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PRESIDENT OF THE COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL LECTURES AT IMLI

IMLI had the distinct pleasure of welcoming again Dr. Ann Fenech (President, Comité Maritime International) on 20 October 2025. President Fenech was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Staff. Upon her arrival, President Fenech was introduced to the IMLI Class and subsequently proceeded to deliver a set of engaging lectures entitled “*The Role of the Maritime Law Practitioner: Local – International*” and “*General Characteristics of a Maritime Lawyer*” to the IMLI Class of 2025-2026.





Dr. Ann Fenech (President, Comité Maritime International) meeting the IMLI Class of 2025-2026

IMLI ALUMNI FORM PART OF A DELEGATION DEPOSITING FIVE INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION TO IMO INSTRUMENTS

During the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee, which ran from 14 to 17 October 2025 at the IMO Headquarters, a delegation from Vanuatu comprised of five officials from the Vanuatu Maritime Safety Authority, deposited Instruments of Accession to five IMO conventions with the IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Arsenio Domínguez.

IMLI records with pride that two members of this delegation were IMLI Graduates: Mr. Less John Napuati (Commissioner of Maritime, Vanuatu Maritime Safety Authority; IMLI Graduate Class of 2001) and Mr. Lloyd Maiki Fikiasi (Deputy Commissioner, International and Legal, Vanuatu Maritime Safety Authority; IMLI Graduate Class of 2025).

From L - R: Mr. Less John Napuati (Commissioner of Maritime, Vanuatu Maritime Safety Authority; IMLI Graduate Class of 2001), H.E. Ralph Regenvanu (Minister for Climate Change Adaptation, Energy, Environment, Meteorology, Geo-Hazards and Disaster Management), Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (Secretary-General, IMO), Mr. Lloyd Maiki Fikiasi (Deputy Commissioner, International and Legal, Vanuatu Maritime Safety Authority; IMLI Graduate Class of 2025), Ms. Seloni Toakuru (Manager Policy and Regulation, Vanuatu Maritime Safety Authority), and Mr. Kembro Manderson (Deputy Commissioner Domestic, Vanuatu Maritime Safety Authority).



In a recent testimonial, Mr. Fikiasi stated that he felt privileged to have attended IMLI to further his legal studies specializing in international maritime law. One of the key components of his studies was the Maritime Legislation Drafting Project, which he has been able to apply directly to his work as Deputy Commissioner for International and Legal Affairs at the Vanuatu Maritime Safety Authority. The knowledge and skills he gained at IMLI played a major role in the approval of the five IMO conventions (and two others, namely, the Maritime Labour Convention and Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation) by the Parliament of Vanuatu in June 2025.

Notably, one of the conventions approved was based on his IMLI Maritime Legislation Drafting Project, which he successfully adapted into national law and submitted to the Parliament of Vanuatu. Mr. Fikiasi expressed his heartfelt appreciation to IMLI and his academic supervisors for their invaluable guidance and support, which he felt helped to turn his academic project into a great achievement.

FAO HOLDS ITS ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON FISHERIES LAW AT IMLI

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has once again organized its *International Course on Fisheries Law* with the technical collaboration of IMLI. The Course, which is being delivered at IMLI, ran from 20 October to 7 November 2025.



*Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)
with participants attending the FAO Course*

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered the *Inaugural Address* of the Course. Members of the IMLI Faculty as well as other eminent personalities in the field delivered insightful presentations throughout the duration of this Course.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivering the inaugural address of the Course



Dr. Matthew Camilleri (Senior Fisheries Officer; Leader, Global and Regional Processes (Fisheries); Technical Secretary, Agreement on Port State Measures, FAO) also visited IMLI on 22 October 2025.

During his visit, he addressed the participants currently attending the *International Course on Fisheries Law* organized by FAO with the technical collaboration of IMLI which is being delivered at the Institute.

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Dr. Matthew Camilleri (Senior Fisheries Officer; Leader, Global and Regional Processes (Fisheries); Technical Secretary, Agreement on Port State Measures, FAO) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the participants of the international Course on Fisheries Law currently being delivered at IMLI

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW PROFESSOR FROM UNIVERSITY JEAN MOULIN LYON 3 LECTURES AT IMLI



Professor Kiara Néri (Professor of Public International Law, University Jean Moulin, Lyon 3, France) delivered a lecture entitled "*The Enforcement of the Conservation Regulations at Sea*" on 21 October 2025. Accompanying Professor Néri was Mr. Renaud Lallement, who is the Cultural and Scientific Counsellor of the Embassy of France in Malta. Professor Néri's lecture, formed part of the maritime law conferences in English organized by the Embassy of France in Malta. These conferences, were launched by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, as part of Legal Day 2025 and aimed to foster dialogue on global legal challenges.



Professor Kiara Néri (Professor of Public International Law, University Jean Moulin, Lyon 3, France) and Mr. Renaud Lallement (Cultural and Scientific Counsellor, Embassy of France in Malta) with Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and the IMLI Class of 2025-2026

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF IDENTITA' VISITS IMLI

Colonel [Ret.] Dr. Edric Zahra (Chief Executive Officer, Identità) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on 22 October 2025.

Dr. Zahra was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Staff. The Director then introduced Dr. Zahra to the IMLI Class of 2025-2026 and was delighted to inform them that Dr. Zahra was a Graduate of IMLI.

Upon his introduction, a meeting was held between Dr. Zahra and Director Martínez Gutiérrez.



Colonel [Ret.] Dr. Edric Zahra (Chief Executive Officer, Identità) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)



Colonel [Ret.] Dr. Edric Zahra (Chief Executive Officer, Identità) meeting the IMLI Class of 2025-2026



Colonel [Ret.] Dr. Edric Zahra (Chief Executive Officer, Identità) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026

IMLI DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES IN THE MALTA INTERNATIONAL SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION (MISA) EVENT HELD IN MALTA

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) participated as a Moderator in the Malta International Shipowners Association (MISA) event entitled “*Shaping the Future of Shipping: MISA’s 20th Anniversary Exchange of Views*” on 28 October 2025. This event was organized by MISA in collaboration with IMLI and was sponsored by Grimaldi Group. Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI) was the Master of Ceremony of the event.

Director Martínez Gutiérrez moderated *Session 1* of the event which was entitled “*Rule of Law, Security and Multilateralism: Securing Global Shipping in Times of Turbulence*”. Alongside Director Martínez Gutiérrez, within the same Panel was IMLI Graduate Dr. Ivan Tabone (Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, Transport Malta; Class of 2016).



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



Dr. Ivan Tabone (Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, Transport Malta; Class of 2016) delivering his presentation



The Speakers within the Panel of Session 1

LEADING MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS VISIT IMLI

On 29 October 2025, a delegation from the Malta International Shipowners' Association (MISA), the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), and representatives of the newly formed Women's International Shipping & Trading Association Malta (WISTA Malta), paid a courtesy visit to the Institute. The delegation was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), IMLI Faculty and Staff and subsequently introduced to the IMLI Class of 2025-2026.

This was followed by a presentation delivered by the IMLI Director, wherein he outlined IMLI's global mission and academic programmes to the delegation.

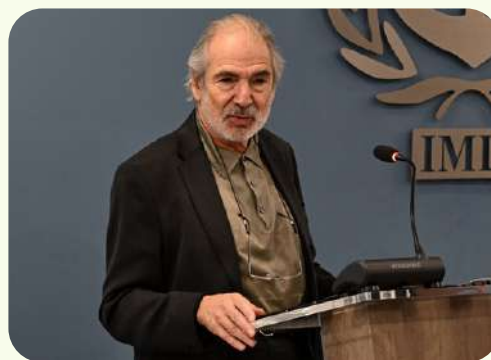
The delegation and WISTA Malta representatives included Mr. Emanuele Grimaldi (Chairman, International Chamber of Shipping [ICS]; Founding Member, MISA), Mr. John Lyras (Principal Paralos Maritime Corporation SA & ICS Board Member, Greece; Founding Member, MISA), Ms. Claudia Vella Casagrande (Secretary General, MISA), Mr. Simon Bennett (Deputy Secretary General, International Chamber of Shipping [ICS]), Mr. Metin Düzgit (Vice Chair, Düzgit Group; Vice-Chair, International Chamber of Shipping, Türkiye), Dr. Ramón García-Gallardo (Founder, G-Gallardo Legal EU), and Captain Alexia Fenech (President, WISTA Malta).



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



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