Luigi Preziosi, Sir Count

Professor of Ophthalmology

Born: Sliema, 29/07/1888; Died: 30/07/1965. Education: Flores College (Malta); University of Malta [1904-10]; postgraduate studies in Oxford and Rome. Qualifications: B.Sc. [Malta, 1907]; M.D. [Malta, 1910]; D.O. [Oxon, 1920]. Career: Government Health Service: During World War I served as medical officer in the RAMC; World War II served as Ophthalmic Surgeon and consultant to the Services. Appointed Assistant to Ophthalmic Surgeon and subsequently Ophthalmic Surgeon [1924]. University of Malta: Professor of Ophthalmology [1924]. Served on the General Council of the University. Achievements: Preziosi described his famous ophthalmic operation for glaucoma published in the British Journal of Ophthalmology in September 1924, and had the opportunity to discuss the surgical technique in several international medical for a including the Italian Society of Ophthalmology (Rome, Italy, 1924), the Florence Congress (1939), and the International Congresses of Ophthalmology held in Amsterdam (1929), London (1950) and New York (1954). The operation was also discussed at the Irish Ophthalmological Society (1956). He represented the Faculty of Medicine in the University Council and served as President of the Camera Medica. He was also actively involved in Maltese Politics first in the interest of the U.P.M., later in the interests of the National Party until 1949; elected Senator in the 1927 legislature; President of Senate [1932]; President of National Congress to draft new Constitution [1944], President of National Assembly [1945]. Also served as President of the Committee of Privileges of the Maltese Nobility [after 1959]. In 1948 was created Knight Bachelor and in 1956 Knight of Magistral Grace of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. After his death was honoured by the erection of a monument to his memory in the Mall at Floriana.