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IMLI DIRECTOR MEETS THE PRESIDENT AND THE REGISTRAR OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

Professor Dr. Norman Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) visited the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) between 17 and 18 February 2025. During his visit, he had a meeting with Judge Tomas Heidar (President, ITLOS) and Dr. Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce (Registrar, ITLOS). The aim of this meeting was to discuss further future cooperation between IMLI and ITLOS.



From L-R: Judge Tomas Heidar (President, ITLOS), Professor Dr. Norman Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), and Dr. Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce (Registrar, ITLOS)

IMLI DIRECTOR LECTURES AT THE ITLOS-NIPPON FOUNDATION CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING PROGRAMME

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered on 18 February 2025 a lecture to the Fellows participating in the ITLOS-NIPPON Foundation Capacity Building and Training Programme. This prestigious programme took place at the Headquarters of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in Hamburg.

Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez's presentation, entitled "*The IMO Conventions and the Law of the Sea*," was conducted as part of Module 8, which focused on Maritime Law. His lecture provided valuable insights into the relationship between the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) conventions and the broader framework of the law of the sea, contributing to the comprehensive training and development of the programme's participants.



SENIOR ADVISER OF THE STM VALIDATION PROJECT LECTURES AT IMLI

IMLI had the distinct pleasure of once again welcoming Captain Gurpreet Singhota (Senior Adviser, STM Validation Project; Deputy Director (Retired), MSD, IMO).

Captain Singhota was warmly greeted and introduced to the IMLI Class by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI).



Captain Gurpreet Singhota (Senior Adviser, STM Validation Project; Deputy Director (Retired), MSD, IMO)



He then proceeded to deliver online, a set of lectures entitled "*COLREGs: An Overview*" and "*Operational Safety in the Maritime Context*", respectively to the IMLI Class of 2024-2025.

IMLI DIRECTOR MEETS THE HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS



In a meeting held at the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works, Malta on 31 January 2025, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) met with the Honourable Mr. Chris Bonnett MP (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works, Malta).

During this meeting, Director Martínez Gutiérrez and Hon. Minister Bonnett discussed Malta's enhanced contribution to IMLI and its capacity-building activities.

H.E. AMBASSADOR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ECLASLO VISITS IMLI



H.E. Mr. Abdullah Alzabidy (Ambassador and Executive Director of the European Commission – League of Arab States Liaison Office in Malta (ECLASLO)) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)

H.E. Mr. Abdullah Alzabidy (Ambassador and Executive Director of the European Commission – League of Arab States Liaison Office in Malta (ECLASLO)) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on 14 February 2025.

Ambassador Alzabidy was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), members of the IMLI Staff and the IMLI Class of 2024-2025.

During this visit, Ambassador Alzabidy had a brief meeting with the students who hail from Saudi Arabia. This was shortly followed by a meeting wherein Ambassador Alzabidy and Director Martínez Gutiérrez discussed possible future cooperation.



From L-R: Mr. Omar Mahal M. Almohammadi (Saudi Arabia), H.E. Ambassador Alzabidy, and Mr. Abdulaziz Alsaif (Saudi Arabia)

SENIOR LECTURER AT IMLI PARTICIPATES AS A PANELIST AT THE INSTITUTIONAL TALK ORGANIZED BY THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN LONDON

The Italian Embassy in London organized an Institutional Talk entitled “*Towards Sustainability: Greener Seas for a Better Tomorrow*” on 12 February 2025. The event which focused on the decarbonization of the maritime sector provided an opportunity to explore innovative solutions and share perspectives aimed at ensuring more sustainable seas for future generations.

Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI) delivered a presentation providing a legal perspective on decarbonization and the crucial role that seafarers can play in the green transition process. The event also highlighted the need for a joint commitment between institutions, the industry, and the scientific community to ensure a more sustainable future for global maritime transport.



From L-R: Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI), Ms. Monica Canepa (Senior Researcher/Lecturer, WMU), H.E. Mr. Inigo Lambertini (Italian Ambassador to the United Kingdom), Ms. Claudia De Meulemeester (Senior Correspondent, Financial Times) and Mr. Giuseppe Spera (Maritime Expert, Italian Embassy in London and Alternate Permanent Representative of Italy to IMO, IOPC FUNDS & IMSO)

SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES LECTURES AT IMLI

IMLI had the distinct pleasure of once again welcoming Mr. Robert Ashdown (Secretary General, International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)).

Mr. Ashdown was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), members of the IMLI Staff and students.

Following his introduction to the IMLI Class of 2024-2025, he proceeded to deliver a lecture entitled “*The Role of the International Association of Classification Societies*”.





Mr. Ashdown meeting the IMLI Class of 2024-2025



Mr. Robert Ashdown (Secretary General, International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), together with the IMLI Class of 2024-2025

THE NIPPON FOUNDATION LECTURER ON GLOBAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE PARTICIPATES AT A CONFERENCE HELD IN SINGAPORE



Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI) participated as a Speaker at the *CIL-Clima Conference* on the *Decarbonization of Shipping and Alternate Fuels*. The event was hosted in Singapore.

At the Conference, Dr. Prado delivered a presentation entitled *“The Role of the Precautionary Principle in Shipping Decarbonization”*. It formed part of Session 4 of the Conference which was entitled *Alternative Fuels: Safety and Environment of the Conference* entitled.

Dr. Prado had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Avery Chong (IMLI Graduate from Singapore, Class of 2021) who attended the Conference.



IMLI STUDENTS DELIVER PRESENTATIONS ON BASELINES

The IMLI Class of 2024-2025 delivered on 20 February presentations on Baselines. This exercise, which forms part of the module on “*Introduction to the Law of the Sea and Humanitarian Law and Law of the Sea Specific Regimes I*”, was coordinated and presided over by Members of the IMLI Faculty.

In this exercise, the students were required to provide an overview of the international rules of the law of the sea on baselines and the contribution of jurisprudence in the consolidation of the said rules. They were also required to present the baselines drawn by their respective countries and explain whether they are in conformity with international law. Further, the exercise required detailed submission on the maritime zones of their county, making specific reference to the enabling Act or Legislation, if applicable.

Through their presentations, the students demonstrated a clear understanding of this very important area of the law.

Below are some of the students as they that delivered their presentations.



