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IMLAM 2017 Results

The 18th IMLAM Competition for law students has just wrapped up in Singapore. Most of you will be familiar with the competition, which is designed to introduce law students worldwide to the complex and fascinating area of maritime law and arbitration procedure. At the same time, the students hone their research, teamwork and advocacy skills. Many of the IMLAM alumni choose to specialise in maritime law once they enter the profession. Professor Kate Lewins (Murdoch University) has been the IMLAM Moot Director for 12 years now.



Grand final panel — a lighthearted moment

In 2017, the competition was hosted by the Centre of Maritime Law at National University of Singapore. Twenty six teams from 12 countries took part, including five teams new to the competition. More than fifty arbitrators (from the local profession as well as Canada, England, Europe, India and Australia) heard 83 orallists in 59 moots over five days.



8th IMLAM 2017 Awards Dinner Winner MLAANZ



2017 grand final panel and competitors



Grand final panel receiving gifts

The oral competition is the culmination of six months hard work by the participating teams. They argue the moot problem four times in the general rounds, and the top eight teams then progress to a knockout finals series. The 2017 Grand Final was heard by Sir Bernard Rix (former Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of England) Justice Belinda Ang of the Supreme Court of Singapore and Andrew Moran QC, a maritime arbitrator. NUS emerged as champions against the University of Queensland in a hard-fought Grand Final. Other Australian teams to participate included University of Sydney and Murdoch University.

MLAANZ supports this educational venture in two ways. We have for some years sponsored the Sarah Derrington Encouragement Award (named in honour of Professor Derrington, the founder of the moot.) In 2017, that prize was awarded to Jokin Beltran, of Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. In 2017 MLAANZ decided to also sponsor the moot more generally by contributing to its running expenses.

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