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## IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE

### (a) Report of the Governing Board

#### Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides the Annual Report of IMLI's Governing Board
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	3
<i>High-level action:</i>	3.1.3
<i>Planned output:</i>	3.1.3.2
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 5
<i>Related document:</i>	C 102/16(b)

1 The annexed annual report of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) Governing Board is presented, through the Secretary-General, to the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 10(h) of the IMLI Statute, which requires the Governing Board to report annually to the Council on the work of the Institute.

2 The Governing Board of IMLI met at the Organization's Headquarters in London, on 9 March 2009, to review the Institute's operations during the 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 academic years. Budgetary and financial issues considered by the Board are reported in document C 102/16(b).

3 In considering the Institute's academic progress, the Board noted that 32 candidates had graduated in the academic year 2007/2008; 41 students from 24 countries had been enrolled for the 2008/2009 academic year (37 students undertaking the LL.M. programme and four students undertaking the Advanced Diploma programme); and there were four students currently enrolled in the Ph.D. programme.

4 The Board expressed appreciation to all the visiting lecturers who taught at IMLI in the past academic year and commended the Director, faculty and staff of the Institute for their continuous efforts to maintain the Institute's high academic standards and financial stability.

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**Action requested of the Council**

5 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and comment as it may deem appropriate.

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**ANNEX****TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE TO THE  
COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION****(A) Membership of the Governing Board**

1 Membership of the Governing Board is listed in attachment 1.

2 The 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the Board was held on 9 March 2009 in London and discussed the Institute's academic progress and its financial position for the years 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 in the light of the student intake; the Institute's fund-raising activities; and the auditor's report for the academic year 2007/2008.

**(B) LL.M. programme**

3 By the end of the academic year 2007/2008, a total of 428 students from 111 States and territories worldwide had successfully undergone LL.M. studies in international maritime law at the Institute, as shown in attachment 2.

4 The examinations in the law of the sea and in shipping law held at the end of the academic year 2007/2008 were assessed by external examiners, Mr. Archie Bishop (United Kingdom) and Professor Dietrich Kappeler (Switzerland).

5 A total of 32 students were awarded the Degree of Master of Laws in International Maritime Law at a ceremony held on 3 May 2008 at the Malta Maritime Museum. The Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board and IMO Secretary-General delivered the graduation address, while the valedictory address was delivered by Captain Arvind Kumar (India), on behalf of the graduating class.

6 Following the graduation ceremony, the graduates, together with Lecturer Mr. Norman Martinez, participated in the traditional field trip to London. Institutions visited included the Royal Courts of Justice, Trinity House, Lloyd's of London, Lloyd's Register and the Headquarters of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds.

7 The academic year 2008/2009 commenced on 9 September 2008 with the enrolment of 37 students from 24 States and Costa Rica is represented for the first time in the LL.M. programme.

8 The public international law and law of the sea components of the programme have been conducted under the usual supervision of the Director.

9 The shipping law and maritime legislation drafting components have been conducted under the supervision of the resident lecturers, Mr. Norman Martinez, Ms Elda Belja and Mr. Ruben Y. Maceda. A special course on maritime legislation drafting was delivered by Professor Frank Wiswall and the resident lecturers.

10 Legislation drafting continued to require significant dedication on the part of these lecturers, particularly in the form of individual tutorials, to ensure that the legislation draft prepared by the students reflects the needs and characteristics of the legal system of their respective State.

11 A number of visiting fellows delivered lectures at the Institute in the year under review. They are world leading experts and practitioners from all fields of maritime law and include eminent academics from such leading universities as the University of Oxford, University of Paris I – Panthéon Sorbonne and Yale University.

12 At the time of preparing this report, the students were in the process of completing their maritime legislation drafting projects and dissertations.

13 The 2008/2009 academic year will conclude with examinations in the law of the sea and shipping law. The students' dissertations and maritime legislation projects will be assessed by the external examiners, Mr. Archie Bishop (United Kingdom) and Professor Dr. Marko Pavliha (Slovenia).

14 The Chairman of the Governing Board and IMO Secretary-General will preside over the graduation ceremony to be held on 2 May 2009.

15 Following the graduation ceremony, the graduates will embark on the traditional post-programme field trip to London to visit the IMO Headquarters, Lloyd's of London, Lloyd's Register, Thomas Miller (Managers of the UK P & I Club) and the IOPC Fund, accompanied by Mr. Norman Martinez.

16 To coincide with the IMLI field trip, the Institute will also hold a commemorative seminar to mark its twentieth anniversary at the IMO Headquarters on 5 May 2009. The keynote address at the seminar will be delivered by the IMO Secretary-General. Other speakers at the seminar are: Professor Francis Reynolds, who is the Professor Emeritus at the University of Oxford and an IMLI visiting Professor; Ambassador Lino Vassallo, who will deliver an address on behalf of the Host State and Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of the Nippon Foundation of Japan. During the celebration, the Institute intends to bestow on the Nippon Foundation the "IMLI Award for Meritorious Contribution towards the Development, Interpretation and Implementation of International Maritime Law".

17 Amongst those invited to join in the celebrations will be Ministers, Ambassadors and other dignitaries from the diplomatic service of recipient countries, shipping industry figures and maritime law experts as well as IMLI graduates, past and present.

### **(C) Advanced Diploma programme**

18 Three students registered to pursue studies in the Advanced Diploma programme during the academic year 2007/2008. Mr. Noah Hardie (United States of America) was awarded the Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law at the graduation ceremony held on 3 May 2008.

19 Four students are presently enrolled in the Advanced Diploma programme for the academic year 2008/2009.

**(D) Ph.D. programme**

20 The Ph.D. programme, which commenced in 2000, currently has an enrolment of four students and other applications are currently being processed. Dr. Patricia Cassar Torregiani (Malta) will be awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Maritime Law on 2 May 2008.

**(E) United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/Res/63/111**

21 IMLI's contribution to the international maritime community was recognized by the United Nations General Assembly through its resolution A/Res/63/111 entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea", which was adopted on 5 December 2008. The resolution tackles the main aspects of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and highlights the need for capacity building. UNCLOS seeks to contribute towards the strengthening of peace, security, co-operation and friendly relations among all nations in conformity with the principles of justice and equal rights and to promote the economic and social advancement of all peoples of the world, as stated in the UN Charter.

22 In paragraph 13 of the aforementioned resolution, the UN General Assembly "*recognizes the importance of the work of the International Maritime Law Institute of the International Maritime Organization as a centre of education and training of Government legal advisers, mainly from developing States, notes that the number of its graduates in more than 102 States confirms its effective capacity-building role in the field of international law, and urges States, intergovernmental organizations and financial institutions to make voluntary financial contributions to the budget of the Institute*".

**(F) Library**

23 During the period under review, efforts continued to improve the library holdings to ensure that all major areas of international maritime law are represented. The Institute's library now has in its possession most of the major textbooks in the field of international maritime law. It has expanded its acquisition of texts on different legal systems as part of the Institute's endeavour to develop its library into a comparative maritime law library. However, IMLI's limited budget poses a major obstacle to an adequate expansion and subscription to essential electronic legal databases.

24 The library continues to attract book donations from law firms and individuals. Its collection of national maritime legislation has expanded as students continue to donate their work to the library each year. Further donations and external sponsorships of acquisitions will be sought in the coming months.

25 The library has developed tailor-made software to ensure an efficient computerized searchable catalogue of its holdings. The catalogued holdings now totalled over 3,000 and the catalogue is used extensively by the students.

**(G) Promotional activities**

26 The Institute continues to publish regularly its own electronic newsletter (**IMLI e-news**), which is distributed to a database of worldwide personalities in the maritime sector in over 100 States and territories. **IMLI e-news** is issued generally on a weekly basis throughout the academic year, providing the Institute with an instant tool to communicate its latest news and to publish interviews with visiting fellows. During 2007/2008, the Institute published 43 issues of the **IMLI e-news**, while 18 issues were published in the first semester of the 2008/2009 academic year.

27 The 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Institute's newsletter, "**IMLI News**", was printed in May 2008, featuring the 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the Governing Board of IMLI held at the IMO Headquarters in London, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Course on Carriage of Goods by Sea and its 13th EU Maritime Law Course as well as the IMLI Course on Maritime Safety. It was recalled that on the occasion of the said courses, IMLI hosted a number of distinguished lecturers namely, Professor Francis Reynolds; Mr. David Martin Clark; EU Commissioner, Dr. Joe Borg; Sir Robert Coleman; Judge Marko Ilešič; Dr. Malgorzata Nesterowicz; Mr. Bernard Vanheule and Dr. Philippe Boisson. The newsletter also dedicated a section to the unveiling ceremony of Arvid Pardo's Monument, hosted by Professor David Attard, during the 32<sup>nd</sup> "Peace in the Oceans" (*Pacem in Maribus*) Conference in Malta in November 2007.

28 The Institute published the 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of the **IMLI News** in March 2009, featuring the address delivered by the IMO Secretary-General at the inauguration of its 20<sup>th</sup> academic year. This issue covered the aforementioned United Nations General Assembly resolution A/Res/63/111 (see paragraphs 21 and 22 above) and also included features on the appointment of a new member of the Faculty; the donors for 2008-2009; the Alumni's latest achievements; information about the programmes and courses offered; and a list of the students currently attending its LL.M. and Advanced Diploma programmes.

29 The **Graduation Brochure** will be issued during the 2009 graduation ceremony, as is the tradition.

30 The current issue of the **Global Directory**, published in June 2007, provides information on the faculty and visiting fellows, as well as general information on programmes and courses on offer and the contact details of all graduates.

31 IMLI's brochure, entitled "20 Years Serving the Rule of International Maritime Law", was published in June 2008 to provide brief information on the Institute and its programmes and courses. The success of this publication in raising the interest of its readers in IMLI activities is reflected in the increase in the number of visits to the IMLI website and subsequent follow-up requests to the admissions office for information.

32 All IMLI's publications are reproduced on the Institute's website at [www.imli.org](http://www.imli.org), which continues to attract considerable hits at around 95,000 a month in 2008, up from about 92,000 in 2007, as indicated below:

Month	Hits	Files	Cached	Pageviews	Sessions	KB sent
December 2008	91237	68807	13190	22868	4782	4063983
November 2008	99518	74944	14901	23539	5250	4242729
October 2008	102861	73895	19350	24485	5089	4253241
September 2008	97761	72162	17192	23871	4395	4081216
August 2008	93134	63582	18808	22377	4237	3625258
July 2008	102113	73130	17173	24216	5447	4128370
June 2008	94369	68992	17019	24118	5538	3978130
May 2008	94974	67197	18571	24348	6335	4305907
April 2008	93360	67062	17184	22423	5833	3690526
March 2008	78289	56093	14713	20417	5257	2528504
February 2008	97746	70967	17863	23557	5271	4069224
January 2008	91361	67370	15930	21950	5066	3767179
<b>Total</b>	<b>1136723</b>	<b>824201</b>	<b>201894</b>	<b>278169</b>	<b>62500</b>	<b>46734268</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>94726</b>	<b>68683</b>	<b>16824</b>	<b>23180</b>	<b>5208</b>	<b>3894523</b>

**(H) Academic year 2009/2010**

33 Applications for the next LL.M. programme in the forthcoming 2009/2010 academic year have been invited as advised in IMO Circular letter No.2925.

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**GOVERNING BOARD**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009**

**Chairman**

Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos

Secretary-General  
International Maritime Organization

**Members Emeritus**

Mr. Chandrika Prasad Srivastava, KCMG

Secretary-General Emeritus  
International Maritime Organization

Mr. William A. O'Neil

Secretary-General Emeritus  
International Maritime Organization

**Members**

The Hon. Prince Bola A. Ajibola

*Ad Hoc* Judge  
International Court of Justice

Professor David J. Attard

Director  
IMO International Maritime Law Institute

Dr. Philippe Boisson

Communication Director and Legal Adviser  
Marine Division  
Bureau Veritas

Mr. Reto Dürler

Head  
Swiss Maritime Navigation Office

Mr. Patrick Griggs

Former President  
Comité Maritime International

Mr. Jim Harrison

Group Legal Director  
Lloyd's Register of Shipping

Mr. Christopher Lau Loke Sam S.C.

Consultant  
Alban Tay Mahtani & De Silva

Professor Dr. Marko Pavliha

Professor of Commercial, Transport and Insurance Law  
Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation  
University of Ljubljana

Professor Frank L. Wiswall, Jr.

Vice-President (*Honoris Causa*)  
Comité Maritime International



**ATTACHMENT 2**  
**STUDENT PROFILE**

**I. Participants in the Institute's programmes and courses (1989 - 2008)**

Academic Year	Master of Laws in International Maritime Law (*)	Diploma in International Maritime Law (**)	Doctor in Philosophy in International Maritime Law (***)	Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law (****)	Short Courses (*****)
1989 – 1990	18				
1990 – 1991	20				
1991 – 1992	15				
1992 – 1993	17				
1993 – 1994	12				
1994 – 1995	20				
1995 – 1996	17				
1996 – 1997	25				
1997 – 1998	17				
1998 – 1999	19				
1999 – 2000	25				
2000 – 2001	24	1			
2001 – 2002	22				
2002 – 2003	22		2		
2003 – 2004	29		4		2
2004 – 2005	28	1	1		9
2005 – 2006	31		1	2	3
2006 – 2007	35		3	4	5
2007 – 2008	32	1		2	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>

(\*) Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law The main purpose of the programme is to train lawyers in relevant areas of international maritime law, including the law of the sea, marine environmental law and shipping law. The programme lasts one academic year, beginning in September and ending in May of the following year. The programme is intensive and features taught courses, research work and a number of field trips. Particular emphasis is placed on the acquisition, by students, of legislative drafting skills.

(\*\*) Diploma in International Maritime Law The Diploma in International Maritime Law is awarded to students in the LL.M. programme who failed to fulfil the necessary requirements to be awarded the Degree of Master of Laws in International Maritime Law.

(\*\*\*) Doctor in Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Maritime Law The Ph.D. programme is based on a thesis of not more than 100,000 words. The duration of the research undertaken must be between three to five years and it can be largely performed from abroad. A short period of compulsory residence may be required from students who are not graduates of the Institute. The students are listed in this table only once, in the year when they joined the programme.

(\*\*\*) Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law The programme is designed to benefit professionals involved in maritime practice, both in the private and public sectors (including at the most senior levels) who are unable to be away from their jobs for any length of time in excess of a few weeks per year due to their careers. The programme can be undertaken within a minimum period of one academic year and a maximum period of five academic years. The students are listed in this table only once, in the year when they joined the programme.

(\*\*\*\*) Short Courses The Institute offers short courses throughout the academic year. These self-contained courses form part of the modular system followed in the LL.M. programme and are designed for applicants who are not able to attend the Institute for a whole academic year or any extended period of time and are particularly interested in a specific area of maritime law.

## II. Origin of the students (including participants in all programmes and courses):

Albania	1	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	7	Saudi Arabia	8
Algeria	9 <sup>1</sup>	Iraq	1	Senegal	2
Angola	9	Italy	5 <sup>9</sup>	Serbia	1
Argentina	2	Jamaica	2	Seychelles	3
Azerbaijan	1	Japan	2	Sierra Leone	6
Bahamas	2	Jordan	2	Slovenia	3 <sup>17</sup>
Bahrain	2 <sup>2</sup>	Kazakhstan	2	Solomon Islands	1
Bangladesh	7	Kenya	8	South Africa	4
Barbados	1	Latvia	7	Spain	1 <sup>18</sup>
Benin	1	Lebanon	2	Sri Lanka	7
Brazil	8 <sup>3</sup>	Liberia	2	Sudan	1
Bulgaria	3 <sup>4</sup>	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4	Suriname	2
Burundi	1	Lithuania	4	Switzerland	1
Cameroon	5 <sup>5</sup>	Madagascar	2	Thailand	5
Cape Verde	2	Malawi	3	Togo	1
China	9	Malaysia	6 <sup>10</sup>	Tonga	1
Colombia	2	Maldives	6 <sup>11</sup>	Trinidad and Tobago	2
Comoros	2	Malta	72 <sup>12</sup>	Tunisia	2
Congo	2	Marshall Islands	2	Turkey	3
Côte d'Ivoire	1	Mauritania	1	Tuvalu	1
Croatia	2	Mauritius	3	Uganda	2
Cuba	1	Mexico	4 <sup>13</sup>	Ukraine	3
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	4	Mongolia	1 <sup>14</sup>	United Republic of Tanzania	10 <sup>19</sup>
Dominica	4	Mozambique	4	United States of America	6 <sup>20</sup>
Ecuador	1	Myanmar	5 <sup>15</sup>	Uruguay	1
Egypt	1	Namibia	2	Vanuatu	2
Estonia	1	New Zealand	1	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2
Ethiopia	4	Nicaragua	1	Viet Nam	3
France	2 <sup>6</sup>	Nigeria	42	Yemen	1 <sup>21</sup>
Fiji	4	Norway	1	Zambia	4
Gambia	4	Pakistan	8	Zimbabwe	1
Georgia	7	Panama	2		
Germany	2	Papua New Guinea	4		
Ghana	9	Peru	6		
Greece	3 <sup>7</sup>	Philippines	9 <sup>16</sup>		
Grenada	1	Poland	2	Hong Kong, China	1
Guatemala	2	Russian Federation	6		
Guyana	1	Saint Kitts and Nevis	1		
Haiti	1	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2	Palestine	1
Honduras	6 <sup>8</sup>	Samoa	5		
India	3				
Indonesia	2				

**Total number of States/Territories/land areas: 114**

For more detailed information kindly refer to the Institute's website, Student Directory menu  
[http://www.imli.org/directories\\_pages/directories1.htm](http://www.imli.org/directories_pages/directories1.htm)

<sup>1</sup> The figure includes a Ph.D. student.

<sup>2</sup> The figure includes a student who was awarded an Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law.

<sup>3</sup> The figure includes a short course participant and a Ph.D. student.

<sup>4</sup> The figure includes a short course participant.

<sup>5</sup> The figure includes two students who were awarded an Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law.

<sup>6</sup> The figure includes a short course participant.

- <sup>7</sup> The figure includes two Ph.D. students (one of which has undergone successful examination of thesis and was awarded the Degree on 3 May 2008).
- <sup>8</sup> The figure includes a Ph.D. student.
- <sup>9</sup> The figure includes three short course participants.
- <sup>10</sup> The figure includes two short course participants.
- <sup>11</sup> The figure includes a Ph.D. student.
- <sup>12</sup> The figure includes the three annual scholarships that the Institute grants to Maltese students under the terms of the 1988 IMO-Malta Agreement. It also includes two Advanced Diploma and three Ph.D. students, together with 14 short course participants.
- <sup>13</sup> The figure includes a student that was awarded a Diploma in International Maritime Law.
- <sup>14</sup> The figure refers to a short course participant.
- <sup>15</sup> The figure includes a student who was awarded a Diploma in International Maritime Law.
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- <sup>19</sup> The figure includes a short course participant.
- <sup>20</sup> The figure includes a short course participant, two students who were awarded an Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law and a Ph.D. student.
- <sup>21</sup> The figure refers to a student who was awarded a Diploma in International Maritime Law.
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