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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

This academic year was marked by numerous engagements of the IMLI Director. These international commitments included participation in important conferences, collaborative meetings with global partners, and visits to institutions abroad, all of which were aimed at strengthening the Institute's capacity-building mission.

The Director's active involvement in these events is a testament to his continued commitment in advancing IMLI's mission on a global scale and promoting both academic and professional collaboration.



IMLI DIRECTOR MEETS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NIPPON FOUNDATION

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) held a meeting with Mr. Mitsuyuki Unno (Executive Director, The Nippon Foundation) at The Nippon Foundation Headquarters in Tokyo, Japan.

During this meeting, Professor Martínez Gutiérrez and Mr. Unno discussed strengthening the very successful and important joint project between IMLI and the Nippon Foundation 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.



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

IMLI DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER IN AN INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE IN CROATIA

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) participated as a Keynote Speaker in the *5th International Scientific Conference on Maritime Law – Modern Challenges of Marine Navigation* held in Split, Croatia. His speech was entitled *“Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims: 100 Years of International Regulation”*. He also had the pleasure of meeting IMLI Graduates who were attending the Conference.



From L-R: Dr. Mitja Grbec (Secretary-General, Maritime Law Association of Slovenia; Attorney-at-Law; Assistant Professor, Faculty of Management, University of Primorska; Class of 2001), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Dr. Adriana Padovan (Associate Professor, Senior Research Associate, Adriatic Institute, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts; Class of 2003), and Mr. Ante Vojkovic (Attorney-at-Law, Law Firm Stanić & Partners LLC; Class of 2024)



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivering his Keynote Speech in the 5th International Scientific Conference on Maritime Law – Modern Challenges of Marine Navigation

IMLI DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES IN THE IMO TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE'S 75TH SESSION

IMO held the 75th Session of its Technical Cooperation Committee between the 2 and 6 June 2025. This Committee oversees IMO's capacity-building and technical cooperation projects, ensuring the Organization's effective contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) represented IMLI at this Session which was held at the IMO Headquarters wherein he also made two interventions.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) intervening during the Technical Cooperation Committee's 75th Session



During the Session, Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez delivered a presentation entitled *“Enhancing Capacity-Building in Maritime Administrations for the Development of an Effective Maritime Legal Framework.”* His presentation highlighted IMLI’s vital work in enhancing capacity-building in national administrations for the adequate implementation of international rules and regulations, especially those developed by IMO, in national legislation.



IMLI DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES AS SPEAKER IN THE COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL TOKYO CONFERENCE 2025

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), participated as a distinguished speaker in the Comité Maritime International Tokyo Conference 2025.

This important international included several programmes containing important current topics such as decarbonization, maritime terrorism and liability issues in maritime autonomous surface ships (MASS) among many others.

During the course of the Conference, Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez contributed to Parallel Event 2, which took place on 16 May 2025. In his presentation, entitled “*The International Maritime Law Institute*”, he provided an insightful overview of IMLI’s mission, academic programmes, underscoring IMLI’s global impact in the training of maritime professionals and its continued commitment to capacity-building.

The Director’s participation reaffirmed IMLI’s close connection with both the CMI and the international maritime community at large.



During the event, the CMI announced Guatemala and Montenegro as the two newest National Maritime Law Associations which have become members of the Assembly. The Institute notes with pride that the Presidents of these Maritime Law Associations of are IMLI Graduates, Ms. Kamyla Alejandra Barrientos Pineda (Guatemala, Class of 2019) and Ms. Maja Radunović (Montenegro, Class of 2019), respectively.



Ms. Kamyla Alejandra Barrientos Pineda (Guatemala, Class of 2019)



Ms. Maja Radunović (Montenegro, Class of 2019)

IMLI GRADUATE PARTICIPATES IN THE COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL TOKYO CONFERENCE 2025

Mr. Ante Vojkovic (Croatia, IMLI Class of 2024) was invited to attend the prestigious Comité Maritime International Tokyo Conference 2025, as he was the proud recipient of the *CMI Prize for Best Overall Performance* during the 2024 IMLI Graduation Ceremony.

During the Conference, Mr. Vojkovic made a presentation based on his dissertation submitted as partial fulfillment of the Institute's Master of Laws Degree (LL.M.), entitled “*A Legal Analysis of Pollution Damage Claims in Case of Pollution by Oil and Bunker Oil: Understanding the International Regulatory Framework and the Specifics of the Croatian Legal System*”.



Mr. Ante Vojkovic (Croatia, Class of 2024)