

## Award for article published in UoM's Annual Report 2003

**An opportunity for excellence: Moving into the World of on-line course delivery** was the title of an article contributed by **Dr. Mark W. Smith** from

Trident Technical College, South Carolina, USA and published in the University of Malta's *Annual Report 2003*. Dr. Smith was Visiting Fulbright Senior Scholar in the Department of Information Systems, Faculty of Science at UoM, between



February and June 2003. In the article, Dr. Smith evaluated the feasibility of his belief that the University of Malta is in a unique position to assume a leadership role in higher education as a regional centre for distance learning, looking at the means available to implement this new paradigm while examining both the pros and cons of the idea and the technologies available.

He has since received an *Outstanding Career and Technology Education Writers Award* for this article, from the South Carolina State Department of Education Office of Career and Technology Education at the 2005 *Education and Business Summit* held at the Palmetto Expo Center in Greenville, SC on 28 June, 2005. The citation read as follows:

### **Career and Technology Education Writers Award**

The Office of Career and Technology Education recognizes the significance of sharing the message of career and technical education with other educators, business and industry leadership, and other local, state, and national agencies. One of the many ways of accomplishing this is by developing written documents highlighting one or more of the many initiatives, programs, best practices, and/or successes in the area of career and technology education. This takes time, and, in most cases, time beyond the day-to-day activities and responsibilities of the workday. This award is presented as a special commendation to those who have taken the time to focus attention on academic and skills education training and delivery. Your efforts to share your expertise, examples, and encouragement are necessary and appreciated.

Dr. James Couch, Director of the Office of Career and Technology Education for the South Carolina Department of Education presented the award.

Congratulations Dr. Smith!