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THE MISSION OF THE IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE IS TO ENHANCE CAPACITY-BUILDING IN ALL STATES, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING STATES, TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FULFILLMENT OF THE IMO OBJECTIVES THEREBY PROMOTING SAFE, SECURE, ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND, EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING THROUGH COOPERATION.

What is IMLI?

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) was established in Malta in 1988 under an agreement concluded between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Government of the Republic of Malta and started its first programme in 1989. Its main purpose was, and remains, to train officers, primarily from developing countries, in international maritime law.

Since its inception, the Institute has been at the forefront of disseminating knowledge and expertise across the full spectrum of international maritime law. Through its research and specialized postgraduate programmes and courses, it places particular emphasis on IMO regulations and procedures concerning the safety, security, and efficiency of shipping; the prevention of marine pollution from ships; and the protection of life at sea. IMLI also offers unique training and guided practice in the techniques of maritime legislation drafting. Candidates are expected to assimilate the modus operandi and methods of implementation of IMO Conventions into national law.

Cognizant of the fact that ocean governance is critical to establish the safe and sustainable use of the oceans, IMLI continued in 2024 with its efforts to assist governments with developing the cadre of specialists necessary to shape national policies designed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals encapsulated in the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and a more effective global ocean governance in the interest of present and future generations.



International Maritime Organization Headquarters, London, UK



Signing of the Agreement establishing the Institute, 1988

Message from the Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board

As Chair of the Governing Board of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), I am honoured to present the Institute's Annual Report for the year 2024.

The activities detailed in this report underscore the vital role that IMLI plays in advancing knowledge and expertise in international maritime law, to the benefit of IMO Member States and the wider global maritime community. As the IMO refines its comprehensive capacity-development strategy, embracing innovation, technology, and cost-effective delivery of high-quality education, institutions such as IMLI remain pivotal to achieving these strategic objectives.

I commend IMLI's unwavering commitment to delivering advanced maritime legal education, thereby reinforcing IMO's capacity-building efforts. The Institute's alumni constitute a distinguished network of maritime professionals, representing their nations' maritime interests and actively participating in international platforms.

I am pleased to acknowledge IMLI's policies of inclusiveness, as evidenced by the high number of women in IMLI's student cohort. Since its establishment in 1988, the Institute has embraced a progressive policy by reserving



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



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (Chairman, IMLI Governing Board and IMO Secretary-General), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Professor Max Mejía (President, WMU), Mr. Jose Matheickal (Director, Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division (TCID), IMO), Dr. Ángeles Jiménez García-Carriazo (Ramon y Cajal Research Fellow, University of Cadiz), IMLI Faculty Members, and the IMLI Class of 2023-2024



IMO Secretary-General addressing the Class of 2023-2024 during his first visit to IMLI

I was delighted to host one of the celebrations for IMLI's 35 years of excellence at IMO Headquarters in April 2024. The celebrations continued with the Institute's first-ever International Conference on "Promoting the Implementation of IMO Objectives through Maritime Legislation." This prominent event brought together a distinguished gathering of speakers and guests from around the globe, including IMLI graduates and



50% of its places for female candidates, an initiative that remains firmly in place 35 years later. This enduring commitment has played a crucial role in ensuring equal access to high-quality legal education for both women and men. It has empowered many women to rise as leaders in the maritime sector,

thereby advancing gender equality across the industry.

As we reflect on the Institute's accomplishments, it is important to recognize the pivotal role of its generous donors. Through their continued support, they have allowed maritime professionals from around the world to become part of an expanding network of over 1,180 graduates from 152 countries. These individuals are playing a vital role in achieving the IMO's goals for safe, secure, and environmentally sustainable shipping.

other prominent figures in maritime affairs. The Conference served as a powerful testament to the Institute's international stature and its enduring commitment to legal capacity-building in support of IMO objectives.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez for his leadership, which has been instrumental in safeguarding IMLI's legacy while guiding it to new academic heights. I extend heartfelt thanks to the Institute's dedicated staff and their unwavering commitment.

Finally, I commend the students of IMLI, originating from diverse cultural and legal backgrounds, who all come together to pursue advanced studies in maritime law and engage with impactful research. While their work is focused on the needs of their countries and regions, addressing both existing and emerging threats to our oceans, it has a worldwide impact for the global maritime community. By developing innovative and practical legal solutions, they are helping to pave the way for sustainable shipping and effective ocean governance.

Congratulations IMLI on your 35th Anniversary. May you continue training the maritime leaders of tomorrow.



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez, (Chairman, IMLI Governing Board and IMO Secretary-General) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with IMLI Graduates during the 133rd Session of the IMO Council

Message from the IMLI Director

As the Director of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), it gives me great pleasure to present the 2024 Annual Report, which highlights the activities and achievements of the Institute in the past year.

In 2024, IMLI celebrated 35 years in serving the rule of international maritime law. For 35 years the Institute has devotedly trained the maritime leaders of tomorrow, pledging itself to continue steadfastly in this path in the future. From its modest beginnings, the Institute has been transformed into an international centre for the training of specialists in the full the spectrum of international maritime law, engaging successfully both in the dissemination of knowledge and expertise in the international regime regulating every facet of shipping and law of the sea, as well as in promoting legislation drafting techniques to incorporate and effectively implement international maritime instruments, especially those developed by IMO, into national law.

History has it recorded that Dr. C.P. Srivastava, the then Secretary-General of IMO, was instrumental in the establishment of the Institute, the main purpose of which would be to train lawyers from developing countries in private and public international maritime law, thereby bridging the gap between developed and developing countries. Thanks to his tireless efforts, the Institute was launched in 1988 and started its



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez
Director, IMLI



The IMLI Class of 2024-2025

first academic year in 1989. This enthusiasm for and dedication to IMLI has been shared by all subsequent Secretaries-General and Mr. Arsenio Domínguez, the present IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board, who has been supporting IMLI and its mission since the beginning of his tenure.

To celebrate the Institute's IMLI's 35th Anniversary, Mr. Domínguez hosted a celebration to commemorate this remarkable milestone during the 111th Session of IMO Legal Committee at the IMO Headquarters in London on 22 April 2024. The Celebration was attended by Ministers, IMLI Governing Board Members, Diplomatic Representatives, IMLI students and graduates, as well as several distinguished personalities from all over the world. It was a great pleasure to hear him reaffirming the IMO's appreciation to the Institute by noting that that IMLI has gone from strength to strength and that its crucial role is as much needed now as it was 35 years ago.

I was also elated to hear Dr. Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman, The Nippon Foundation) noting in his Address during this commemorative event that studying at IMLI is a prestige due to the global output of its Graduates. Dr. Sasakawa's address was heralded by that of Mr. Christopher Cutajar's (Permanent Secretary of the then Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta), who also praised the work of IMLI and reiterated Malta's commitment to the continued support of the Institute. I was also happy to see that, throughout the Session, delegates recognized and praised the role of IMLI in capacity-building.

I am pleased to report that on this 35th year, for the first time, the IMLI Class of 2024 was in full attendance to celebrate at IMO, together with the Institute's academic staff. This was a deviation from the usual tradition of the Institute's organized class field trip to London at the end of the Academic Year immediately after the Graduation ceremony. I am happy to report that this change gave the Class the opportunity to visit the usual landmark maritime institutions and to fully benefit from the unique opportunity to act as observers during the IMO Legal Committee 111th Session's proceedings.

The celebration of IMLI's 35th anniversary spanned throughout the year following the celebrations at IMO, in a befitting manner for all its herculean achievements, starting with a Panel Discussion held during the 35th Anniversary Celebration at IMO on IMLI's Legacy and Future Trajectory in Enhancing Global Maritime Legal Expertise. This was followed by its first International Conference entitled "*Promoting the Implementation of IMO Objectives through Maritime Legislation*",

in Collaboration with the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta on 17 June 2024. This Conference, I am pleased to report, was a huge success, attended by several eminent speakers and guests, from all over the world, including IMLI Graduates as well as many distinguished personalities. The subject matter of the Conference was discussed by six panels, each with four panellists and a moderator, tackling various crucial, contemporary and evolving topics in the maritime world. In addition, during the 35th Graduation Ceremony, the Institute set up an exhibition of a specially designed set of banners which were displayed in the Institute's premises for viewing. Each banner vividly chronicled the journey of IMLI, capturing the essence and achievements of every academic year since the inception of the Institute. Through photos of students and memorable events at IMLI, this exhibition weaved together a rich tapestry of IMLI's illustrious history.

To further mark this momentous occasion, a commemorative plaque was unveiled by Mr. Arsenio Domínguez at the Institute's premises, in the Grotius Quadrangle, following the 35th Annual Graduation Ceremony.

In furtherance of and cementing the bonds of cooperation with our sister institute, World Maritime University (WMU), I was invited by Professor Max Mejia (President of WMU) to Malmö, Sweden for a visit to WMU where I delivered the 35th Anniversary IMLI Lecture entitled "*Legal Drafting for Implementation of International Conventions: Considerations when Drafting Conventions—National Law Challenges—Implementation of Conventions*" to WMU students. At the end of my visit, I am pleased to report the warm celebratory reception given by Professor Mejia in honour of IMLI's 35th Anniversary.

I would also like to report that a commemorative 120-page brochure was published, celebrating the Institute's milestones over its 35-year journey. The brochure which provides a historical account of IMLI's 35 Years of academic excellence can be found on the IMLI's website.

IMLI concluded its 35th academic year on 29 June 2024. During the Ceremony, 69 students from 38 countries graduated from the Institute's various programmes. 50 students were awarded the Degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law, 12 students were awarded the Degree of Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) in International Maritime Legislation and seven students were awarded an Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law. The 2024 Graduates now form part of an elite network of international maritime



law specialists, who have also received sterling training at IMLI.

Over the years, IMLI has produced a stellar body of experts and qualified maritime professionals who are now, collectively, making positive and valuable contributions to the causes espoused by IMO. Today, IMLI remains a lasting and

greatly appreciated testimony of the foresight, diligence and commitment not only of its visionary founders, but also of the many others who have followed in their wake, and of its graduates who are today such a strong foundation for the future development of international maritime law. Every time I attend IMO meetings, I am proud to see the increasing number of IMLI graduates attending the same, some of whom are now Directors of IMO Divisions, IMO staff and many are delegates at IMO meetings. For this success, I recognize the support of the IMO Secretaries-General, past and present, who, despite their many commitments have successively and generously supported the work of the Institute.

At this juncture, I would like to also take this opportunity to pay tribute to the many donors, supporters and benefactors who, over the years, have provided funding, in-kind support, and expertise necessary for the Institute's continued operations. While I may not be able to single them all out in this message, since there have been so many contributions and all have been very gratefully received over the last 35 years, I feel special mention should be made to the IMO, The Nippon Foundation, the ITF Seafarers's Trust and Lloyd's Register Foundation, whose support for IMLI have been unstinting and outstanding over many years. I also wish to recognise with sincere appreciation the support of the European Maritime Safety Agency, the International Group of P&I Clubs, the International Chamber of Shipping, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, the Comité Maritime International, and a number of Governments, including, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, as well as other organizations and governments who have supported the Institute in one form or another. I also wish to acknowledge the Governments of many developing States who have, over the past several years, not only relied on donor funding to train their personnel but have proudly personally invested in their training.

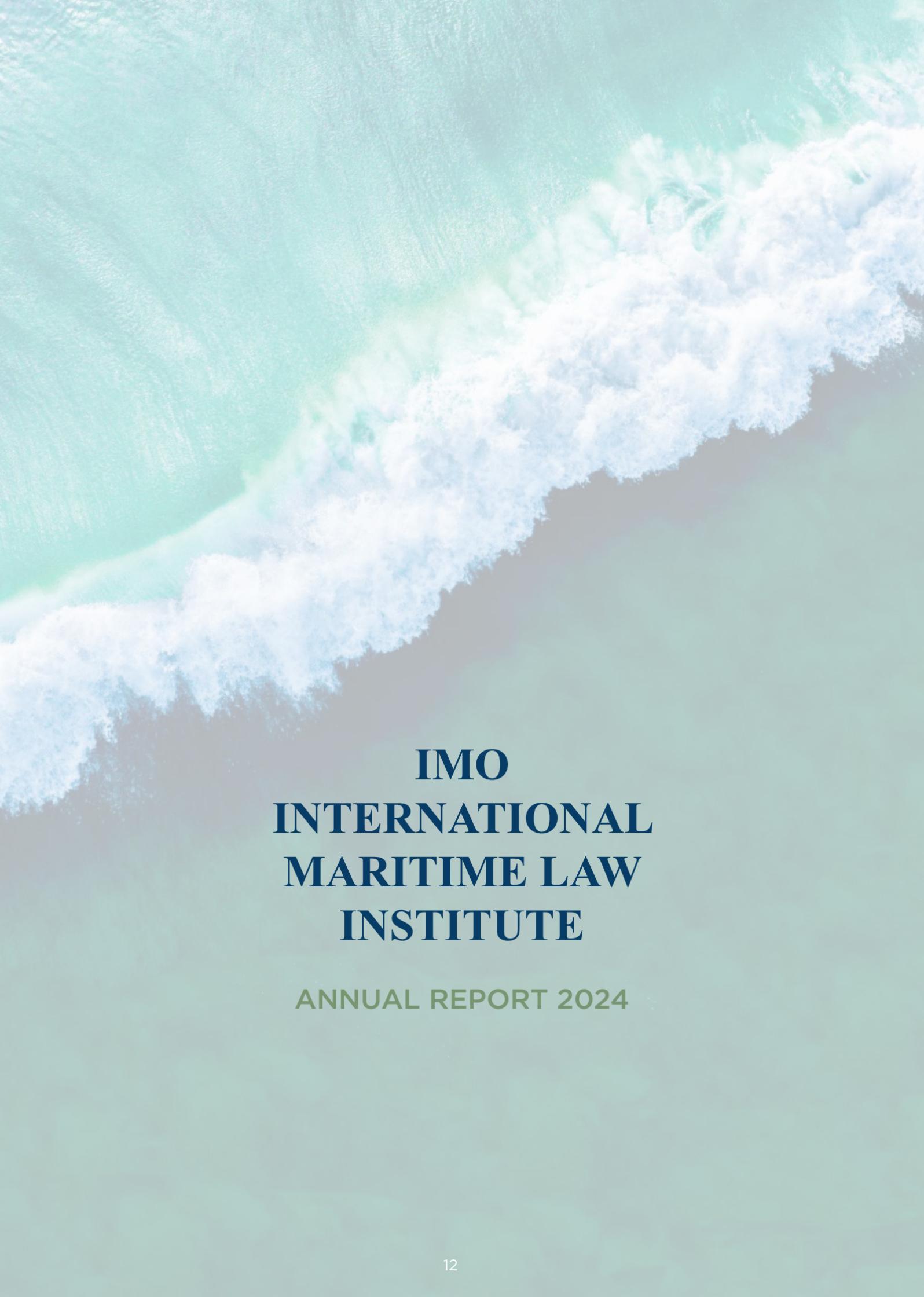
None of the Institute's achievements would have been possible without the generous facilities provided by the host Government of Malta. Therefore, particular appreciation is expressed to the Government for having hosted the Institute since its inception and for continuing to support its academic activities, including the recently constructed state-of-the-art Auditorium, which was inaugurated in October 2023.

I wish to also express my sincere appreciation for their dedication and support to the Members of the IMLI Governing Board, the Financial and Human Resources Committee, and the Academic Committee, who diligently guide the Institute in its path of excellence.

In this 2024 Report, I wish to express my deepest appreciation for the sterling work of not only the current members of IMLI staff but to all those, who over the past 35 years, have dedicated their professional lives to ensuring IMLI's success. To this end, I would be amiss if I fail to extend my gratitude to all the Distinguished Visiting Fellows, who have over the years, complemented the teaching of the resident faculty.

IMLI has a long and proud history and in 2008, it drew praise from the highest quarters, in Resolution A/RES/63/111 of the United Nations General Assembly, on 'Oceans and the law of the sea', which was adopted in December of that year. Not only did this Resolution formally recognize, for the first time, the importance of IMLI's work as a centre of education and training, but it also urged States, intergovernmental organizations and financial institutions to make financial contributions to the Institute's budget. In December 2024, I am proud to report that IMLI's contribution to the international maritime community was recognized for the seventeenth consecutive year by the United Nations General Assembly, through its Resolution A/RES/78/69.

As the Institute's Director, I wish to reiterate the Institute's renewed commitment to contribute actively and directly to the delivery of the IMO Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme activities through thematic capacity-building initiatives which raise awareness and disseminate knowledge and expertise in the pressing areas of the Organization. The Institute will continue to inspire and motivate maritime professionals from around the globe to pursue education which is pivotal to the successful implementation of the international regulatory framework.



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GOVERNANCE OF THE INSTITUTE

IMLI is governed by a Statute adopted by the IMO Assembly in 1988 and revised by the IMO Council during its 109th session in 2012. In accordance with its Statute, IMLI's governance structure consists of a Governing Board, an Academic Committee, a Financial and Human Resources Committee, and the Director.

Governing Board



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Chairman, IMLI Governing Board*



*Dr. h.c. James T. Harrison
Vice-Chairman, IMLI Governing Board*



The Members of the IMLI Governing Board

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From left to right: Row 2 Mr. Louis N. Mbanefo, Dr. Kofi Mbiah, Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Marko Pavliha, Mr. Jose Matheickal

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Mr. A. Domínguez

Secretary-General, International
Maritime Organization

Ambassador N. Karigithu

Special Envoy for Maritime and
Blue Economy, Kenya

VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Dr. h.c. J. T. Harrison

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Register

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Dr. E. K. Mbiah

CEO, Ghana Chamber of Shipping

Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. M. Pavliha

Head of Law Department,

MEMBERS:

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of Palau to the International Maritime
Organization

Mr. J. Matheickal

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of
Maritime Studies and
Transportation, Slovenia
Director, Technical Cooperation
and Implementation Division
(TCID), International Maritime
Organization

Professor Dr. h.c. P. Boisson

Maritime Arbitrator and Maritime
Consultant to Bureau Veritas, Paris
Advisor to the Minister for Foreign
and European Affairs and Trade of
Malta

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Mr. K. Lim

IMO, Secretary-General Emeritus

Mr. K. Sekimizu

IMO, Secretary-General Emeritus

Mr. E. E. Mitropoulos

IMO, Secretary-General Emeritus

Professor A. Kanehara

Research Director for the Canon
Institute for Global Studies; Senior
Fellow for the Sasakawa Peace
Foundation

The IMLI Governing Board is chaired by the IMO Secretary-General and is composed of eminent personalities from around the world with expertise in different areas of international maritime law and maritime affairs.

The Governing Board is assisted by the Director, the Financial and Human Resources Committee in matters relating to the funding and finances of the Institute and on administrative matters, including personnel, and the Academic Committee in matters related to the coordination and implementation of the study and research programmes of the Institute.

The 38th session of the IMLI Governing Board was held on 24 July 2024 at the IMO Headquarters. The Governing Board reviewed the financial and academic progress of the Institute for the period between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024. The Director presented the respective reports

for the Board's comments and recommendations. Upon the Director presenting the financial report, the Board commended the Institute for its financial stability and for completing its financial year.

The Board congratulated and thanked the IMLI Director and the Institute's Staff for their sterling work in training the maritime leaders of tomorrow. It then proceeded to consider reports on the Institute's matters including those of a financial and academic nature, 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 by the General Assembly of the United Nations and IMO Bodies for the Institute's work. The Board also considered a report on the institutional co-operation and partnerships, and it commended the Institute for its work in this field.



L-R – Mr. Jose Matheickal (Director, Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division, IMO), Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Mbiah (CEO, Ghana Chamber of Shipping), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board), Professor Atsuko Kanehara (Research Director for the Canon Institute for Global Studies and Senior Fellow for the Sasakawa Peace Foundation), Professor Dr. H.C. Marko Pavliha (Head of Law Department, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, Slovenia) and Professor H.C. Dr. Philippe Boisson (Maritime Arbitrator and Maritime Consultant to Bureau Veritas, Paris)

Director



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) at the 35th IMLI Graduation Ceremony

The Director of the Institute, appointed by the IMO Secretary-General, continued to be responsible for the direction and administration of the Institute. In the reporting year, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez continued to supervise the admissions process and managed the Institute's academic programmes and courses. The Director continued to manage the Institute's personnel in accordance with general policies and criteria approved by the IMLI Governing Board. The Director also continued with his efforts to obtain funds to finance the Institute, which remains dependent on voluntary contributions.

Academic Committee

In 2024, the Academic Committee continued to work assiduously to review and advise on the admission of students. The Academic Committee also continued to consider draft Memoranda of Understanding to establish cooperation between the Institute and other academic institutions.

The Committee remains resolute in its mandate to provide unwavering support and guidance to the Institute to uphold academic standards and rigour while offering support and guidance to the Institute.

The last meeting of the Committee was held on 18 June 2024 and was held for the first time at IMLI.



Chairman: Professor Dr. N. A. Martínez Gutiérrez



Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. M. Pavliha



Dr. E. K. Mbiah



Professor A. Kanehara



Dr. P. Griggs, CBE



Dr. D. Lost-Sieminska

Financial and Human Resources Committee

The IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee (FINCOM) has held its two meetings. The first was held on 30 April 2024 at IMLI, in Malta and the second on 7 December 2024 at Bureau Veritas in Paris. Dr. h.c. James T. Harrison presided over both meetings in his capacity as the Chairman of the Committee. The meetings were attended by Dr. h.c. Jim Harrison, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, Professor Dr. h.c. Philippe Boisson, Dr. Reto Dürler, Mrs. Azara Prempeh and Ms. Sivylla Ampatzoglou (as observer).

These meetings are held annually by FINCOM to review the financial, administrative and personnel, and related issues of the Institute. Appointed by the Governing Board, the Committee's role is to assist the Governing Board and the Institute's Director on the matters of funding and finances of the Institute and on administrative matters, including personnel.



*Chairman:
Dr. h.c. J. T. Harrison*



Professor Dr. N. A. Martínez Gutiérrez



Dr. R. Dürler



Professor Dr. h.c. P. Boisson



Mrs. A. Prempeh

Human Resources

In 2024, the Institute's resident faculty, under the supervision of the Director, continued to be responsible for the teaching of all subjects within the academic syllabi. The teaching of the resident faculty was complemented by the Distinguished Visiting Fellows Programme, which aims to introduce students to the latest developments, and offers networking opportunities which should serve students well when they return to their home countries. In 2024, distinguished visiting fellows came from world renowned Universities such as the Australian National University, Queen Mary University of London, University of Ljubljana, World Maritime University, The Research Centre of the Sea and Maritime Law (DEHUKAM), Ankara University, U.S. Naval War College and others; while others came from international organizations such as the International Hydrographic Organization, the International Maritime Organization, the International Labour Organization, the International Maritime Satellite Organization, the United

Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as well as the International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. The Comité Maritime International has also supported the Institute either through visits of its President and members or by sponsoring the visits of distinguished speakers. Other visiting fellows were ambassadors, experts, and eminent practitioners. A list of these distinguished visiting fellows is provided in pages 56-59 of this Report.

The resident faculty also supervised 62 maritime legislation drafting projects and 62 dissertations/research projects, a list of which is provided in pages 60-64 of this Report. A unique feature of the IMLI training is its dedicated personal attention to the students. In addition to academic supervisors, the Institute appoints a moral tutor for each student to give support of a non-academic nature throughout the duration of studies.

Resident Faculty Members



PROFESSOR DR. NORMAN A. MARTÍNEZ GUTIÉRREZ (HONDURAS)
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ITF Seafarers' Trust Assistant Lecturer on Seafarers' Rights



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Ph.D. (University of Warsaw)
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LL.M. (Ankara University)
LL.M. (IMLI)
Ph.D. (Maastricht University)
Advocate (Türkiye)
The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law



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Advocate (India)
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LL.M. (University Rovira i Virgili)
Ph.D. (University of Barcelona)
The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance

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Head of Finance and Personnel



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(Malta)
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(Slovakia)
Receptionist / Student
Relations Officer



Ms. Christabel Bezzina
(Malta)
Finance Assistant



Mr. Joseph Mifsud
(Malta)
Maintenance / Driver



Mr. Aaron Sultana
(Malta)
Maintenance

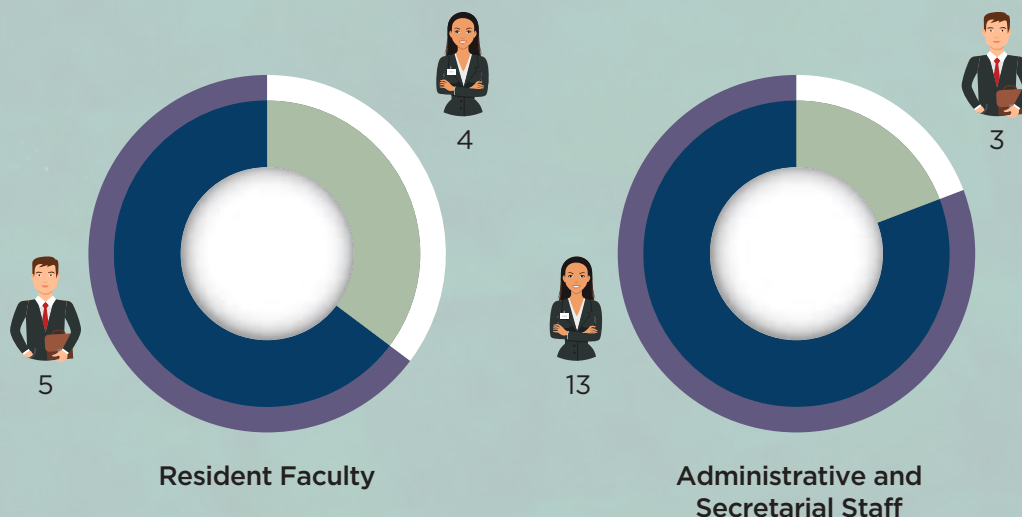


Ms. Mary Rose Inskip
(Malta)
Housekeeping



Ms. Josette Spiteri
(Malta)
Housekeeping

Staff grouped by Gender as of 31 December 2024



IMLI Programmes

DURING 2024, IMLI OFFERED A PROGRAMME LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW, A PROGRAMME LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF HUMANITIES (M.HUM.) IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LEGISLATION, A RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMME LEADING TO THE AWARD OF THE DEGREES OF MAGISTER JURIS (M.JUR.) AND DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW, A PROGRAMME LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (M.PHIL.) IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW/LEGISLATION AND OCEAN POLICY IN COOPERATION WITH THE WMU, A PROGRAMME LEADING TO THE AWARD OF AN ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW, AND SEVERAL SPECIALIZED SHORT COURSES IN ALL AREAS WITHIN IMLI'S SYLLABI.

LL.M. PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW

The LL.M. programme in International Maritime Law was designed to respond to the shortage of legal experts, especially in the developing world, who possess the necessary skills to incorporate and efficiently implement international instruments into domestic legislation. Whereas there has been a plethora of international instruments which regulate the multifaceted aspects of international maritime law, some States have failed to translate them into effective national measures which will ensure uniform applicability across the oceans. Accordingly, the programme provides dedicated training in the drafting of maritime legislation, with emphasis on the techniques for the incorporation and implementation of IMO instruments into domestic legislation. With this in mind, the LL.M. programme not only studies maritime law from an international perspective but looks on a comparative basis into the major legal systems in relation to maritime affairs. Through its international faculty composed of eminent academics, practitioners and members of the judiciary, the programme addresses current challenges facing the international maritime community and the various responses put forward to ensure safety of navigation, security of shipping, protection of the marine environment, safeguarding of human rights, and peaceful use of the oceans. This one academic year programme is open to candidates who hold a degree in law and are proficient in English.

M.HUM. PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LEGISLATION

IMLI's specialized post-graduate programme leading to the Degree of Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) programme in International Maritime Legislation is open to candidates who hold an undergraduate degree from a recognized university or other academic institution in a related discipline to international maritime law and are proficient in English. The programme aims to respond to the needs of IMO Member States to have trained specialists in international maritime legislation drafting. Intensive drafting exercises are carried out to build the students' drafting skills so as to enable them to draft national legislation which effectively implements IMO instruments. The programme is suitable for qualified professionals working in the maritime field such as maritime administrations, port authorities, or other organizations concerned with maritime affairs.

RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW

IMLI offers a Research Degree programme leading to the award of the Degree of Magister Juris (M.Jur.) in International Maritime Law and the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Maritime Law. Candidates are expected to undergo their studies in IMLI's Research Degree programme with a high degree of independence, thus, the programme can be largely undertaken from abroad. Candidates are assigned individual academic supervisors drawn from a list of internationally recognized experts.

M.PHIL PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW/LEGISLATION AND OCEAN POLICY

IMLI and WMU offer a joint Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) programme leading to the award of the Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in International Maritime Law/Legislation and Ocean Policy. The programme is designed to train expert maritime professionals, immersed in the UN system structure and goals, to advocate sound policies and legislation which will support their sustainable development. This two-year programme recognizes that the current legal and institutional framework for ocean governance is limited in dealing with the emerging challenges in the field. As a result, the programme has identified that the fragmentation of both legal and institutional framework has led to the adoption of well-intended action occasioning unintended consequences for the oceans. Thus, the need for a new paradigm of ocean governance captured by this initiative is geared towards ensuring the establishment of effective ocean governance for the 21st century and beyond, as reiterated in Goal 14 of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW

The Advanced Diploma programme in International Maritime Law is designed to benefit professionals (including those at the most senior level) involved in maritime practice in both private and public sectors and who, because of their careers, are unable to be away from their jobs for a period of more than a few weeks / months per year.

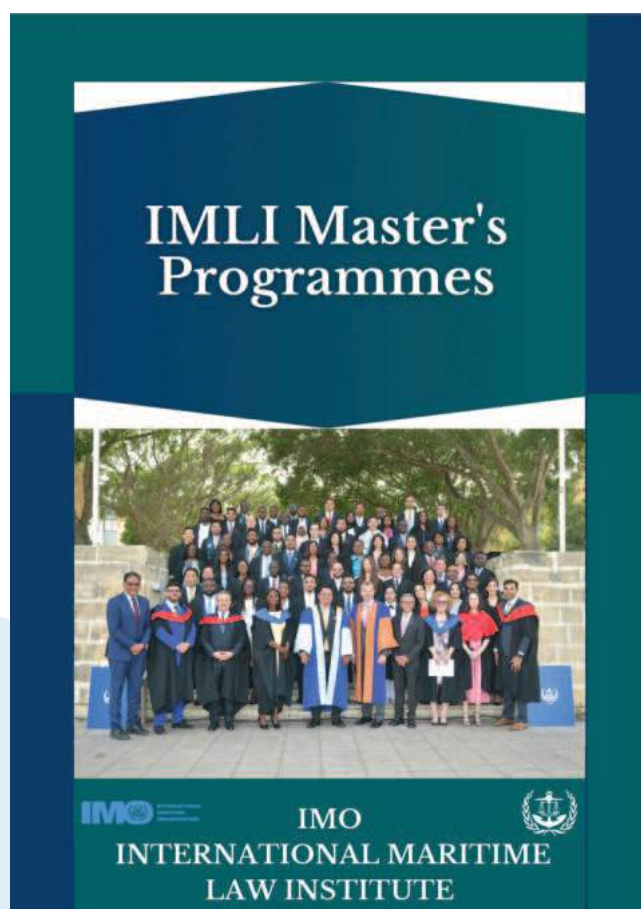
The programme is structured on a credit system and, to be awarded the Advanced Diploma, candidates must earn a sufficient number of credits after successfully following and completing courses on distinct subject areas within either the Public International Maritime Law strand or the Private International Maritime Law strand. The credits offered broadly follow the subjects offered within the Institute's LL.M. programme. Candidates are required to have a degree from a recognized university or other academic institution, or must have a comparable standard qualification, including relevant professional or practical experience, or both, recognized for this purpose by the Institute. This programme can be undertaken between one and five years.

SPECIALIZED SHORT COURSES

The Institute's teaching in the Master's programmes is based on a modular system which enables a number of applicants to attend these modules as independent short courses. The duration of such courses ranges between one to several weeks, depending on the subject area. At the conclusion of each short course, a certificate of attendance is awarded. The specialized short courses have attracted, over the years, a large number of participants who are especially interested in the training the Institute offers in a particular area. On request of government entities, the Institute also organizes tailor-made specialized courses in areas of interest to government officials who register their participation.

More information regarding IMLI's programmes and courses is available on the IMLI website: <https://imli.org/programmes-and-courses/>.

For information on admissions, please contact: admissions@imli.org.



Academic Year 2024-2025

On 2 October 2024, IMLI Welcomed its 36th Generation of Lawyers and Maritime Professionals



*Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez
(Director, IMLI)*

During the academic year 2024-2025, 48 students were enrolled in the LL.M. programme, 11 students in the M.Hum. programme and 1 student in the M.Phil. programme. These students hailed from 37 countries around the world. In addition, 3 students were enrolled in the Advanced Diploma Programme.

The academic year attracted 56 fellowships of which 31 were awarded to women candidates. During this year a total of 33 female students participated in the Institute's Master's programmes.

As in the previous academic years, the IMLI programmes were conducted in such a methodical and consistent manner demonstrating IMLI's commitment to its mission of educating and training fellows in international maritime law, to the highest academic standards.

During the period under review the Institute expanded its global outreach through the organisation of online specialized short courses for government officials in niche areas of international maritime law. These courses continued to be offered by the Institute in the reporting year and continued to be well attended by many in high-ranking officers including Permanent Representatives of the respective countries to the IMO, Ministers, Counsellors, Senior Foreign Officers, Government Officials and Maritime Professionals. They were exposed to the formidable body of work of the IMO in ensuring sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet and the vital role of other international organisations, courts, and tribunals in upholding the rule of international maritime law.

IMLI Class of 2024-2025

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AZERBAIJAN

Shakara Shadae Olive Ernest
THE BAHAMAS

René Alberto Ruescas Mejía
BOLIVIA

Bruno Amin Da Silva
BRAZIL

Juan Sebastián Herrera Caicedo
COLOMBIA

Oumouri Fazda
COMOROS

Pálvi Sirikit Virpi Parisius
CURAÇAO

Tigst Getahun Asfaw
ETHIOPIA

Yabaki Vosadrau
FIJI

Daddy Jobe
THE GAMBIA

Sandra Adu Boakyewaa
GHANA

Nana Ama Gyamfua Marfo
GHANA

Florence Nuamaa Darko
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Jacqueline Agyemang-Gyau
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GUYANA

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HAITI

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HONDURAS

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INDIA

Asha Dahiya
INDIA

Kunal Suresh Gaikwad
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ITALY

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JORDAN

Christine Jesang Chongwo
KENYA

Florence Jepkogeï Magoma
KENYA

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KENYA

Nevis Obino Ombasa
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LIBERIA

Alma Ahmed
MALDIVES

Matthew Aquilina
MALTA

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MEXICO

Alberto Hernández Gastelú
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Diego Alejandro Barrancos Morales
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THE PHILIPPINES

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Daniel Martin G. Oral
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Christopher Jundhi Pablico
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Jenny Namo
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Anaam Dahir Khalif
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Sameera L. Hughmaye
SRI LANKA

Rajin Wickrama Gooneratne
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Esther Wabulala Matulile
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Mesia Ernest Gang'Olo
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Mussa Jacobo
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Mcphyson Ndiabalema
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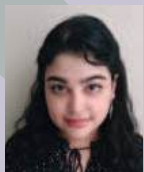
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Graduates in all Programmes by Region



The IMLI Class of 2024-2025 taking the Oath of Allegiance to the Institute



IMLI's Inaugural Lecture



Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska delivering the Inaugural Lecture of IMLI's 36th Academic Year

The Institute had the distinct pleasure of welcoming on 17 October 2024, Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) to officially inaugurate the academic year 2024-2025. Dr. Lost-Sieminska was met by the IMLI Faculty and Staff and was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2024-2025 by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI).



Director Lost-Sieminska ringing the ceremonial bell signifying the official opening of IMLI's 36th Academic Year

In her address to the Class before delivering the Inaugural Lecture, Dr. Lost-Sieminska expressed her pleasure at meeting the Class and inaugurating the 2024-2025 academic year. She also conveyed her wish that the students would enjoy their stay in Malta and IMLI, recalling her time of study at the Institute. She informed the students that the training she received at IMLI has been very beneficial to her career growth and she

expressed her hope that this would be the same for them. She encouraged the members of the IMLI Class to make friends, build networks and study hard.

Dr. Lost-Sieminska then proceeded to ring the ceremonial bell, signifying the official opening of IMLI's 36th academic year, and to deliver the Inaugural Lecture.

Dr. Lost-Sieminska concluded her lecture by stating that she looks forward to meeting many of the students again at IMO, as part of their countries' delegations to IMO meetings.



Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) with the Students of the Class of 2024-2025

Annual Flag Raising Ceremony

The Institute's annual Flag Raising Ceremony was held after the Inaugural Lecture delivered by Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO). A flag representing each country was hoisted by a representative of the country. The countries represented at IMLI during the 2024-2025 academic year are:

Azerbaijan, the Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Comoros, Curaçao, Ethiopia, Fiji, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Liberia, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Panama, the Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia,

Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Tunisia, and Vanuatu.

The flags of these countries will adorn the Institute's premises throughout this academic year.



Country Flags displayed in the IMLI Foyer

IMLI's Contribution to the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

IN 2024, THROUGH ITS INTENSIVE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND RESEARCH AGENDA, IMLI CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF SEVERAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ENCAPSULATED IN THE UNITED NATIONS 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

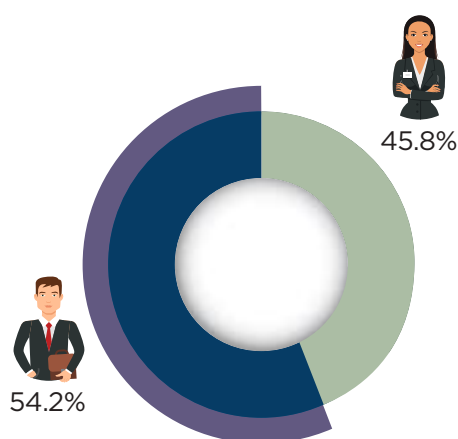
In line with the spirit of **Goal 14, Life below Water**, the Institute provides quality training and research in the areas of ocean governance and law of the sea, as well as protection of the marine environment from pollution. Students are also encouraged to conduct research in those areas.

Goal 4, Quality Education, reflects the Institute's education mission. IMLI provides the platform necessary to enhance capacity-building, particularly in the developing world, through quality training in international maritime law for sustainable development across the globe.

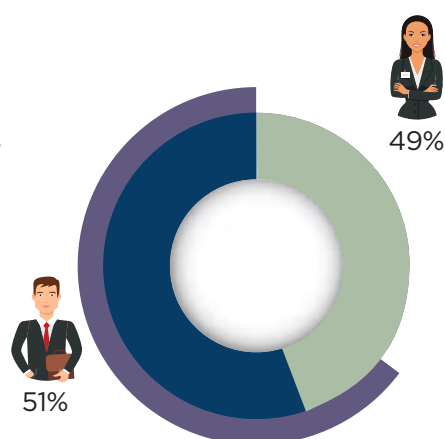
IMLI has taken a proactive stance to achieve **Goal 5, Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls**, by way of mandating in its admissions process that fifty (50) percent of places in the Institute is reserved for suitably qualified female candidates.

To achieve **Goals 7, 13** and **17** that aim to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all; take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts; and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development, respectively; and in line with **Goal 14**, IMLI, together with The Nippon Foundation, authored "*The IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance*". The Treatise covers different areas of ocean governance such as the protection and preservation of the marine environment, maritime security, protection of biodiversity, and climate change.

To champion **Goals 9** and **16** that aim to build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation, and just, peaceful and inclusive societies, the Institute offers courses on international maritime law to enhance specialization of individuals working in the shipping industry, incentive business and ensure best practices.



Enrolment by Gender in the Institute's Master's Programmes in the Year 2023 - 2024



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IMLI Publications



*The IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law and
The IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance*

Throughout 2024, “*The IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law*”, published by Oxford University Press, continued to be regarded as an essential reference material for students, researchers, academics, and practitioners. The Manual provides a unique and comprehensive guide to all the major branches of international maritime law covering, in its three volumes, the Law of the Sea, Shipping Law, and Marine Environmental Law and Maritime Security Law, respectively. The Manual examines these fields from an international and comparative perspective and provides an in-depth analysis from the point of view of international conventions, customary law, and commercial practices.



*The Book Series "IMLI Studies in
International Maritime Law"*

between IMLI and The Nippon Foundation. In its three volumes, the Treatise deals with “*The United Nations (UN) and Global Ocean Governance*”, “*The UN Specialized Agencies and Global Ocean Governance*”, and “*IMO and Global Ocean Governance*”, respectively. Fifty-eight leading experts, chosen on the basis of their eminence and expertise in the various areas covered by the Treatise, published contributions assessing the current state of the international regime regulating the use of the oceans to ensure that proposals for a new framework are based on reliable information.

The book series “*IMLI Studies in International Maritime Law*” published by Routledge simultaneously in London and New York, is dedicated to the publishing of original, scholarly

contributions that analyse key issues in international maritime law, which are of interest to an audience of students, scholars and practitioners in international maritime law. In 2023, the books entitled “*Sea Level Change and Maritime Boundaries*” by Dr. Antoine Grima and “*Legal Aspects of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean Sea: An Adriatic and Ionian Perspective*” edited by Dr. Mitja Grbec, Professor Tullio Scovazzi, and Ass. Professor Ilaria Tani were published as part of the Series.



The periodical IMLI e-News

The Institute publishes a weekly electronic newsletter entitled IMLI e-News, featuring the latest updates on events including visits and presentations delivered by eminent personalities, Class academic exercises, Director's and faculty's engagements abroad as well as an advertising platform for all courses and initiatives.

By the end of 2024, the Institute had published 25 issues of *IMLI e-News*, 17 issues of *IMLI e-Alert*, and issues No. 50 and No. 51 of the biannual *IMLI News newsletter*. Additionally, 350 online posts were shared via the “*Happening Now*” publishing tool and social media platforms including Facebook, LinkedIn, X (Twitter), Instagram, and YouTube. To further expand its reach, the *IMLI Connect* WhatsApp Chat Network was also utilized for this purpose reaching it to most of the over 1500 IMLI Graduates. Furthermore, 130 Lecturing Posters were published, highlighting the invaluable contributions of distinguished visiting fellows who, year after year, tirelessly share their expertise with the IMLI Class and participants of all the specialized Courses.

The Institute published the *2023 Annual Report*, providing a comprehensive overview of its activities throughout the whole year. This 44-page report included a Message from the Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board, a Message from the IMLI Director, details on IMLI's Academic Programmes, IMLI's Contribution to the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, Governance, Human Resources, IMLI Publications, Academic Conferences and Events, Financial Overview, the Distinguished Visiting Fellows Programme, Class



The Annual Report 2023

Academic Projects, Fellowships and Donors, and IMLI Students's Views.



IMLI Graduation Brochure published yearly by the Institute

The annual Graduation Brochure was published and distributed during the Graduation Ceremony in celebration of the conclusion of yet another successful Academic Year for IMLI and its Graduates.

To mark IMLI's 35th Anniversary, a commemorative 120-page brochure was published, celebrating the Institute's milestones over its 35-year journey. The brochure featured a Message from the Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board, a Message from the IMLI Director, an overview of IMLI's mission, its Governing Bodies, its Donors, Student Testimonials, Present and Past Staff, and a historical account of IMLI's 35 Years of Academic Milestones.

As from the year 2023-2024, IMLI started following a new initiative introduced by IMO which included lighting up the façade of its affiliated organizations to commemorate key internationally celebrated days related to Maritime. Among these important dates are the International Day of Education, International Day of Women in Maritime, International Day

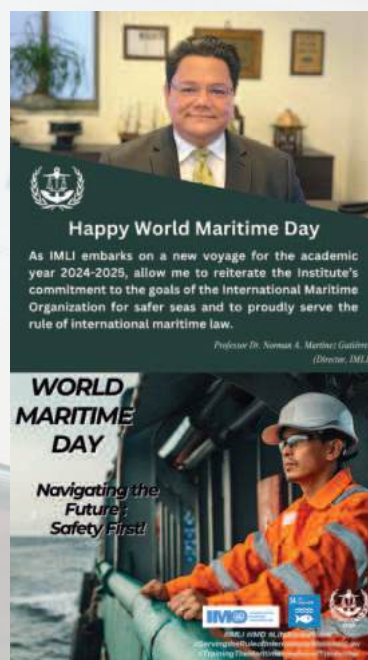
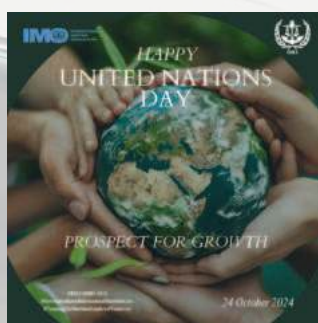
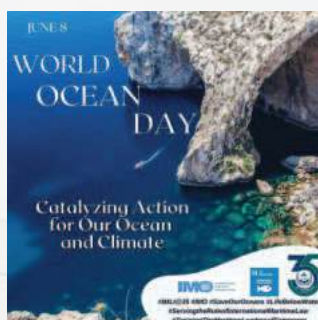
of the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, World Ocean Day, Day of the Seafarer and World Maritime Day. To further promote this initiative the Institute published a poster for each day being commemorated onto all its Social Media Platforms. In 2024, IMLI published 8 of these commemorative posters.



IMLI 35th Anniversary Brochure

To commemorate International Women's Day, IMLI also published a video containing affirming messages from female students at IMLI during the year under review.

All the afore-mentioned brochures and e-publications enjoy extensive global distribution, reaching audiences in over 150 states. These publications serve as key resources for governments, academic institutions, international organizations, and maritime professionals, ensuring that IMLI's initiatives, achievements, and contributions to legal education and maritime affairs are widely recognized and accessible. Through this broad dissemination, the Institute continues to strengthen its global network, fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing across diverse regions and sectors.



Courses, Conferences and Events



Since its inception, IMLI has had the objective of enhancing capacity-building, especially in developing States. Recognizing that capacity-building is key in ensuring sustainable States' development, in particular, in its efforts to ensure an effective international maritime regime, IMLI has spearheaded numerous academic activities in the areas of international maritime law, particularly regarding the effective implementation of existing IMO regulations and prescriptions.

During the year 2024, IMLI delivered specialized courses on the Law of Ports, Seafarers' Rights, Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance, International Maritime Security Law, Law of Treaties as well as Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries.

These specialized short courses, which may also be followed online, have enabled professionals who may not leave their countries to attend courses in the Institute's premises to enhance their knowledge

in all areas of international maritime law through IMLI's hybrid learning facilities. This has been the case for many country delegates to IMO who benefited from the free seats made available by the Institute. The free seat initiative was deeply appreciated by the Permanent Representatives of countries to IMO who applauded the Institute for its capacity-building efforts. These specialized courses have also contributed to the realization of IMLI's mission and to expand its global outreach.



*Dr. David Nanopoulos
(Chief, Treaty Section,
Office of Legal Affairs,
United Nations)
delivering the Inaugural
Lecture for the
2024 Law of Treaties
Programme*

IMLI COURSE ON THE LAW OF TREATIES

The IMLI Course on the Law of Treaties commenced on 4 November 2024. Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered the Introductory Address and Dr. David Nanopoulos (Chief, Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations), delivered the Inaugural Address. Through an analysis of the provisions of the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (VCLT) and developments found in jurisprudence and doctrine, this specialized Course provides, an overview of the Law of

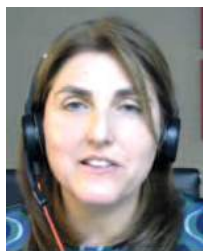
Treaties with lectures discussing the relationship between treaties and customary international law, the States' expression of consent to be bound by treaties, treaty interpretation, third States and treaties, invalidity of treaties, methods of revision and amendment, duration

and termination, UN global and regional treaties for the oceans, and enforcement of treaties. The Course was complemented by lectures delivered by IMO officers on the IMO treaty-making process and the implementation of IMO instruments in national law, and other fundamental aspects of the Law of Treaties drawing examples from jurisprudence and the latest developments in this important area.

Among the participants, there were Ambassadors, Alternate Permanent Representatives of countries to IMO, Directors of Government Departments, and Diplomats, who were nominated by their respective Permanent Representatives to the IMO.

IMLI COURSE ON SEAFARERS' RIGHTS

This specialized Course, which commenced on 24 January 2024, brought together world experts in the field who provided practical perspectives and experiences. The Course was inaugurated by Ms. Beatriz Vacotto (Head of the Maritime Unit, International Labour Standards



*Ms. Beatriz Vacotto
(Head of the Maritime
Unit, International
Labour Standards
Department, International
Labour Organization
(ILO)) delivering the
Inaugural Lecture of
the IMLI Course on
Seafarers' Rights 2024*

Department, International Labour Organization (ILO)). It addressed many aspects of maritime labour law, the functions of ILO, IMO, ITF and other organisations committed to the protection of seafarers' rights, including emerging ones in respect of the challenges of technological developments for seafarers rights and the different international instruments dealing with seafarers, their rights and duties, with particular emphasis on the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC). The Course also included dedicated lectures on the sterling work of the ITF and ITF Seafarers' Trust in promoting seafarers' rights.



*Ms. Tatjana Krilic
(Deputy Director,
Subdivision for Member
State Audit and
Implementation,
Technical Cooperation
and Implementation
Division, IMO)*

IMLI COURSE ON THE LAW OF PORTS

IMLI's fifth annual Course on the Law of Ports commenced on 9 February 2024. The Course was inaugurated by Ms. Tatjana Krilic (Deputy Director, Subdivision for Member State Audit and Implementation, Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division, IMO), who warmly welcomed the IMLI students and the international participants who hailed from all over the world. The Course participants, in addition to building their theoretical skills in Law of Ports through intensive lectures delivered by distinguished

fellows, had also the opportunity to benefit from the practical expertise of leading professionals working in ports.

The Course covered various aspects of port operations, as well as several areas regulated by IMO legal instruments, including safety, security, marine environmental protection, and trade facilitation.



IMLI COURSE ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN GOVERNANCE

This unique IMLI Course focused on the protection of the marine environment within the integrated global ocean

*Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (The Nippon Foundation Professor
on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI and Professor of Public International Law,
School of Law at Queen Mary University of London)*

governance of various maritime activities. Participants were introduced to the international regulatory framework, especially the IMO treaties, which contribute to the prevention of marine pollution as well as to cooperation, response and compensation in case of pollution incidents. The Course ran from 13 March to 27 May 2024, bringing together world experts in the field who provided practical perspectives and experiences. It was inaugurated by Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI; Professor of Public International Law, School of Law, Queen Mary University of London) and attended by nominated participants, including Ambassadors, Alternate Permanent Representatives, Ministers, Counsellors and Senior Foreign Officers nominated by their respective Permanent Representatives to the IMO.



*Mr. Hiroyuki Yamada
(Director, Maritime
Safety Division, IMO)
delivering the inaugural
address of the IMLI
Course on International
Maritime Security Law*

IMLI COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY LAW

The Course covered the critical maritime security threats to the international rule of law at sea and the freedom of navigation. It addressed the gravity of these threats and the existing international laws and State practices deterring the same. The Course also focused on the current legal developments ensuring the safe navigation of ships, protection of offshore installations and coasts of maritime States as well as the contribution of international organisations, especially IMO, and regional cooperation in overcoming maritime security threats. The Course ran from 27 March to 30 May 2024. Mr. Hiroyuki Yamada (Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO) delivered the Inaugural Address.



*Judge Tomas Heidar
(President, ITLOS)
delivering the inaugural
address of the
IMLI Course on
Peaceful Settlement of
Maritime Disputes and
Delimitation of
Maritime Boundaries*

IMLI COURSE ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF MARITIME DISPUTES AND DELIMITATION OF MARITIME BOUNDARIES

Judge Tomas Heidar (President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)) delivered the Inaugural Address of the IMLI Course on Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries. This Course was designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to, and an analysis of, different international maritime dispute settlement mechanisms. The

Course, which ran from April to May 2024, brought together world experts in the field who provided practical perspectives and experiences and was attended by government nominated participants, including Ambassadors, Alternate Permanent Representatives and Senior Foreign Officers, who were nominated by their respective Permanent Representatives to the IMO.

IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL VISITS IMLI

IMLI was honoured to welcome Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General) on his first visit following the commencement of his tenure as the IMO Secretary-General on 14 February 2024. Mr. Domínguez was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), IMLI Staff and the Class of 2023-2024.



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General) with Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), 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) and the IMLI Staff

During his visit, the IMO Secretary-General was then given a tour of the newly refurbished IMLI premises, which included the lecturing facilities, Staff offices and students' accommodation. Following the tour of the premises, the Secretary-General then proceeded to deliver his address to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024 in the Lecture Hall. In addressing the students, Mr. Domínguez explained his vision for the Organization encouraging the students to ask any questions in respect of his address. The Secretary-General also held a meeting with the IMLI Staff.

IMLI DIRECTOR MEETS WITH THE NEWLY APPOINTED HEAD OF OFFICE OF REMPEC



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) met with Mr. Ivan Sammut (Head of Office, Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)) at the REMPEC Headquarters in Malta to discuss possible future cooperation on 24 January 2025.



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), 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) and the IMLI Class of 2023-2024



IMLI MOURNS THE PASSING OF MR. ARCHIE BISHOP

The IMLI family mourned the passing of one of its distinguished visiting fellows, Mr. Archie Bishop, who passed away on 10 February 2024.

Mr. Bishop was a longstanding supporter of the Institute. He commenced his IMLI journey in the Academic Year 1994-1995 and remained a staunch supporter of the Institute's academic activities for 27 years. He visited the Institute every academic year, where he would deliver several core lectures on the Law of Maritime Salvage. Mr. Bishop also served as external examiner of the Institute. Being considered as one of the most renowned specialists in this field of maritime law of his time, the students were always very appreciative of his precise, practical and enlightening lectures.

Mr. Bishop was a Solicitor, both in England and Hong Kong, an Examiner in Admiralty and a former Senior Partner of Holman Fenwick Willan (1988 and 2000), with whom he continued on as a Consultant.

IMLI DIRECTOR AND THE NIPPON FOUNDATION LECTURER FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY LAW AT IMLI PARTICIPATE AS SPEAKERS AT THE WMU-GOI BUGWRIGHT2 FORUM 2024

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law, IMLI) participated as Speakers at the WMU-GOI BUGWRIGHT2 Forum 2024 entitled "*Overcoming Regulatory Barriers for Service Robotics in an Ocean Industry*" held in Athens, Greece. Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez presented at the Panel on "*Confronting Global Environmental Challenges with Innovation*". Dr. Ruhel presented at the Panel on "*Global North v. Global South: Bridging the Digital Divide*".

IMLI DIRECTOR LECTURES AT THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

Professor Dr. Norman Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) lectured at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), to the Fellows of the ITLOS - Nippon Foundation Capacity Building and Training Programme on 20 February 2024. His presentation was entitled "*The IMO Conventions and the Law of the Sea*".

During his visit, Professor Martínez Gutiérrez had the honour of holding a meeting with Judge Tomas Heidar (President, ITLOS) and Dr. Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce (Registrar, ITLOS) to discuss future cooperation between IMLI and ITLOS.



IMLI DIRECTOR ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL MARITIME EVENT HELD AT IMO HEADQUARTERS



The Malta Maritime Forum and the UK Branch of the Malta Business Network organized an event entitled "*Showcasing Maritime Malta*", which was held at the IMO Headquarters in London on 27 February 2024.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) represented IMLI at this prestigious event. The aim of the event was to offer a unique opportunity to Malta Maritime Forum members to network with London-based maritime professionals and practitioners. Several distinguished personalities addressed this unique occasion.

IMLI LECTURER PARTICIPATES IN THE WOMEN IN MARITIME: NAVIGATING DECARBONIZATION WORKSHOP

Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI), participated as a Panellist in the *Women in Maritime: Navigating Decarbonization Workshop* on 7 March 2024, under the IMO CARES Project, hosted online by the Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre for Africa (MTCC Africa). IMO CARES Project 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.

IMLI DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER IN A CONFERENCE HELD IN HONDURAS

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) was the Keynote Speaker at the Maritime Conference organized by the General Directorate of the Merchant Marine of Honduras. His presentation was entitled "*The Importance of the Effective Implementation of International Instruments for the Maritime Development of States*". During his visit to Honduras, Director Martínez Gutiérrez also delivered a workshop promoting the accession of Honduras to the Protocol of 1996 to amend the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976.



FORMER DIRECTOR OF IMLI RECEIVES RECOGNITION FROM UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA



In the Aula Magna of the University of Messina, Italy, Professor Judge David Joseph Attard (Professor of Public International Law and the Law of the Sea, IMLI and Former Director, IMLI) was awarded the Research Doctorate Honoris Causa in Legal Sciences from the University of Messina, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions -

also as a Judge - to the Law of the Sea. During the award ceremony, Professor Attard delivered the *lectio doctoralis* on the theme "*Enhancing the Effectiveness of International Maritime Law*".



NAMING CEREMONY OF IMLI AUDITORIUM

The newly refurbished state-of-the art auditorium (Lecture Hall) of the Institute was named on 9 April 2024 as the David J. Attard IMLI Auditorium. The ceremony

was attended by the former IMLI Director, Judge Professor David Joseph Attard, members of his family, IMLI Faculty, Administrative Staff and the IMLI Class of 2023-2024.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) welcomed the guests to a celebration of what he described as the most invaluable contribution that Judge Professor David Joseph Attard has given to IMLI since its inception.

He concluded his address by stating, "*Ladies and Gentlemen, I cannot find a more befitting way to honour such a life and such a commitment to Academia than to name the IMLI Auditorium, that precise place where IMLI delivers its core capacity-building mission after Judge Professor Attard. Someone who has left his heart at IMLI.*"



Judge Professor Attard unveiling the Auditorium's name plaque in the presence of Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), IMLI Staff, Class of 2023-2024 and the Attard Family



IMLI DIRECTOR ATTENDS THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF PROTECTION & INDEMNITY CLUBS

Mr. Nick Shaw (Chief Executive Officer, IGP&I Clubs) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) attended 125th Anniversary celebrations of the International Group of Protection & Indemnity Clubs. IMLI is grateful to the Group for its generous support to the Institute's capacity-building Mission.

FIELD TRIP TO LONDON

As per its tradition, the Institute organized once more the class field trip to London. However, this year the field trip did not take place at the end of the Academic Year right after the Graduation ceremony, as it has been tradition, but was held between 22nd and 26th April 2024. This change gave the Class not only the time and opportunity to visit the usual landmark maritime institutions during the academic year, but they also benefitted from the unique opportunity to act as observers during the IMO Legal Committee 111th Session's proceedings.



The Class of 2023-2024 acting as observers during the 111th Session of the IMO Legal Committee



IMLI Class and Faculty at the ITF Seafarers' Trust



IMLI Class and Faculty at the International Group of P&I Clubs



IMLI Class and Faculty at the IOPC Funds



IMLI Class meets Ms. Gillian Grant (then Chair, IMO Legal Committee)

IMLI SENIOR LECTURE REPRESENTS IMLI AT FAO EXPERT WORKSHOP

Ms. Elda Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI) represented IMLI at the FAO *Expert Workshop on the Compliance Agreement* held in Paris between 29 and 30 April 2024.

IMLI WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND OCEAN GOVERNANCE

As part of the IMLI Course on the Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance, the Institute organized a workshop on Climate Change and Ocean Governance on 10 May 2024.



The Inaugural Address was delivered by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI). Speakers at the Seminar were Professor Alan Deidun (Director, International Ocean Institute - Malta Training Centre) who delivered a presentation entitled "*How Climate Change Impacts the World's Oceans?*" which was followed by the presentation of Professor Simone Borg (Professor / Chair, Climate Platform, University of Malta) on "*The International Regulatory Framework on Climate Change*". Professor Dr. Alexander Proelss (Full Professor, Director of Institute for the Law of the Sea of University of Hamburg) delivered a presentation entitled "*Sea Level Rise and Law of the Sea*". The final presentation was delivered by Professor Ronan Long (Director of the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute), entitled "*Climate Change and Law of the Sea*".



The Seminar was concluded by a Round table discussion entitled "*Measures to be Implemented to Mitigate Climate Change and Promote Sound Ocean Governance*", which was moderated by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI), and solicited many stimulating questions from the IMLI Class and participants of the Course.



Professor Simone Borg, Professor Ronan Long, and Professor Dr. Alexander Proelss during the Round Table Discussion at the Workshop

IMLI DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES IN THE 7TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MARITIME AND ADMIRALTY LAW IN TÜRKİYE

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered a presentation entitled “IMO’s Work to Promote the Entry into Force of the 2010 HNS Protocol: Time to Complete the Puzzle” at the 7th International Congress on Maritime and Admiralty Law held at Marmara University, Istanbul, Türkiye.



WOMEN IN MARITIME DAY SYMPOSIUM: SAFE HORIZONS - WOMEN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF MARITIME SAFETY

The IMLI Class 2023-2024, Faculty and Staff, led by the Director, attended online the Symposium: “Safe Horizons: Women Shaping the Future of Maritime Safety”, underscoring the pivotal role women play in enhancing



The IMLI Class 2023-2024, Faculty and Staff attending the Symposium organized by the IMO as part of the celebrations for the International Day of Women in Maritime 2024

safety measures within the maritime industry, which was organized by IMO on 17 May 2024. Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General) delivered the Opening Address which he commenced by stating that “Your participation in this IMO Symposium celebrating the International Day for Women in Maritime not only demonstrates your commitment to diversity, equality and inclusion, but it also recognizes that you are part of the solution, and that change is both necessary and coming.” He stated further that this day has been established as a significant step towards promoting diversity and inclusion in the maritime domain.

He restated the goal of IMO which is to recognize and honour the achievements of women, to advocate for equal opportunities and to unlock the full potential that a diverse workplace offers. He noted further that the aim is to highlight and raise awareness of the challenges women face, such as discrimination, disparities, and limitations with regard to career opportunities.

IMLI ACADEMICS REPRESENT THE INSTITUTE AT THE 2024 COLLOQUIUM OF THE COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration) and Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI) took part in the 2024 Colloquium of the Comité Maritime International (CMI), which addressed many interesting issues related to international maritime law.



Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration) and Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI) with Distinguished IMLI Visiting Fellows and IMLI Graduates from various years.

IMLI CO-ORGANIZES THE DELIVERY OF A WORKSHOP IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI), and Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI) delivered a “National Workshop on the Rights of Landlocked

States under International Maritime Law” organized by IMLI in partnership with the Embassy of Malta to Ethiopia and the Ethiopian Ministry of Transport and Logistics. In Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



IMLI MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2024

The Institute held its traditional Moot Court Competition on 28 May 2024. The Moot Court exercise served as the culmination of the IMLI Course on Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries. The exercise was conducted by the Class of 2024, which was divided into representatives of two imaginary States (Republic of Itika and Republic of Atlea) and a Chamber of six Judges. During the Moot Court exercise, the respective parties argued for and against the prima facie jurisdiction of the Tribunal under Part XV of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Moot Court was a student-led exercise, assisted by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI), Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI), Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Law, IMLI) and Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI). Through this exercise, the students put into practice the lessons learnt from the IMLI Course on Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries.



Members of the IMLI Class of 2023-2024 that participated in this year's Moot Court on International Dispute Settlement Under Part XV of UNCLOS

BOOK PRESENTATION HELD AT IMLI

IMLI held a presentation of the book entitled “*Sea Level Change and Maritime Boundaries*” written by Dr. Antoine Grima (Head, Environmental and Resources Law Department, Faculty of Law, University of Malta), to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024. Dr. Grima’s book, which is based



Dr. Antoine Grima (Head, Environmental and Resources Law Department, Faculty of Law, University of Malta) delivering the presentation of his publication

on his Ph.D. thesis prepared at IMLI, forms part of the Book Series “*IMLI Studies in International Maritime Law*” published by Routledge. Following Dr. Grima’s introduction of the book, Professor Godfrey Baldacchino (Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Malta;

Malta’s Ambassador for Islands and Small States) provided a review of the importance of this research in today’s world.

MAJOR GRANT AWARDED TO IMLI BY LLOYD’S REGISTER FOUNDATION

Lloyd’s Register Foundation awarded to IMLI a new major grant to improve safety across the Maritime Industry. The Foundation, an avid supporter of the Institute, has further strengthened its long-standing strategic partnership when it announced that it had awarded an over £1,000,000 grant to the Institute. IMLI is grateful to Lloyd’s Register Foundation for its generous support to the Institute’s capacity-building mission.

IMLI DIRECTOR PROMOTES IMLI’S WORK IN ALBANIA

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) promoted IMLI’s capacity-building mission at a Roundtable on “*Building Resilience at Sea - Collaborative Efforts in Maritime Education and Employment Pathways*” at the Durres Maritime Week 2024 in a Workshop entitled “*Celebrating Maritime Heroes*” which took place at University “Aleksandër Moisiu” in Durrës, Albania.





IMLI SENIOR LECTURER PARTICIPATES AS SPEAKER IN CONFERENCES HELD IN ITALY AND PERU

Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration, IMLI) participated as Speaker at the 6th Adriatic Maritime Law Conference held in Trieste, Italy. Her online presentation was entitled "*Revision of the 1910 Collision Convention - Shipowner's Liability Issues*".

She also delivered an online presentation during the 47th Annual Conference on Oceans Law and Policy held in Lima, Peru between 17 and 20 September 2024. This year's Conference theme is "*Ocean Governance in South Pacific and Latin America*". Ms. Kazara-Belja's presentation was entitled "*The Voluntary Guidelines on Transshipment: A Tool for Sustainable Fisheries*".

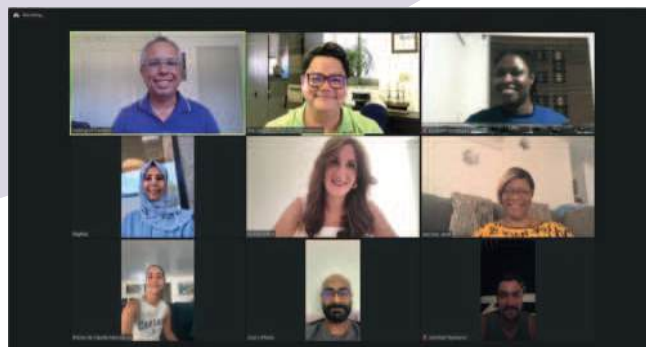
IMLI DIRECTOR REPORTS TO THE IMO TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) presented a comprehensive report to the 74th Session of the IMO Technical Cooperation Committee on all of IMLI's activities for the period of January to December 2023. He also delivered a presentation at a half-day workshop held during this Committee's Session. His presentation highlighted the mission of the Institute, its relationship with the IMO, its academic programmes and activities, its admissions process and donors.



RECONNECTING WITH IMLI GRADUTES

On 6 July 2024, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) held a virtual meeting with members the Class of 2013. This significant gathering marked the institute's first initiative to reconnect with its graduates through an online platform. The meeting provided an opportunity for alumni to reunite, share their professional journeys, and engage in discussions about their experiences since completing their studies at the Institute.



The event was met with enthusiasm from the participants, who appreciated the chance to reconnect with their former classmates and faculty members. This initiative reflects IMLI's ongoing commitment to fostering a dynamic and engaged alumni network, ensuring continued collaboration and support among its graduates worldwide.

IMLI SIGNS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF P&I CLUBS

On 26 July 2024, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) visited the International Group of P&I Clubs Headquarters in London. During this visit, Director Martínez Gutiérrez and Mr. Chris Adie (Chair, Education Committee of the International Group of P&I Clubs London, England) signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Institute and the International Group of P&I Clubs.

The International Group of P&I Clubs has consistently supported the Institute as a Donor providing fellowships to professionals worldwide seeking training and capacity-building opportunities in international maritime law.

The Memorandum lays the foundation for continued collaboration between the two entities.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and Mr. Chris Adie (Chair, Education Committee of the International Group of P&I Clubs) signing the Memorandum of Understanding

IMLI DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES AS SPEAKER IN AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR HELD IN COLOMBIA



From L-R: Ms. Claudia Marcela Rodríguez Cuellar (Jefe de la Oficina Jurídica de la Fuerza Naval del Caribe), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Ms. Sandra Betancourt (Ética Consultoría Legal en Recursos Naturales) and Ms. Patricia Peñaranda (Jefe de la Oficina Jurídica de la Capitanía de Puerto de Buenaventura)

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) participated as a Speaker in the IV Seminario Internacional de Derecho Marítimo 2024 de ACOLDEMAR held in Cartagena, Colombia. His presentation was entitled “*International Maritime Regulations - Challenges And Perspectives*”. IMLI graduates, Ms. Claudia Marcela Rodríguez Cuellar (Jefe de la Oficina Jurídica de la Fuerza Naval del Caribe), Ms. Patricia Peñaranda (Jefe de la Oficina Jurídica de la Capitanía de Puerto de Buenaventura) and Ms. Sandra Betancourt (Ética Consultoría Legal en Recursos Naturales) also participated in the event as panellists.

IMLI DIRECTOR LECTURES AT IFLOS

On Friday 16 August 2024, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) had the distinct pleasure of once again lecturing at the IFLOS Summer Academy held at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in Hamburg. The Director delivered a lecture entitled “*Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims*”. The IMLI Director extended his appreciation to Director Professor Nele Matz-Lück and Professor Alexander Proelss for their kind invitation and hospitality.



IMLI LECTURER'S ENGAGEMENTS



Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI) delivered a lecture to the participants of the European Law Students Association (ELSA) Summer Law School held at University of Malta. Her lecture was entitled “*A General Introduction to Maritime Law*”.

In another event organized by the ICA World, Ms. Jalloh participated as a Panellist in a Panel Discussion on the *Sustainable Blue Economy at the ICA World Networking Event 2024: Promoting Development Cooperation for Sustainable Impact* held in Malta.

THE NIPPON FOUNDATION LECTURER ON GLOBAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE AT IMLI PARTICIPATES AT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



During the reporting year, Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI) participated as a Speaker in several events including in the “*International Law-*

Making: Actors in Shipping and Climate Change InterAct Conference” held at University of Copenhagen, CLIMA - Centre for Climate Change Law and Governance; in the XXII Brazilian Congress of International Law of the Brazilian Academy of International Law entitled “*International Law and the Sustainable Development Goals*”; in a Workshop entitled “*Dialogues on Climate and Energy Transitions*” at the Presbyterian University Mackenzie Center for Advanced Studies in Public Policies and Integrity in São Paulo; as a Speaker in a Conference entitled “*The Scope of Litigation under the UNCLOS – Where are we Now and Where may we be Going?*” at the Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (NILOS) alongside Dr. Mara Tignino (Faculty of Law and the Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva); and in the International Conference entitled “*The Crossroad of International Environmental Law Enforcement: The instrumentalization of other legal regimes and discourses in the era of fragmentation and the Anthropocene*” held at the Open University of Catalunya, Barcelona.

THE NIPPON FOUNDATION LECTURER ON INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY LAW AT IMLI PARTICIPATES AT VARIOUS EVENTS IN INDIA

Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law, IMLI) delivered a lecture entitled “*UNCLOS: Foundations and Future of Maritime Security Law*” at the Indian Maritime University on the auspicious occasion of Teacher's Day. This was followed by a presentation entitled “*Analyzing UNCLOS Provisions and the IMO's Role in Enhancing Maritime Security*” held at the Directorate General of Shipping in Mumbai.



He also delivered a presentation entitled “*International Maritime Law*” to the LL.M. students of the Faculty of Law of University of Delhi.

IMLI DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER IN EVENTS HELD IN ITALY AND ALGERIA



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered the Keynote Speech during the closing day of the 10th Summer School on the European Union and the Law of the Sea (EULoS) at University of Genoa, Italy.

He then participated as Keynote Speaker at the “*International Maritime Economy Conference 2024 - Navigating towards the future: How to build the maritime sector of tomorrow?*” in Algiers.

The Director also delivered the Keynote Address entitled “*Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims: 100 Years of International Regulation*” at the commemorative Symposium of the 125th Anniversary of the Italian Maritime Law Association in Genoa, Italy.

IMLI SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and Ms. Donata Rugarabamu (Deputy Director, FAO Legal Counsel) signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Institute and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) at a signing ceremony held at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy. The Ceremony was also attended by Dr. Matthew Camilleri (Senior Fisheries Officer; Leader, Global and Regional Processes (Fisheries); Technical Secretary, Agreement on Port State Measures, FAO) and Dr. Buba Bojang (Legal Officer, Development Law Service, FAO



Legal Office) who, together with Mr. Blaise Kuemlangan (Chief, Development Law Service, FAO Legal Office) (not present in the ceremony), were instrumental in cementing this cooperation. During his visit, Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez also met with Dr. Camilleri and other FAO officials to discuss the delivery at IMLI of the International Course on Fisheries Law.



THE NIPPON FOUNDATION LECTURER IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW AT IMLI DELIVERS A PRESENTATION IN CROATIA

Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI) delivered a presentation entitled “*Maritime Security Challenges in the Red Sea: Analysis of the Navigational Rights under the Law of the Sea Regime*” at the International Maritime and Transport Law Course, held at the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

IMLI DIRECTOR DELIVERS A MASTER CLASS IN CROATIA

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered a Master Class entitled “*Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims – 100 Years On*” at the International Maritime and Transport Law Course, which was held at the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

IMLI DIRECTOR MEETS DELEGATION FROM THE SASAKAWA PEACE FOUNDATION

On 25 September 2024, a delegation headed by Mr. Eisuke Kudo (Vice-Admiral, The Japan Coast Guard [Retired]; Research Fellow, Kobe University, Japan; The Sasakawa Peace Foundation), accompanied by Ms. Reiko Naito (Senior Specialist, Ocean Policy Research Institute, The Sasakawa Peace Foundation) and Ms. Emi Shimada (Manager, Ocean Vision and Action Division, Ocean Policy Research Institute, The Sasakawa Peace Foundation) visited IMLI. The delegation was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Members of the IMLI Faculty and Staff. A meeting ensued wherein possible future cooperation was discussed.



WORLD MARITIME DAY 2024 CELEBRATIONS



The Institute's facade lit up in maritime blue for World Maritime Day 2024



IMLI joined the IMO and the international maritime community in celebrating World Maritime Day 2024 on 26 September 2024. "Navigating the future: Safety first!" was the theme selected for this occasion. To further promote this important international event the Institute's facade was lit up in maritime blue.

On the occasion of World Maritime Day, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) attended the World Maritime Day 2024 celebrations held at IMO Headquarters in London on 26 September 2024.

IMLI ACADEMICS DELIVER ONLINE PRESENTATIONS TO DOALOS

Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI) and Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI) delivered online presentations to the Ocean Governance Fellowship for Small Island Developing States Fellows of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) in New York. Their presentations were entitled "Navigation and Shipping: Current Challenges and Opportunities, including for SIDS" and "Jurisdiction, Navigational Rights and IMO".

IMLI PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE LAW OF THE SEA RECEIVED THE CONTRIBUTION TO MARITIME LAW AWARD

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and the Institute's staff expressed their congratulations to Judge Professor Attard for receiving the well-deserved recognition during the

2024 edition of the Malta Maritime Awards Ceremony on 7 October 2024.



IMLI CLASS AND MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY ATTEND MALTA MARITIME SUMMIT 2024

The IMLI Class of 2024-2025 and members of the IMLI Faculty attended the 4th edition of the Malta Maritime Summit 2024 held during the Malta Maritime Week from 7-11 October 2024 in Malta. The theme chosen for 2024 was "The Voice of the Industry". Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI) participated as a Moderator in Session No. 6 entitled "Criminalisation of Seafarers, UNCLOS, Crew Safety; the Red Sea - The Legal Implications".





IMLI - THE NIPPON FOUNDATION COOPERATION MEETINGS

In the year under review, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) had two meetings with Mr. Mitsuyuki Unno (Executive Director, The Nippon Foundation). The first meeting was held online

on 13 August 2024 and subsequently followed by a visit of the IMLI Director to The Nippon Foundation Headquarters in Japan on 18 October 2024.

Both meetings helped to further strengthen the bonds of cooperation between the two organizations through the joint project entitled “*Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Global Legal Order for the Oceans*”.

These meetings 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.

IMLI DIRECTOR'S ENGAGEMENTS IN CHINA

In October 2024, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) paid an official visit to Dalian Maritime University in China where he was met by Professor Ma Mingfei (Director of International Cooperation and Exchange Office, Dalian Maritime University), followed by a meeting wherein possible future cooperation was discussed.

The Director also met with Professor Zhu Zuoxian (Dean of Law School, Dalian Maritime University). He was subsequently given a tour of the University Campus and then delivered a presentation entitled “*IMLI's Capacity Building Mission*”.



FAO CONTINUES WITH ITS CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN FISHERIES LAW

IMLI hosted the sixth FAO International Course on Fisheries Law between 21 October and 8 November 2024. Ms. Minmin Lei (Fisheries Officer, Fisheries Global and Regional Processes Team, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO) and Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI) officially opened the Course on 21 October 2024. The Course was attended by officials from Benin, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Guinea, Madagascar, Mauritania, Morocco, Senegal, and Togo.

On the first day of the Course, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered the Welcoming Remarks online to the FAO Course Participants. At the conclusion of the Course, Mr. Blaise Kuemlangan (Chief, Development Law Service, FAO Legal Office) presided over the Closing Ceremony.



Ms. Minmin Lei (Fisheries Officer, Fisheries Global and Regional Processes Team, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO), Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI), and Dr. Ángeles Jiménez García-Carriazo (Ramon y Cajal Research Fellow, University of Cadiz) with the Course participants

THE NINTH CONSECUTIVE MARITIME TRANSPORT POLICY SEMINAR HELD AT IMLI

For the ninth consecutive year, IMLI had the distinct pleasure of holding, in collaboration with IMO and the WMU, the annual three-day Seminar on *Maritime Transport Policy* conducted by Professor George Theocharidis (Professor of Maritime Law and Policy, WMU).

During this Seminar, the students were introduced to the concept of a Maritime Transport Policy and its importance to the development of maritime legislation by highlighting the close relationship between policy and legislation. At the end of the Seminar, as it is usual practice, the Class, which had already been

divided into groups, presented an outline of a National Maritime Transport Policy of an imaginary country. In doing so, each of the working groups had to take into account the obligations of the represented country under international maritime conventions and the socio-economic development strategies.



Professor George Theodoridis (Professor of Maritime Law and Policy, WMU), Ms. Louise Proctor (Deputy Director, Subdivision for Planning and Programming, TCID, IMO), Ms. Sisylla Ampatzoglou, (Programme Officer, Global Maritime Training Institutions, Subdivision for Programme Management and Coordination, TCID, IMO), and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2024-2025



Members of the IMLI Class of 2024-2025 delivering their group work

LRF-IMLI ROUNDTABLE WEBINAR

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with Dr. Tim Slingsby (Director of Skills and Education, LRF) delivered the introduction of the LRF-IMLI Online Roundtable Webinar entitled “Understanding Decarbonisation Initiatives and



Evaluating their Impact on the Safety of Shipping” organized by IMLI and Lloyd’s Register Foundation.



IMLI DIRECTOR REPORTS TO THE 133RD SESSION OF THE IMO COUNCIL

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) reported to the IMO Council during its 133rd Session on IMLI’s activities for the year 2023. During this event, IMO organized the traditional group photo with the IMO Secretary-General and IMLI Director together with IMLI Graduates that are IMO Staff as well as those attending the IMO Council Session as delegates of their home countries.



IMLI DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES AS SPEAKER IN LISBON CONFERENCE



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) participated as a Speaker in the V Lisbon Maritime Law Conference entitled “Centenário das Regras da Haia - Transporte Marítimo de Mercadorias” held in Lisbon. His presentation was entitled “Las Reglas de la Haya y la Limitación de la Responsabilidad”.

IMLI DIRECTOR ATTENDS IMSO ASSEMBLY



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) attended the 29th Session of the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO) Assembly held at the IMO Headquarters in London.

Mr. Laurent Parenté (Director General, International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)

THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK OF IMLI

IMLI's contribution to the international maritime community was recognized for the seventeenth consecutive year by the United Nations General Assembly, through its resolution A/RES/78/69 entitled "Oceans and the Law of the Sea", adopted on 3 December 2024, which tackles the main aspects of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and highlights the need for capacity-building to enable States to achieve its aims.

Through this Resolution, the United Nations General Assembly "Recognizes the importance of the work of the Malta-based International Maritime Law Institute of the International Maritime Organization, as a centre of education and training of specialists in maritime law, including government legal advisers and other high-level officials, mainly from developing States, confirms its effective capacity-building role in the field of international maritime law, shipping law and marine environmental law, and urges States, intergovernmental organizations and financial institutions to make voluntary financial contributions to the budget of the Institute which runs annually".

The IMLI Director and Staff are proud of this continued recognition of the Institute's work to enhance capacity-building in the full spectrum of international maritime law.



IMLI CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN SERVING THE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW



THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS HELD AT IMO HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON

During the 111th Session of IMO Legal Committee, a celebration was held to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Institute. The celebration took place on Monday, 22 April 2024 at the IMO Headquarters in London, in which Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General) gave the Opening Address, followed by the Address of Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, (Director, IMLI).

The Address on *“IMLI – Malta’s continuing commitment to the development of the international maritime legal order”* was delivered by Mr. Christopher Cutajar (Permanent Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta) followed by the Address of Dr. Yohei Sasakawa, (Chairman, The Nippon Foundation), entitled *“Supporting IMLI’s Capacity-Building Mission for Sustainable Oceans.”*



*Mr. Arsenio Domínguez
(IMO Secretary-General and
Chairman, IMLI Governing Board)
delivering the Opening Address*

decades, IMLI has played a pivotal role in providing unparalleled legal training to over 1,700 maritime professionals from 160 States and territories.

These dedicated individuals, he noted further, representing diverse backgrounds, have become invaluable assets to their countries and the global maritime community. He recalled that since its inception, IMLI has remained steadfast in its commitment to diversity and inclusion by reserving 50 per cent of

seats for deserving female candidates. This dedication to gender equality, he stated, not only ensures equal access to education but also empowers women to thrive in the maritime industry, traditionally male-dominated, enriching it with their unique talents. Mr. Domínguez said that he was pleased to highlight that two of the IMO Directors are IMLI Graduates. During his address, he also pledged his commitment to support the students through the IMO mentorship programme and encouraged others to do so as well.

Mr. Domínguez extended his deepest gratitude to the Government of Malta for being the welcoming and supportive host and commended the efforts of Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez and his team for their dedication and service. He noted that their leadership and commitment to excellence have been instrumental in shaping IMLI into the renowned institution it is today.

He further acknowledged and extended thanks to the many individuals, particularly the esteemed donors, without whom IMLI would not have been able to function. To the IMLI Graduates he said, *“You all embarked on different journeys from your home countries to IMLI but when you depart, you carry the essence of IMLI with you, with a shared commitment to enhancing the maritime sector and achieving IMO’s objectives for safer, secure, efficient, and environmentally-friendly shipping.”* Mr. Domínguez concluded his address by stating that IMLI has gone from strength to strength and its crucial role is as much needed now as it was 35 years ago.

The Opening Address of the Secretary-General was immediately followed by the Address of Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez. In his Address, entitled *“IMLI – 35 Years of Serving the Rule of International Maritime Law”*, the Director thanked the guests for gracing the celebration of the Institute’s 35th Anniversary. He noted that over the past 35 years since its creation, IMLI has wholeheartedly been serving the rule of international maritime law.

To the many-times-asked-question: Why is IMLI needed today more than ever? The Director explained that *“IMLI is essential to the international maritime community, and to the work of IMO, because it provides a unique*



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivering the 35th Anniversary Address

legal training (in form, extent and purpose) that cannot be found in any other institution.” The work of the Institute, he noted further, is so vital that whilst the focus has been on developing countries and government officers, the IMLI training is also being sought after by developed countries, the maritime industry and private practitioners.

The Director stated that the result of the successful delivery of the Institute’s mission is the significant contributions of IMLI Graduates who hold senior positions in their countries’ institutions and private sectors, at IMO and who also represent their countries in international fora. This is possible, noted the Director, because IMLI Graduates are able to provide a unique level of expertise that is uncommon.

Led by a committed team dedicated to shaping legal minds and contributing to the progressive codification and implementation of international maritime law, the Director noted that IMLI represents the international maritime community’s ideal. In addition to the study of the full range of international maritime law, the Director explained that the Institute provides maritime legislation drafting training to students, enabling them to assist their countries in implementing international conventions, which is highly valued by developed States and the maritime industry.

The Director recognized with gratitude the IMLI Staff (past and present), the IMLI past Directors, IMO officers who have relentlessly contributed to the work of the Institute, the IMLI governing bodies who constantly guide the work of the Institute, and above all the Donors who share the IMLI’s vision.

In concluding, the Director stated “...today that we admire the past with reverence in celebrating IMLI’s first 35 years, we look forward with hope of a prosperous future that will allow us to continue training the maritime leaders of tomorrow.”

Following the incisive interventions of the IMO Secretary-General and IMLI’s Director, Mr. Cutajar delivered his Address to the plenary session. His Address was entitled “*IMLI – Malta’s Continuing Commitment to the Development of the International Maritime Legal Order*”. Mr. Cutajar highlighted in his Address the continuing commitment of Malta to the international maritime legal order. He stated that “*Malta has both a legacy and a future role to play in this realm.*” He also expressed Malta’s commitment to the continued support of the Institute.

The final Address during the celebration was delivered by Dr. Sasakawa wherein he extended his heartfelt congratulations to IMLI on celebrating its 35th Anniversary. Dr. Sasakawa also stated how honoured he felt that The Nippon Foundation has been for almost 20 years a part of what he called an “*outstanding capacity-building initiative*”. He then expressed his deepest appreciation to the Director, who, continues to educate excellent maritime professionals to contribute to the realization of an international maritime order based on the rule of law, and to IMO and the Government of Malta for their long years of dedicated support to IMLI.



Mr. Christopher Cutajar (Permanent Secretary, the then Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta) delivering his Address

Dr. Sasakawa expressed his concern by noting that there will be no prosperity for humanity without healthy oceans, a notion that he believes every person present at the celebration is aware of. He stated further that the close link between human survival and the ocean, is one that had been envisaged by the The Nippon Foundation some 50 years ago, thus fuelling the Foundation’s commitment to build the capacity of over 1,500 maritime professionals from over 150 countries.



Dr. Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman, The Nippon Foundation) delivering his Address



He registered his belief that without IMLI, there will be no solution to the global issues of our oceans, thus, it is the Foundation's great honour to have been a part of IMLI's outstanding human capacity-building initiative for close to 20 years. Dr. Sasakawa noted that 35 years have passed since the establishment of IMLI, from its humble beginnings to today, where to study at IMLI is a prestige and an object of respect due to the global output of its Graduates.

Throughout the Session, delegates recognized and praised the role of IMLI in capacity-building.



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) cutting a cake at the 35th Anniversary celebration held at the IMO Headquarters in London



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), IMLI Faculty and the IMLI Class of 2023-2024 at the IMO's headquarters during the 111th Session of the IMO Legal Committee

PANEL DISCUSSION DURING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT IMO

Following the Addresses mentioned above, a Panel Discussion entitled "IMLI's Legacy and Future Trajectory in Enhancing Global Maritime Legal Expertise" was held. The Panel Discussion was moderated by Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division). The Panellists were Mr. Abdulmumuni Dirisu (then Alternate Permanent Representative of Nigeria to IMO), Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI), and Cdr. Mary Leizl Barbero (Technical Adviser, Philippine Coast Guard). The Moderator and Panellists are all proud Graduates of IMLI.

A Reception hosted by the Secretary-General ensued

in honour of the very important and significant milestone attained by the Institute, which was attended by delegates, guests and Graduates from all over the world.



Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division)



Mr. Abdulmumuni Dirisu (then Alternate Permanent Representative of Nigeria to IMO)



Cdr. Mary Leizl Barbero (Technical Adviser, Philippine Coast Guard)



Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI)

IMLI'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE



The Institute continued to celebrate its 35th Anniversary, by organising for the first time an International Conference entitled "Promoting the Implementation of IMO Objectives through Maritime Legislation". The Conference was organized in Collaboration with the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta at the Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta on 17 June 2024.

The Welcoming Address was delivered by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), followed by the Keynote Address by Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) on behalf of the IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board, Mr. Arsenio Domínguez. The Honourable Dr. Ian Borg (Minister for the then Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, Malta) delivered the Concluding Remarks.

The Conference was attended by several eminent Speakers and guests, from all over the world, including IMLI Graduates as well as many distinguished personalities.

The subject matter of the Conference was discussed by six panels, each with four panellists and a moderator, tackling various crucial and contemporary topics as follows:

Panel discussion 1 entitled *"Implementation of International Instruments"* was moderated by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI). The Distinguished Panel was composed of Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO), Dr. Ann Fenech (President, CMI), and Dr. Kofi Mbiah (International Maritime Consultant; CEO, Ghana Chamber of Shipping; Member, IMLI Governing Board); Former Chairman, IMO Legal Committee).



Panel discussion 2 entitled *"Decarbonization - Implementation Challenges"* was moderated by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI). The Distinguished Panel was composed of Ms. Iva Parlov (Associate Professor in Law, BI Norwegian Business School, Department of Law and Governance, Oslo, Norway), Dr. Harry Conway (Chairman, Marine Environment Protection Committee), Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI), and Minister Fernanda Millicay (then First Class Minister, Under-Secretariat for International Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship).



Panel discussion 3 entitled *"Facilitation of Trade for Efficient Shipping"* was moderated by Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Marko Pavliha (Head of Law Department, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, Slovenia). The Distinguished Panel was composed of Ms. Leyla Pearson (Senior Manager - Legal, International Chamber of Shipping), Mr. Victor Jiménez (Chairman, IMO Council), Mr. Watchara Chiemanukulkit (Chairman, IMO Facilitation Committee), and Ms. Mona Swoboda (Program Manager, Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP), Organization of American States (OAS)).



Panel discussion 4 entitled *"Safety Challenges for Shipping"* was moderated by Professor Ismail Demir (DEHUKAM Board Member and Leading Researcher). The Distinguished Panel was composed of Mr. Peter Horn (Project Director, Ending Illegal Fishing, International Fisheries), Brigadier Clinton J. O'Neill (Commander, Armed Forces of Malta), Ms. Olivia Swift (Senior Programme Manager, Lloyd's Register Foundation), and Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI).





Panel discussion 5 entitled “*Challenges in the Implementation of Security Measures*” was moderated by Professor Avv. Massimiliano Musi (Full Professor of Navigation and Transport Law, Department of Sociology and Business Law, Università di Bologna). The Distinguished Panel was composed of Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law, IMLI), Professor Atsuko Kanehara (Research Director for the Canon Institute for Global Studies; Senior Fellow for the Sasakawa Peace Foundation; Member, IMLI Governing Board), and Mr. Steven Hill (Executive Secretary, The International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law).



Panel discussion 6 entitled “*International Efforts to Mitigate the Marine Environmental Crisis*” was moderated by Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI). The Distinguished Panel was composed of Mr. Ivan Sammut (Head of Office of REMPEC), Judge Tomas Heidar (President, ITLOS), Professor Simone Borg (Ambassador of Malta for Climate Change), and Ms. Liliana Monsalve (Deputy-Director, IOPC Funds).



IMLI DIRECTOR VISITS WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) visited WMU to discuss the enhanced cooperation between the two IMO training institutions. Besides the cooperation meetings, during his visit, Director Martínez Gutiérrez delivered the 35th Anniversary IMLI Lecture entitled “*Legal Drafting for Implementation of International Conventions:*

Considerations when Drafting Conventions—National Law Challenges—Implementation of Conventions” to WMU students. Professor Max Mejia (President, WMU) organized a reception to celebrate IMLI’s 35th Anniversary.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and Professor Max Mejia (President, WMU)



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivering his presentation

35TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

To celebrate the 35th milestone Anniversary of IMLI, the Institute set up an exhibition of a specially designed set of banners which were displayed during the 35th Graduation Ceremony celebration. Each banner vividly chronicles the journey of IMLI, capturing the essence and achievements of every academic year since the inception of the Institute. Through photos of students and memorable events at IMLI, this exhibition weaves together a rich tapestry of IMLI’s illustrious history.

Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) was among the eminent personalities who visited the exhibition during the 35th Graduation celebrations held at IMLI.



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Professor Max Mejia (President, WMU), and Mr. Jose Matheickal (Director, Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division, IMO) visiting the 35th Anniversary exhibition on Graduation Day





Academic Year 1999 - 2000



Academic Year 2009 - 2010





Academic Year 2019 - 2020



IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL UNVEILS A PLAQUE COMMEMORATING IMLI'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Following the Graduation Ceremony held at the University of Malta Campus, Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board), together with Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) proceeded to the Institute. Upon their arrival, the IMO Secretary-General unveiled a marble plaque



Academic Year 2023 - 2024



commemorating IMLI's 35th Anniversary in the Grotius Quadrangle.

*Mr. Arsenio Domínguez
(IMO Secretary-General
and Chairman, IMLI
Governing Board)
unveiling the 35th
Anniversary Plaque in the
Grotius Quadrangle*



35th Annual Graduation 24 June 2024

The Institute held its 35th Graduation Ceremony on Saturday 29 June 2024. The Ceremony marked the successful completion of an intensive year of studies in all areas of international maritime law including the law of the sea, shipping law, marine environmental law and ocean governance, maritime safety and security law and maritime legislation drafting, and a number of workshops and seminars.

IMLI's simulcast Graduation Ceremony was presided over by Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General, and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) and was attended by many dignitaries, including Honourable Minister for Transport of Malta, the Officials from Ministries of the Maltese Government, Director of the IMO Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division, President of WMU, esteemed Donors, Head of REMPEC, Director of IIJ, Director General of the Continental Shelf Department, Chief Officer for Maritime Affairs at Transport Malta, Distinguished Visiting Fellows, Malta's State Advocate, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Officials from University of Malta, and IMLI Graduates of previous years.

During the Ceremony, 69 students from 38 countries graduated from the Institute's various programmes. 50 students were awarded the Degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law, 12 students were awarded the Degree of Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) in International Maritime Legislation and 7 students were awarded an Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law. The 2024 Graduates now form part of an elite network of international maritime law specialists, who have also received sterling training at IMLI.

In his Welcoming Address, Professor Dr. Martínez Gutiérrez welcomed the dignitaries and guests to the Graduation Ceremony and stated that this year has been a remarkable year of many firsts and several milestones, which he went on to state in detail. The Director informed the audience that the graduating class is the largest class in IMLI's history and that they were the first to attend classes in the Institute's new state-of-art Auditorium (courtesy of the Government of Malta). The 2024 graduands, the Director observed, attended for the first time the meeting of the IMO Legal Committee since the field trip was organized for the first time during the academic year, and the first to attend the first ever international conference organized by the Institute.



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General, and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) delivering the Graduation Address



Ms. Patience Ella Diaba from Ghana delivering the Valedictory Address on behalf of IMLI Class 2023-2024

The Director was proud to announce that IMLI celebrated this year, 35 years in the service of the rule of international maritime law, recording that since its modest beginnings, IMLI has become *THE* world centre of excellence, where maritime professionals are trained in the full spectrum of international maritime law to serve their countries, the maritime industry and the international maritime community at large, in the incorporation and effective implementation of IMO conventions and prescriptions through national legislation.

The Director expressed the Institute's renewed commitment to contribute actively and directly to the delivery of the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme activities through thematic capacity-building initiatives which raise awareness and disseminate knowledge and expertise in the pressing areas of the Organization.

Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General, and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) delivered the Graduation Address. He congratulated the graduands for having taken an additional



Graduates of the IMLI Class of 2023-2024

step into their future and encouraged them to be bold and confident about their newly acquired expertise and their potential. He spurred them further to take the opportunities that will come due to their IMLI training, noting that although some of these will come with challenges, they should not doubt that they can be surmounted and great lessons can be learnt therefrom. Mr. Domínguez reminded the members of the Class of 2024 of the advantage they have gained at IMLI through the friendships they have forged over the months with

each other, with the Institute itself and the IMO, which have now become a support team around them, and will always be able and happy to lend them a helping hand.

Mr. Domínguez also reminded the graduands of the great opportunities awaiting them. He informed them that IMLI graduates are now Directors of IMO Divisions, some are IMO staff and many are delegates at IMO meetings.

Prize Winners for the Academic Year 2023-2024



The IMO Secretary-General's Prize for Best Dissertation:
Mr. Chrispine Limbikani Kalusa
(Malawi)



Government of Malta Prize for the Best Maritime Legislation Drafting Project:
Mr. Ante Vojkovic
(Croatia)



Professor David Attard Prize for Best Performance in the Law of the Sea:
Ms. Sedigheh Zarei
(the Islamic Republic of Iran)



Transport Malta Prize for Best Performance in Shipping Law:
LCDR Lovely Rose Z. Catayen
(the Philippines)



The Sasakawa Prize for the Best Performing Nippon Foundation Scholar:
Mr. Ramadhan J. Ngogo
(the United Republic of Tanzania)



Dr. Kofi Mbiah's Prize for the Best Performing African Scholar:
Ms. Buadi Madeleine Ma Adjoa
(Ghana)



ITF Seafarers' Trust Prize on Seafarers' Law:
Mr. Obada Arachchige Sheran Madhawa Perera
(Sri Lanka)



Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (Malta Branch) Prize for Best Performance in Maritime Transport Law:
Mr. Amosa Moegafou
(Tuvalu)



REMPEC Marine Environment Law Prize:
Ms. Diane Cutajar
(Malta)



CMI Prize for Best Overall Performance:
Mr. Ante Vojkovic
(Croatia)

Fellowship Donors 2024-2025



INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION

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 the full spectrum of 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: Fazda Oumouri (Comoros), Daddy Jobe (the Gambia), Nana Ama Gyamfua Marfo (Ghana), Edenia del Carmen Suazo Guifarro (Honduras), Nevis Obino Ombasa (Kenya), Diego Alejandro Barrancos Morales (Panama), Christopher Jundhi Pablico (the Philippines), Adama Boima (Sierra Leone), Jenny Namo (Solomon Islands), Esther Wabulala Matulile (the United Republic of Tanzania), Mesia Ernest Gang 'olo (the United Republic of Tanzania).



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 2024-2025 the following students were selected as fellows under the Project: Shakara Shadae Olive Ernest (the Bahamas), Juan Sebastián Herrera Caicedo (Colombia), Tigst Getahun Asfaw (Ethiopia), Tiffany Ann Hohenkirk (Guyana), Getho Bazelais (Haiti), Florence Jepkoge Magoma (Kenya), Alma Ahmed (Maldives), Rosa Araceli Fuentes Jerónimo (Mexico), Hind Deldou (Morocco), Mary Joy P. Olut (the Philippines), Jovia Ishimwe (Rwanda), Abubakarr Kamara (Sierra Leone), Suhuur Salaad Carey (Somalia), Sameera Lakshantha Hughmaye (Sri Lanka), and Norhen Rebaii (Tunisia).

The project also contributes by sponsoring four teaching positions at the Institute: The Professorship in Marine Environmental Law and the Lectureships on International Maritime Security Law, Global Ocean Governance and International Maritime Law.



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. The nominated officers are Sandra Adu Boakyewaa (Ghana), Kunal Suresh Gaikwad (India), Christine Jesang Chongwo (Kenya), Daniel Martin G. Oral (the Philippines) and Anaam Dahir Khalif (Somalia).



LLOYD'S REGISTER FOUNDATION

Lloyd's Register Foundation was established to fund the advancement in transport, science, engineering, and technology education, training and research worldwide for the benefit of all, and to enhance the safety of life and property at sea, land and in the air. Since 2002, the Foundation has been generously funding nominated candidates to IMLI. In addition, it awards the LRF Prize for Best Performing Lloyd's Register Foundation Scholar to one of the three candidates who excels in the IMLI Masters' programmes. For the year 2024-2025, the LRF sponsored René Alberto Ruescas Mejía (Bolivia), Jacqueline Agyemang-Gyau (Ghana), and Aina Charity Shalonga Keshongo (Namibia).



AUSTRALIAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY (AMSA)

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) is the national regulatory body which promotes the safety and protection of the marine environment and combats ship sourced pollution. It provides the infrastructure for safety of navigation in Australian waters by maintaining national search and rescue services for the maritime and aviation sector. It also contributes to the continuous improvement and development of maritime safety, environmental management, and emergency response systems in the region. To this end, AMSA is keen to provide fellowships to IMLI, for the benefit of participants from countries located in the South Pacific. For the academic year 2024-2025, AMSA sponsored two students, Yabaki Vosadrau (Fiji) and Lloyd Fikiasi (Vanuatu).



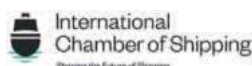
EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY (EMSA)

In 2023, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) awarded the Institute a contract for services in the amount of Euro 600,000. Through this contract, EMSA will sponsor the studies of suitable government officers from beneficiary countries, in the Institute's masters' and research degree programmes. For the academic year 2024-2025, EMSA sponsored Ramida Ismayilova (Azerbaijan), Ahmad Bassam Alfaraheed (Jordan), and Btissam Maaras (Morocco) to pursue studies in the Institute's master programmes.



INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF P&I CLUBS

The International Group of P&I Clubs, comprising of thirteen P&I Clubs between them, provides 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 Switle Mae Tamang (the Philippines).



INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING

The International Chamber of Shipping 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 a fellowship to Florence Nuamaa Darko (Ghana).

NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS

For the academic year 2024-2025, the Government of Malaysia supported IMLI through the provision of two full fellowships. The recipients of these fellowships are Patterson Nyenati Blamo (Liberia) and Mohamed Ansari Dicritan (the Philippines). The Government of the Republic of Korea continues to support the studies of government nominated officers. Their generous funding enabled the training of Rajin Wickrama Gooneratne (Sri Lanka) and Mcphyson Ndibalema (the United Republic of Tanzania) at IMLI for the academic year 2024-2025. The Government of Nigeria sponsored the training of three Government Officials from Nigeria, namely Yvonne Binitie, Diwari Kelvin Peterside and Gambo Ado Gezawa. The National Centre for Environmental Compliance of Saudi Arabia sponsored the studies of Omar Mahal Almohammadi and Abdulaziz Alsaif. The Mexican Navy sponsored for the first time the studies of one of its officers, Alberto Hernández Gastelú. Other government entities also funded the studies of their officers, such as the Tanzania Ports Authority which sponsored the training of Mussa Jacobo Luhiso; the Indian Navy sponsored Prashant Bhatt; the Indian Coastguard sponsored Asha Dahiya; and the Italian Coastguard sponsored Pietro Vicedomini. Further, the Kingdom of the Netherlands sponsored the studies of Pálvi Parisius from Curaçao. IMLI is also grateful to the Government of Malta for its continued and dedicated support.

Finances

Statement of Financial Performance and Fund Balances Reserves (Euro)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE (EURO)	2022 (as restated)	2023	2024
REVENUE			
DONOR CONTRIBUTION	319,301	603,171	423,370
FELLOWSHIPS AND FEES	1,740,008	1,914,930	2,166,448
Ph.D. PROGRAMME AND VISITING RESEARCHERS	10,864	6,793	35,338
SPECIALISED COURSES	175,471	284,220	275,302
INVESTMENT INCOME	53,108	68,412	153,923
OTHER REVENUE	36,123	36,806	48,903
TOTAL REVENUE	2,334,875	2,914,332	3,103,284
EXPENSES			
STAFF AND OTHER PERSONNEL COST	1,356,655	1,317,788	1,395,784
STUDENT DIRECT AND TRAINING COST	241,556	463,616	581,196
TRAVEL	16,084	24,673	27,512
LIBRARY MAGAZINES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	6,236	15,818	12,703
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	235,488	269,045	400,755
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	24,732	22,568	18,285
DEPRECIATION	54,476	64,911	66,004
SPECIALISED COURSES	-	47,256	71,620
LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF INVESTMENT	7,893	37,922	2,994
REFURBISHMENT OF STUDENTS' ROOMS	-	91,436	-
COVID-19 RELATED EXPENSES	1,061	158	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,944,181	2,355,191	2,576,853
OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	390,694	559,141	526,431
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH SURPLUS OR DEFICIT	(161,587)	118,258	100,148
CURRENCY EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES	(2,598)	2,997	317
OTHER EXPENSE	-	(111,448)	-
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	226,509	568,948	626,896
EQUITY			
FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES (EURO)			
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	3,890,281	4,116,790	4,685,738
RESERVES	148,603	148,603	148,603
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	226,509	568,948	626,896
NET EQUITY AS AT 31 DECEMBER	4,265,393	4,834,341	5,461,237

The Institute has steadily built up its Fund Balances and Reserves attributed to the surplus generated over the years since inception, which is transferred to form part of the Fund Balances and Reserves.

The Fund Balances and Reserves of EUR5.46 million as at 31 December 2024, can cover 211.9% or 25.4 months of sustainable operational support of the Institute.

The external auditor of IMO, *The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia* (BPK), is also the external auditor of the Institute. Following the external audit of the Institute's financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2024, the external auditor has expressed an unmodified audit opinion. Moreover, in the Long-Form Report, the external auditor declared that overall, the key financial indicators of the Institute remain sound and that an analysis of the key financial ratios demonstrates that the Institute has the ability to meet all its liabilities.

The above figures are as per the Institute's audited financial statements. Following the adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS) 41 - Financial Instruments on its effective date 1 January 2023, the amounts for the year 2022 were restated where applicable due to the retrospective application required by this IPSAS.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES (EURO)



DONOR CONTRIBUTION

	2023		2024	
	EURO	%	EURO	%
THE NIPPON FOUNDATION	313,710	52.01	329,097	77.73
GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA	-	-	50,000	11.81
GOVERNMENT OF MALTA	10,634	1.76	22,270	5.26
MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND TRADE OF MALTA	-	-	3,100	0.73
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (THROUGH THE IMO VOYAGE TOGETHER TRUST FUND)	170,188	28.21	-	-
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	85,470	14.17	-	-
GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN	21,663	3.59	-	-
THE BAHAMAS MARITIME AUTHORITY	-	-	10,000	2.36
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION (ITF) SEAFARERS' TRUST	-	-	4,521	1.07
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO)	466	0.08	3,782	0.90
PROFESSOR A. SAKOTA	50	0.01	500	0.12
PROFESSOR DAVID J. ATTARD	100	0.02	100	0.02
PROFESSOR NORMAN A. MARTINEZ GUTIÉRREZ	720	0.12	-	-
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TOTAL	319,301	100.00%	423,370	100.00%

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	2023-2024	2024-2025
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LLOYD'S REGISTER FOUNDATION (LRF)	-	3
EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY	1	3
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