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AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO MALTA VISITS IMLI



H.E. Somers Farkas (Ambassador of the United States of America to Malta) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on the 20 April 2026. Ambassador Farkas was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), IMLI Faculty and Staff and the IMLI Class of 2025-2026. A discussion meeting between Ambassador Farkas and Director Martínez Gutiérrez on possible future cooperation between IMLI and the U.S. authorities followed.



H.E. Somers Farkas (Ambassador of the United States of America to Malta) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026

MINISTER FROM ARGENTINA LECTURES AT IMLI



On 23 April IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming back, Minister Fernanda Millicay (Minister First Class, Foreign Service of Argentina). Minister Millicay was warmly greeted and introduced to the IMLI Class of 2025-2026 by Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI).



Minister Millicay then proceeded to deliver a lecture entitled “*BBNJ and IMO*” to the IMLI Students.

CHIEF FOR THE DEVELOPMENT LAW SERVICE OF FAO LECTURES AT IMLI



IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming again Mr. Blaise Kuemlangan (Chief, Development Law Service, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations [FAO]), who visited the Institute on 30 April 2026. Mr. Kuemlangan was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Staff, and the Class of 2025-2026.



Mr. Blaise Kuemlangan (Chief, Development Law Service, FAO) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026



Mr. Blaise Kuemlangan (Chief, Development Law Service, FAO) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the participants of the 10th International Course on Fisheries Law

Mr. Kuemlangan then delivered a lecture entitled “*Fisheries Law and Compliance*” to the IMLI Class, the external participants of the IMLI Course on International Maritime Security Law, and the participants of the 10th International Course on Fisheries Law organized by FAO with the technical cooperation of IMLI.

AMBASSADOR OF TÜRKIYE TO MALTA VISITS IMLI

H.E. Barkın Kayaoğlu (Ambassador of Türkiye to Malta) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on 4 May 2026. Ambassador Kayaoğlu was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Staff, and the IMLI Students. This was followed by a discussion meeting held between Ambassador Kayaoğlu and Director Martínez Gutiérrez on possible future cooperation between IMLI and the Turkish authorities.



From L-R: Mr. Can Berk Atasoy (Student of the 2025-2026 IMLI Class hailing from Türkiye), H.E. Barkın Kayaoğlu (Ambassador of Türkiye to Malta), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), and Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Assistant Professor in International Maritime Law/Coordinator of Academic Affairs, IMLI)



GDYNIA MARITIME UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LECTURES AT IMLI

On 13 May 2026, IMLI welcomed for the first time Dr. Krzysztof Wróbel (Associate Professor, Gdynia Maritime University), who was warmly welcomed by the Members of the IMLI Faculty, Staff and Students.

Following his introduction to the IMLI Class of 2025-2026, Dr. Wróbel proceeded to deliver a set of lectures entitled *"Maritime Autonomy - Introduction to Technical Aspects and Man-Machine Interactions"*.



*Dr. Krzysztof Wróbel (Associate Professor, Gdynia Maritime University)
together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026*

IMLI DIRECTOR VISITS THE ESCOLA DE GUERRA NAVAL OF BRAZIL

Professor Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) paid an official visit to the Escola de Guerra Naval (Brazilian Naval War College [EGN]) on 15 May 2026, as part of the ongoing efforts to strengthen academic and institutional cooperation. The IMLI Director was hosted by distinguished academics and institutional representatives, including Commander (Ret.) Professor Dr. Charles Pacheco Piñon (Coordinator of the Graduate Programme in Maritime Studies [PPGEM]), Professor Dr. William de Sousa Moreira (Coordinator for the Internationalization of the EGN), and Professor Vinicius Carvalho (King's College London), among others.

The discussions focused on prospects for enhanced academic collaboration, joint research initiatives, capacity-building programmes, faculty and student exchanges, and the promotion of international dialogue between EGN and IMLI.



Captain (CMG RM1) José Carlos Pinto (Brazilian Navy), Captain (CMG RM1) André Braga (Brazilian Navy), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Dr. Marika Martínez Gutiérrez, Commander (Ret.) Professor Dr. Charles Pacheco Piñon (Coordinator, PPGEM), and Professor Vinicius Carvalho (King's College London)



From L-R: Lieutenant Mariana Dias, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), and Commander (Ret.) Professor Dr. Charles Pacheco Piñon (Coordinator, PPGEM)

AMBASSADOR OF GREECE TO MALTA VISITS IMLI



H.E. Stella Bezirtzoglou (Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic of Greece to Malta) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)

H.E. Stella Bezirtzoglou (Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic of Greece to Malta) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on 21 May 2026. Ambassador Bezirtzoglou was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), and IMLI Faculty and Staff. She was then introduced to the IMLI Class of 2025-2026.

This was followed by a meeting between Ambassador Bezirtzoglou and Director Martínez Gutiérrez to discuss possible future cooperation between IMLI and Greek maritime authorities.

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Greece to Malta) and
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Norman A. Martínez
Gutiérrez (Director,
IMLI) together with
the IMLI Class of
2025-2026*

DELEGATION FROM THE MALTA FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORITY (MFHEA) VISITS IMLI

A delegation from the Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) paid a courtesy visit to IMLI. Mr. James Perry Maia (Chief Executive Officer, MFHEA), Ms. Michelle Calleja Gafà (Head Licensing, Accreditation, Quality Assurance & Validation) and Dr. Stefan Sant (Head, Malta Qualifications Recognition and Information Centre) were warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Staff. The delegation was then formally introduced to the IMLI Class of 2025-2026.



Mr. James Perry Maia (Chief Executive Officer, MFHEA), Ms. Michelle Calleja Gafà (Head Licensing, Accreditation, Quality Assurance & Validation), Dr. Stefan Sant (Head, Malta Qualifications Recognition and Information Centre), and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026

This was followed by a meeting between the delegation and Director Martínez Gutiérrez on strengthening the cooperation between IMLI and the Authority.

IMLI GOVERNOR LECTURES AT IMLI

Ms. Kiran Khosla (Principal Director (Legal), Secretary, Insurance and Maritime Law Committee, International Chamber of Shipping [ICS]; Member, IMLI Governing Board) visited the Institute on 22 May 2026. Ms. Khosla was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Staff.



Following her introduction to the IMLI Class of 2025-2026, Ms. Khosla proceeded to deliver a set of lectures entitled “*Consistent application of the 1982 conventions on liability and compensation for ship-sources pollution*” and “*Dire Straits? Right of Passage through International Straits*” to the IMLI students.



Ms. Kiran Khosla (Principal Director (Legal), Secretary, Insurance and Maritime Law Committee, ICS; Member, IMLI Governing Board) meeting the IMLI Class of 2025-2026



Ms. Kiran Khosla (Principal Director (Legal), Secretary, Insurance and Maritime Law Committee, ICS; Member, IMLI Governing Board) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026