, IMLI Governing Board

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FACULTY MEMBERS – ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 – 2024



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Honduras)
 Lic. (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras)
 LL.M. (IMLI)
 Ph.D. (IMLI)
 Advocate (Honduras)
Director



Judge Professor David J. Attard (Malta)
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 Advocate (Malta)
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Professor of Public International Law and the Law of the Sea



Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Albania)
 Jurist (Ethniko kai Kapodistriako University of Athens)
 LL.M. (IMLI)
Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration



Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Sierra Leone)
 B.A. (University of Sierra Leone)
 LL.B. (University of Sierra Leone)
 LL.M. (IMLI)
 Barrister-at-Law and Solicitor
Lecturer



Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (the United Kingdom / Poland)
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 LL.M. (University of Warsaw)
 Ph.D. (University of Warsaw)
The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law



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 LL.M. (Ankara University)
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The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law



Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (India)
 LL.B. (Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University)
 LL.M. (Indian Law Institute)
 Ph.D. (University of Delhi)
 Advocate (India)
The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law



Dr. Rafael Prado (Brazil)
 LL.B. (Communitarian University of Joinville Region)
 LL.M. (University Rovira i Virgili)
 Ph.D. (University of Barcelona)
 Advocate (Brazil and Portugal)
The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance

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IMO

IMO continues to support IMLI's funding requirements by annually providing fellowships which are intended for deserving government nominated candidates who wish to pursue post-graduate studies in international maritime law at the Institute. Thanks to this funding the following students were able to receive training at IMLI during the current academic year: Mr. Patrick Leroy Sweeting Jr. (the Bahamas), Mr. Junior Angabua Chuo Angabua (Cameroon), Ms. Madeleine Ma Adjoa Buadi (Ghana), Mr. Deependra Singh Bisen (India), Ms. Deborah Mwise Robi (Kenya), Mr. Anthony Toe Twe (Liberia), Mr. Chrispine Limbikani Kalusa (Malawi), Mr. Kevin Chin Ket Vui (Malaysia), Mr. Emiliano Antonio Vásquez Hernández (Mexico), Capt. John Nyambe Mufaya (Namibia), Cdr. Karina Sohphia Valdivia Segura (Peru), Lcdr. Lovely Rose Zafra Catayen (the Philippines), Mr. Karam Basem Ibrahim Alkhalidi (State of Palestine), Ms. Faye Mame Ndella (Senegal), Ms. Isha Shameera Bernardette Cooposamy (Seychelles), Ms. Suad Mohamed Tigow (Somalia), Mr. Agampodi Kanishka Chamara Perera Rajakaruna (Sri Lanka), Mr. Vedastus Kitureti (the United Republic of Tanzania), Colonel Montassar Atouani (Tunisia), and Mr. Ahmed Ali Mohammed Ali Al-Subhi (Yemen).

THE NIPPON FOUNDATION

The Nippon Foundation, through its joint project with IMLI, known as the "Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Legal Order for the Oceans", continues to support deserving government nominated fellows. For the academic year 2023-2024 the following students were selected as fellows under the Project: Ms. Marver B. Woodley (Antigua and Barbuda), Ms. Marina Borges Soares (Brazil), Mr. Negmeldin Faisal Elbatran (Egypt), Ms. Christiana Awoonor-Anderson (Ghana), Ms. Maria José Casula Santeli (Honduras), Ms. Sedigheh Zarei (Islamic Republic of Iran),

Mr. Neverson Lutavi Chisiza (Malawi), Ens. María Eugenia Montano Bermúdez (Mexico), Ms. Marquinha Humberto André Morais Pinto Basto (Mozambique), Ms. Hilma Dalondoka Kuduva (Namibia), Ms. Laures Licayo Fulgaon (the Philippines), Mr. Joash Bella (Solomon Islands), Mr. Dewelgoda Arachigge Lakshan Pium Ramawickrama (Sri Lanka), Ms. Mehzabeen Ramsaroep (Suriname), Mr. Ramadhan J. Ngogo (the United Republic of Tanzania), and Mr. Aмоса Moegafou (Tuvalu).

THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION (ITF) SEAFARERS' TRUST

The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) Seafarers' Trust has provided funding that allowed maritime professionals from mostly developing States to receive training in the Institute's LL.M. and M.Hum. programmes. For the current academic year, the ITF Seafarers' Trust provided five fellowships to government nominated officers to pursue training at IMLI. They are: Ms. Hélène Daniella Ngalle Mbili (Cameroon), Mr. Luis Alfredo Maradiaga Caballero (Honduras), Mr. Obada Arachchige Sheran Madhawa Perera (Sri Lanka), Ms. Diana Mykailova (Ukraine), and Mr. Galal Ali Mohammed Alawi (Yemen).

EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY (EMSA)

The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) has provided funding that has enabled Mr. Mykola Panchyshyn (Ukraine) to receive his training at IMLI.

INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF P&I CLUBS

The International Group of P&I Clubs, comprising of thirteen P&I Clubs between them, provide marine liability cover (protection and indemnity) for approximately 90% of the world's ocean-going tonnage. The aim of this Group includes, inter alia, promoting insurance related interests of shipping companies through

a unified and collective voice. The Group has been supporting IMLI through fellowships and for this academic year enabled the studies of Ms. Patience Ella Diaba (Ghana).

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING (ICS)

The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) is the global trade association for shipowners and operators which represents the world's national shipowner associations, and over 80% of the world merchant fleet. A long-standing supporter of IMLI, the Chamber extended its collaboration with the Institute this academic year through the provision of one fellowship to Ms. Emmah Akware (Kenya).

NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS - IMLI COOPERATION

In 2023, the Government of Malaysia supported IMLI through the provision of two full fellowships to Mr. Sehan Anthony Thissa Soyza (Sri Lanka) and Mr. Juma Mussa Omar (the United Republic of Tanzania). The Government of the Republic of Korea continued to support the studies of government nominated officers and thanks to its generous funding, Ms. Kamwanda Mukonkole Murielle (Democratic Republic of Congo) and Ms. Ngollo Yaya Dabuya (the United Republic of Tanzania) were able to pursue studies at IMLI for the academic year 2023-2024. Financial assistance was also received by the Government of Nigeria, which enabled the training of two Government Officials from Nigeria, namely Mr. Mark Terver Mailumo and Mr. Kelechi ThankGod Ekpem. The Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority sponsored two of their employees Mr. Benjamin Ampoma-Boaten and Mr. Timothy Davidson Yelbaya. The Saudi Border Guards sponsored Major Mustafa Salih Awadh AlJuhani and the Royal Saudi Naval Forces sponsored Cdr. Azzam Abdullah M. Alsabt. IMLI is also grateful to the Government of Malta for its continued and dedicated support.

MASTER GRADUATES (1989 – 2023)*

Albania	2	Guinea-Bissau	3	Poland	2
Algeria	12	Guyana	9	Portugal	1
Angola	16	Haiti	1	Russian Federation	
Antigua and Barbuda	4	Honduras	7	(the)	6
Argentina	6	India	18	Saint Kitts and Nevis	6
Azerbaijan	6	Indonesia	12	Saint Lucia	1
Bahamas (the)	14	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	4
Bahrain	3	Iraq	2	Samoa	6
Bangladesh	11	Israel	1	Sao Tome and Principe	1
Barbados	3	Italy	5	Saudi Arabia	11
Belarus	2	Jamaica	10	Senegal	5
Belize	2	Japan	3	Serbia	2
Benin	3	Jordan	7	Seychelles	11
Bolivia	3	Kazakhstan	5	Sierra Leone	12
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	Kenya	32	Singapore	1
Brazil	12	Kiribati	2	Slovenia	5
Bulgaria	5	Korea (the Democratic People's Republic of)	8	Solomon Islands	4
Burundi	1	Latvia	7	Somalia	8
Cameroon	5	Lebanon	4	South Africa	9
Cape Verde	2	Lesotho	1	Spain	1
Canada	1	Liberia	9	Sri Lanka	18
China	21	Libya	7	Sudan (the)	6
Chile	2	Lithuania	6	Suriname	3
Colombia	6	Luxembourg	1	Switzerland	2
Comoros Islands (the)	4	Madagascar	10	Syrian Arab Republic (the)	1
Congo (the)	3	Malawi	5	Tanzania (the United Republic of)	20
Congo (Democratic Republic of the)	2	Malaysia	9	Thailand	8
Cook Islands	1	Maldives	12	Togo	4
Costa Rica	1	Malta	92	Tonga	2
Côte d'Ivoire	1	Marshall Islands (the)	3	Trinidad and Tobago	10
Croatia	4	Mauritania	1	Tunisia	8
Cuba	1	Mauritius	6	Türkiye	8
Djibouti	1	Mexico	14	Turkmenistan	1
Dominica	6	Mongolia	2	Turks and Caicos	1
Dominican Republic (the)	2	Montenegro	6	Tuvalu	4
Ecuador	3	Morocco	2	Uganda	6
Egypt	10	Mozambique	7	Ukraine	7
El Salvador	3	Myanmar	12	United Kingdom (the)	1
Eritrea	3	Namibia	8	United States of America (the)	5
Estonia	1	New Zealand	1	Uruguay	3
Ethiopia	14	Nicaragua	4	Vanuatu	2
Fiji	7	Nigeria	88	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2
France	1	Niue	1	Vietnam	6
Gabon	1	Norway	1	Yemen	4
Gambia (the)	13	Oman	1	Zambia	4
Georgia	15	Pakistan	9	Zimbabwe	2
Germany	3	Panama	5	Hong Kong, China	1
Ghana	28	Papua New Guinea	5	Palestine (State of)	2
Greece	4	Paraguay	1		
Grenada	2	Peru	8		
Guatemala	3	Philippines (the)	36		

* Includes students who were awarded the Degree of Master of Laws in International Maritime Law, the Degree of Master of Humanities in International Maritime Legislation, the Degree of Master of Philosophy in International Maritime Law and Ocean Policy and the Degree of Master of Science in International Maritime Law and Logistics.

IMLI VISITING FELLOWS - ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

Mr. Charles Abela (Malta)

Senior Project Officer, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA); Alternate Representative of the European Commission to the IMO
“Port Security and Facilitation”

Mr. Julián Abril García (Spain)

Head of Facilitation, IMO
“Benefits of Maritime Trade Facilitation for the Port States”
“Introduction to the IMO Facilitation Convention on International Maritime Traffic and Its Annex”

Professor Pinar Akan (Türkiye)

Head, Maritime Law Department, Marmara University
“Containerization from Freight to Demurrage”

Judge Frida Maria Armas Pfirter (Argentina)

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
“Conciliation”

Professor Ignacio Arroyo Martínez (Spain)

Attorney-at-Law and International Arbitrator
“Unification of Maritime Law Through International Conventions”
“Talks with Professor Arroyo”

Dr. Felicity Grace Attard (Malta)

Lecturer on International Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta
“The Duty to Render Assistance at Sea: Balancing Safety Obligations with Security Concerns”

Mr. Robert Ashdown (the United Kingdom)

Secretary General, International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)
“The Role of the International Association of Classification Societies”

Dr. Paula Bäckdén (Sweden)

Counsel; Member of the Swedish Bar Association
“General Average”

Dr. Rosalie Balkin AO (Australia)

Secretary-General, Comité Maritime International (CMI)
“IMO and Global Ocean Governance”

Dr. Awwal Bamanga (Nigeria)

Assistant Director, Marine Environment Management, Nigerian Maritime

Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA)

“General Ship Waste Management”
“Hazardous Ship Wastes and Implications for the Marine Environment”

Professor Pieter Bekker (the Netherlands)

Chair in International Law, University of Dundee (UK)
“Maritime Limits and Boundaries: Delimitation Workshop”

Ms. Hassiba Benamara (Canada)

Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
“Port Traffic and Maritime Transport in the Era of Pandemics”

Mr. Marco Benatar (Belgium)

Legal Officer, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
“Limitations and Exceptions Under Part XV Section 3 UNCLOS”

Ms. Maria Pia Benosa (the Philippines)

Depositary and Legal Officer, Legal Affairs Office, IMO
“IMO Treaties: From Adoption to Amendment”

“Implementing IMO Instruments”

Mr. Branko Berlan (Croatia)

International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) Accredited Representative to IMO
“The Contribution of ITF to the Work of IMO for the Protection of the Seafarers”

Dr. Augustín Blanco-Bazán (Argentina)

International Lawyer, Consultant and Lecturer specializing in Maritime Law and Law of The Sea
“The IMO: working within the UNCLOS Framework and Global Ocean Governance”

Professor Dr. h.c. Philippe Boisson (France)

Maritime Arbitrator and Maritime Consultant to Bureau Veritas, Paris; Member, IMLI Governing Board
“Maritime Safety Law, Realities and Prospectives in the 21st Century”

Professor Simone Borg (Malta)

Professor / Chair Climate Platform, University of Malta
“IMLI Workshop on Climate Change and Ocean Governance”

Judge Kathy-Ann Brown (Jamaica)

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
“International Dispute Settlement”

Judge Oscar Cabello Sarubbi (Paraguay)

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
“Advisory Opinion on Fishing in The EEZ of Other States (Case No. 21)”

Judge Ida Caracciolo (Italy)

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
“Management of the Case: Identification of Legal Advisors, Creation of Legal Team, Coordination of the Team”

Professor Laura Carballo Piñeiro (Spain)

Dean, Faculty of International Relations, University of Vigo
“The Role of Port States in Upholding Maritime Labor Standards”

Mr. Andrew Chamberlain (the United Kingdom)

Partner, Holman, Fenwick & Willan
“Law of Salvage”

Ms. Patricia Charlebois (Canada)

Deputy Director, Subdivision for Implementation, Marine Environment Division, IMO
“Oil and Chemical Pollution Response – The International Regulatory Framework and A Review of Recent Incidents”

Mr. Watchara Chiemanukulkit (Thailand)

Chair, Facilitation Committee, IMO
“Wildlife Smuggling on Ships Engaged in International Maritime Traffic”

Professor Aldo Chircop (Malta)

Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University
“Canadian Arctic Shipping: Rethinking the Role of Maritime Governance to Include Indigenous Peoples”

Mr. Andrew Clarke (the United Kingdom)

Technical Officer, Maritime Security Section, Maritime Safety Division, IMO
“IMO Maritime Security Mandate”

Dr. Kai-Dieter Classen (Germany)

Deputy Director for External Affairs, Hamburg Port Authority
“A ‘Green Ports’ Concept? – Selected Public Policies for Greening Ports”

Dr. Robin Cleverly (the United Kingdom)

Maritime Boundary Expert, Marbdy

Consulting Ltd

“Technical Aspects of The Recent Maritime Boundary Delimitation Cases”

Dr. Harry Conway (Liberia)

Alternate Permanent Representative of Liberia to IMO; Chair, IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee
“Marine Litters: A Governance Perspective”

Dr. Ali Kamal Deen (Ghana)

Founding Member & Executive Director of the Center for Maritime Law and Security Africa (CEMLAWS Africa)
“Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy and Maritime Governance Frameworks”

Dr. Heike Deggim (Germany)

Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO
“Role and Achievements of IMO’s Maritime Safety Division”

Ms. Gerardine Delanoye (Belgium)

Capacity Building and Resources Manager, International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)

“Introduction to IALA”

“IALA Risk Management Toolbox”

“IMO Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services”

Ms. Simone Egerton (the United Kingdom)

Legal Officer, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO
“International Organizations – Privileges and Immunities”

Professor Peter Ehlers (Germany)

Former President of the German Maritime and Hydrographic Agency

“Use of and Threats to the Oceans”

“What has already been done for Sustainable Ocean Governance?”

“What needs to be done for Sustainable Ocean Governance?”

Mr. Paul Falzon (Malta)

Inspector, International Transport Workers Federation (ITF)
“Seafarer’s Rights: Promoting and Protecting them”

Professor Michael G. Faure (Belgium)

Academic Director, Maastricht European Institute for Transnational Legal Research; Academic Director of Ius Commune Research School, Maastricht University
“Criminal Liability for Oil Pollution Damage: An Economic Analysis”

Dr. Ann Fenech (Malta)

President, Comité Maritime International (CMI)

“General Characteristics of a Maritime Lawyer”

“The Role of the Maritime Practitioner in the Shipping Industry”

“Judicial Sale of Ships Convention and the CMI”

Dr. Stefano Filletti (Malta)

Lawyer, Filletti & Filletti Advocates; Arbitrator, Malta Arbitration Centre

“UNCLOS and the Protection of the Marine Environment”

Ms. Martina Fontanet Solé (Spain)

Technical officer, Facilitation section, Maritime Safety Division, IMO

“Digitalization of the Ship-Port Interface”

“Wildlife Smuggling on Ships Engaged in International Maritime Traffic”

Ambassador Vanessa Frazier (Malta)

Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations

“Inaugural Lecture - Security Council and International Maritime Peace”

Mr. Luca Gargano (Italy)

Project Officer for Maritime Security, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

“EU’s Perception of Maritime Security and Challenges in Protecting the Common Domain”

Dr. Gotthard Gauci (Malta)

Lecturer, Plymouth Business School

“Liability and Compensation in Case of Bunker Oil Pollution”

Professor Philippe Gautier (Belgium)

Registrar, International Court of Justice (ICJ)
“Treatment of Evidence and Expert Witness”

Dr. Mijša Grbec (Slovenia)

Secretary-General of the Maritime Law Association of Slovenia; Attorney-at-Law; Assistant Professor, Faculty of Management, University of Primorska
“Liability and Compensation Regimes in Case of Oil Pollution”

Dr. Omar Grech (Malta)

Senior Lecturer, Department of International Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta
“Introduction to International Human Rights”
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