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THE IMLI FACULTY AND CLASS OF 2026-2027 ATTEND THE MALTA MARITIME SUMMIT 2026

The IMLI Faculty, together with the Class of 2026-2027 attended *the* Malta Maritime Summit 2026 – *"The Voice of the Industry; The Next Decade of Maritime Leadership"* on 6 and 7 October 2026. The Summit hosted prominent and influential maritime stakeholders who debated and discussed maritime concerns and challenges facing various sectors including technology, regulations and compliance, the environment and finance.



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General; Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) delivered a Keynote Speech at the Summit and also participated as a panelist in the first session on "*Maritime Governance in a New Institutional Environment*".

Mr. Domínguez and Hon. Dr. Chris Bonnet (Minister for Sustainable Mobility, Malta) formed a two-member panel, which was moderated by Mr. Nigel Lowry (Lloyds List Intelligence).



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General; Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) and Hon. Dr. Chris Bonnet (Minister for Sustainable Mobility, Malta)





Members of the IMLI Class of 2026-2027 during the event

IMLI ACADEMICS PARTICIPATE AS SPEAKERS AT THE MALTA MARITIME SUMMIT 2026

During the Summit, Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI) and Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Assistant Professor in International Maritime Law/Coordinator of Academic Affairs, IMLI) participated as Panelists in discussions addressing key issues in maritime law.

Ms. Jalloh contributed to Panel Session 3, entitled "*The Last Voyage: Rethinking Ship Recycling*", which explored issues surrounding ship recycling. Dr. Sümer participated in Panel Session 5, entitled "*UNCLOS Under Pressure: Freedom of Navigation and the International Framework Governing Global Shipping*", which examined the challenges facing the international legal framework governing maritime navigation and global shipping.





Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI) during her panel contribution



Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Assistant Professor in International Maritime Law/Coordinator of Academic Affairs, IMLI) during his panel contribution

SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING VISITS IMLI

Mr. Thomas A. Kazakos (Secretary General, International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on 8 October 2026. Secretary General Kazakos was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Staff and the Class of 2026-2027.

Following his introduction, Secretary General Kazakos addressed the students, highlighting the functions of the ICS and engaging with the students in a question-and-answer session.



Mr. Thomas A. Kazakos (Secretary General, International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)



Mr. Thomas A. Kazakos (Secretary General, ICS) addressing the IMLI Class

During this event, Mr. Kazakos also had the opportunity to hear from Ms. Wemaeli Wilfred Mtei (Tanzania), who is enrolled in the programme thanks to the fellowship awarded to her by the ICS. This was followed by a meeting between Secretary General Kazakos and Director Martínez Gutiérrez to discuss further cooperation between IMLI and the ICS.



Mr. Thomas A. Kazakos (Secretary General, ICS) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with members of the IMLI Class of 2026-2027

IMLI FACULTY AND CLASS ATTEND THE MALTA INTERNATIONAL SHIPOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GATHERING AND GENERAL MEETING (MISA)

IMLI Director, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Chief of Administration, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty, and the students of the IMLI Class of 2026-2027 attended the Malta International Shipowners' Association (MISA) Annual Gathering and General Meeting held on 9 October 2026 at the Malta Chamber of Commerce in Valletta, Malta.

Eminent personalities present at the event included Ms. Marily Frangista (President, MISA), the Hon. Dr. Chris Bonnet (Minister for Sustainable Mobility, Malta), Mr. Thomas A. Kazakos (Secretary General, International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)) and Mr. Emanuele Grimaldi (Vice President, MISA). The meeting also included an Interactive Government-Industry Dialogue discussing EU and international developments shaping shipping and Malta's role within this evolving landscape.







Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and the students of IMLI Class of 2026-2027 attending the event

PRESIDENT OF THE COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL LECTURES AT IMLI



Dr. Ann Fenech (President, Comité Maritime International) meeting the students

Dr. Ann Fenech (President, Comité Maritime International) visited the Institute on 13 October 2026. President Fenech was warmly welcomed by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Chief of Administration, IMLI), IMLI Staff and the Class of 2026-2027.

Following her introduction, President Fenech proceeded to delivering a set of lectures entitled "*General Characteristics of a Maritime Lawyer*" and *"The Role of the Maritime Practitioner in the Shipping Industry*".



Dr. Ann Fenech (President, Comité Maritime International) with members of the IMLI Class of 2026-2027

DIRECTOR OF THE IMO LEGAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIVISION LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) visited the Institute on 16 October 2026. She was warmly welcomed by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Chief of Administration, IMLI), IMLI Staff and the Class of 2026-2027.

Upon her introduction, Director Lost-Sieminska delivered the *Inaugural Lecture* of the "*IMO Operational Aspects Course*" entitled "*Introduction to the International Maritime Organization*".



Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) signing the distinguished visiting fellows book



Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) together with members of the IMLI Class of 2026-2027

ANNUAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

IMLI's Annual Flag Raising Ceremony was held on 16 October 2026, graciously presided over by Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO).

During this ceremony, the students of the IMLI Class of 2026-2027 hoisted the flags of their home countries in the IMLI foyer, where they will be on display for the duration of the Academic Year. The Institute is proud to record that there are 41 countries being represented at IMLI during this academic year and they are:

The Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Ecuador, Eritrea, Fiji, the Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, State of Palestine, Perú, the Philippines, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Sint Maarten, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Togo, Tonga, Vanuatu and *Zimbabwe.*











































