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The 32nd Pacem in Maribus took place at a time of great daunting challenges to the international community. There was no doubt that the international legal regime for the ocean had failed to protect the sustainability of ocean resources and services; not for lack of instruments, but a combination of failures in implementation, enforcement and compliance.



Since the late founder of IOI, Elisabeth Mann Borgese convened the first PIM, and Arvid Pardo declared at the United Nations General Assembly the principle of the Common Heritage of Mankind, we have experienced waves of change, bordering on a tsunami that had unraveled many of the perceived moral and ethical values and principles of the founding fathers of UNCLOS.

Undoubtedly the advances in technology, the advent of globalization and the supremacy of market power, with the passing of time, have revealed huge gaps in the governance architecture. A major example is the governance deficit in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction. The threat to marine biodiversity and the rise of industrial and destructive fishing practices, fishing subsidies, land- and marine-based pollution, exploitation and exploration of marine resources beyond areas of national jurisdiction all have posed a formidable challenge to an effective implementation of UNCLOS. This critical situation has been compounded by the impact of climate change, thus bringing to the forth the cause and effects relationship in the nexus of the health of the ocean, climate change and natural marine hazards. The lack of an effective compliance and enforcement regime based on the political consensus of the world community has become intolerable and turbulent. In addition it has marginalized the most vulnerable members of the community, in particular women and youth.

It was opportune for PIM 32 in 2007 to address many of these challenges and bring together the best and finest minds to focus sharply on addressing solutions and identifying opportunities that are anchored in that original moral and ethical dimension of the founders of IOI and PIM.

It is hoped that these proceedings and the rich agenda of debates at the PIM 32 will make a modest but significant contribution in addressing many of the current and emerging challenges as well as to enrich our comprehension of its scientific, economic, social and policy dimensions, and be a curtain raiser to any future interaction at the United Nations and related Ocean forums.

Dr Awni Behnam
President of IOI



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IOI-Malta Operational Centre

The *Pacem in Maribus* XXXII Conference has been a momentous occasion for the IOI-Malta Operational Centre of the University of Malta to strongly reconfirm its commitment and to contribute once again to the International Ocean Institute's mission to empower Women and Youth in ocean and coastal affairs. For a number of years now, IOI-Malta has been backing this mission through: its annual *Training Programme on Regional Ocean Governance for the Mediterranean and Eastern European Countries – Towards a holistic maritime policy*, which targets mid-career professionals with strong participation from women; and the IOI-Kids project conducted within the Women, Youth and the Sea Programme through which a dedicated website on the sea for children, youth, community groups and teachers across the world has been launched (www.ioikids.net) aiming to share ideas, projects, common issues and experiences with the scope of enhancing knowledge and promoting awareness on the marine environment with the younger generations.

With the current major challenges related to the environment and climate change, the strengthening grip of globalization, the impact of networked societies in support of knowledge-based economies, and the integrated approach that is increasingly shaping the way we conduct ocean affairs, it is now more than ever of primary importance to empower women and youth for a more active role in ocean-related undertakings, for a more direct contribution to the conservation and sustainable use and development of ocean and coastal resources, and for securing direct benefits from advances made in these spheres. The sharing of experiences at the PIM Conference, conducted through a varied programme and an interactive delivery, has helped prove and reaffirm that: a) women and youth are major players in the arena of ocean governance and conservation, even just through their daily activities let alone if their full potentials were exploited; b) the livelihoods of these are strongly affected by any changes in the environment, economy and society; c) that, unfortunately, they are still under-represented and undervalued in many spheres of ocean and coastal affairs; and d) on a positive note, that a number of projects and studies are now targeting these two groups and seeking to make them active partners, even though these activities are still too few.

I would like to end by saying that with this conference coinciding with the 40th anniversary since the Father of the Law of the Sea, Arvid Pardo proclaimed the seabed and ocean floor underlying the high seas as the Common Heritage of Mankind, the choice of Malta as host country has been symbolic and most fitting. It has also been an honour for IOI-Malta to work together with the IOI, the other organizers of the conference and all those, namely the speakers and participants, that have contributed to make this conference a success. It is hoped that these proceedings will help carry on the messages for action that were put forward during the conference, and that the Waves of Change campaign that was initiated will carry on successfully into the future.

Dr. Aldo Drago
Director of IOI-Malta, University of Malta



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In welcoming you to Malta's shores, the Fondation de Malte greets you as pioneers in that great epic, ushered in by Elisabeth Mann Borgese and Arvid Pardo forty years ago, embracing the sea and its resources as humankind's common heritage. You bring to this PIM the verve of Woman, and the enthusiasm of Youth, contributing to the ongoing debate on the ocean not just discussion but deliberation to act.

Faithful to its modest role to encourage concerted action on the global stage to ensure that the ocean and its resources are secured for all humanity, the Fondation de Malte is proud to be associated with you, and through you, with the International Ocean Institute in this noble endeavour.

Prof. Salvino Busuttil President of Fondation de Malte

Pacem in Maribus is a unique experience, the genesis of which lies in the vision of its founders after the Second World War. The concept of the common heritage of mankind, so emblematic in its application to the oceans, remains ever more valid in a world affected by environmental change. Thus, the need to ensure the rights of future generations is paramount. During this thirty-second edition, PIM involved and listened to the current and future actors in this field. In so doing it was returning to PIM's roots, for Elizabeth Mann Borgese was herself a visionary promoting and protecting the common heritage, and through her, symbolically, both the woman and the vision met. Women and youth have a natural and intrinsic relationship with life; the furthering of life itself being of the essence of the human species. In this same manner, through a form of institutionalized maternal care, we can and should safeguard our seas and shores. May the articles that follow convey the same thoughts that allowed the youths present at PIM to call for a united ocean. And may the actors of today give space to the performers of tomorrow.

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