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AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER HOSTS EVENT IN HONOUR OF THE IMLI CLASS OF 2025-2026

H.E. Mr. Matt Skelly (High Commissioner of Australia) hosted a reception in honour of the IMLI Class of 2025-2026 on 12 November 2025.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), together with Members of the IMLI Faculty and the IMLI Class of 2025-2026 attended this event. Also present were many distinguished guests from the Government of Malta, Representatives from the Diplomatic Corps, from the University of Malta, and eminent personalities from the private sector.



*H.E. Mr. Matt Skelly
(High Commissioner
of Australia)
addressing the guests*



High Commissioner Skelly and Director Martínez Gutiérrez addressed the IMLI Class and the distinguished guests attending the event.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) addressing the guests



H.E. Mr. Matt Skelly (High Commissioner of Australia) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026

IMLI LECTURER PARTICIPATES AS SPEAKER IN 13TH ANNUAL WORLD CONGRESS OF OCEAN IN JAPAN

Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI) participated as a Speaker in the 13th Annual World Congress of Ocean that was held in Osaka, Japan on 11 November 2025.

Ms. Jalloh's presentation which formed part of WCO 01: Ocean Economy and Maritime Law was entitled "One Ocean, One Law: Unification of Maritime Law and its Importance for the Effective Protection of the Ocean".



At the event, Ms. Jalloh had the opportunity of meeting with IMLI Graduate, Ms. Ana Olivert (Sweden, IMLI Class of 2021) who was also attending the event as a Speaker.



Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI) together Ms. Ana Olivert (Sweden, IMLI Class of 2021)

NICOLAUS COPERNICUS UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR LECTURES AT IMLI

On 6 November 2025, IMLI had the distinct pleasure of welcoming again Dr. Zuzanna Pełowska-Dąbrowska (Assistant Professor, Department of Commercial Law, Maritime Law and Civil Procedure Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń, Poland).

Dr. Pełowska-Dąbrowska was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Staff. This was followed by her introduction to the IMLI Class of 2025-2026.



Dr. Pełowska-Dąbrowska then proceeded to deliver a set of lectures entitled “*Conflict of Laws and International Maritime Law*” to the IMLI Class of 2025-2026.



Dr. Zuzanna Pełowska-Dąbrowska (Assistant Professor, Department of Commercial Law, Maritime Law and Civil Procedure Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń, Poland) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026

IMLI DIRECTOR ATTENDS THE 135TH SESSION OF THE IMO COUNCIL

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) attended the 135th Session of the IMO Council.

The Session was held at the IMO Headquarters in London between the 19 and 21 November 2025.



*IMLI Graduates attending the IMO Council
as part of the delegations representing their home countries*

LAWYER AND SPECIALIST IN COMMERCIAL AND CORPORATE LAW LECTURES AT IMLI



On Monday 24 November 2025, the Institute once again warmly welcomed Dr. Axel Henriksen (Lawyer, Specialist in Commercial and Corporate Law).

Dr. Henriksen was greeted by Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI), Members of the IMLI Faculty and Staff. He was then introduced to the IMLI Class of 2025-2026.

Dr. Henriksen delivered a set of lectures entitled “*Ship Building Contracts: A Practical Perspective*”.



*Dr. Axel Henriksen (Lawyer, Specialist in Commercial and Corporate Law)
together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026*

The IMLI Class of 2025–2026, together with Members of the IMLI Faculty, had the opportunity to attend the *International Maritime Conference & Expo Malta 2025* which was held in St. Julian's, Malta.

This event gathered eminent personalities in the field, to discuss policy, innovation, sustainability, and emerging technologies, with workshops and special networking events.

THE IMLI CLASS OF 2025-2026 ATTENDS THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONFERENCE & EXPO MALTA 2025





The IMLI Class of 2025-2026 together with Members of the IMLI Faculty during the Conference & Expo Malta 2025

PRESENTATIONS ON “*NATIONALITY REGISTRATION AND OWNERSHIP OF SHIPS*” DELIVERED BY THE IMLI CLASS OF 2025-2026

The IMLI Class of 2025-2026, divided into eight Working Groups, delivered presentations on the subject of “*Nationality, Registration and Ownership of Ships*” on 28 November 2025.

This academic initiative was geared towards engaging students into learning actively and delving deeper into the understanding of the topic being presented and discussed. Such exercises enabled the students to share their unique personal and professional experiences and perspectives while enhancing further their critical thinking as they worked within groups of diverse cultures and expertise.

The eight Working Groups were as follows:



Group 1 - The Bahamas (in-situ and online):

Ms. Sherneé Symonette (the Bahamas), Ms. Kefalotse Seratwa Tsalaile-Mmese (Botswana), Mr. John Kidando (Tanzania), Ms. Sarah Awenteme Abalansah (Ghana), Mr. Roy Mghanga Bwabi (Kenya), MAJ. Justine Dawn Santos-Timpac (the Philippines), LT. Ciro Bianco (Italy) and Mr. Michael Sean Mallia (Malta)



Group 2 - Denmark (in-situ and online):

Ms. Rita Hamidu (Ghana), LCDR. Carlo Nico B. Aguilana (the Philippines), Ms. Orlye Sandra Dzobosse (Cameroon), Mr. Adriano Tchuda (Guinea-Bissau), Mr. Kapugama Vithanage Aravinda Gihan Gunaratne (Sri Lanka), LCDR. Abdelillah Bhilil (Morocco), and Ms. Zaituni Simba Abdalla (Tanzania)



Group 3 - Liberia (in-situ and online):

Mr. Darlington Doue (Liberia), LCDR. Reynaldo M. Gaano (the Philippines), Ms. Elozino Faith Eteghrara (Nigeria), Mr. Larry Ashie Djanie (Ghana), Ms. Florence Packshady Madelemo (Tanzania), Ms. Kristan Stubbs (the Bahamas), Ms. Sarah Marie Vella (Malta), and Mr. Jean Luke Camilleri (Malta)



Group 4 - Malta (in-situ and online):

Ms. Pudensiana Patrice Mrema (Tanzania), Ms. Nana Yaa Abuaa Faibille (Ghana), Ms. Filippa Lora Buontempo (Malta), Ms. Aishath Zahaa (Maldives), Mr. Othmane Lamrani (Morocco), Mr. Zahran Akef Waheed Hamdalla (Palestine), Mr. Kharlov Artem (Ukraine), and Ms. Sola Solange Attia Abe (Cameroon)



Group 5 - Marshall Islands (in-situ and online):

Mr. Benedicto G. Manlapaz (the Philippines), Ms. Omobola Akinmurele (Nigeria), Ms. Ganepola Achchige Vishni Lakna Ganepola (Sri Lanka), LT. Danielle Christa-Joy Emanuel (Antigua and Barbuda), Mr. Senteu Koinary Tutui (Kenya), Ms. Mossie Wakil Kaima (Tanzania), LCDR. A.M. Kasun B. Adikari (Sri Lanka), and Mr. Ojonimi Atuluku (Nigeria)



Group 6 - Norway (in-situ and online):

CAPT. Nikhil Pandurang Pai (India), Ms. Loveness Jacob Nyumayo (Tanzania), Ms. Nuru Pipino (Tanzania), Mr. Shatlyk Garabegov (Turkmenistan), LCDR. Princess C. Aragon-Gebilaguin (the Philippines), Ms. Adi Salaseini Muavesi Lesianawai (Fiji), Mr. Sifiso Kaula (South Africa), and Ms. Akwi Ekwaiya Ukumukah (Cameroon)