



Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) Monthly Newsletter

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PAST EVENTS

BBQ at Corinthia San Gorg – 15th July, 2011

The BBQ organised by the Faculty, to commemorate the first year of its Faculty status, was a great success. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

NEW RECRUITS

New staff – Midwifery Department

Ms. Andee Agius M.Sc. (Public Health Medicine), B.Sc. (Hons.) Midwifery.



Ms. Andee Agius qualified as a midwife from the University of Malta in 2007. She successfully completed her Master's Degree in Public Health Medicine at the University of Malta in 2009. Andee's research was entitled: '*Smoking Prevalence and Behaviours of Maltese mothers during pregnancy, associated factors and outcomes of delivery.*' This study was presented at the Malta Medical School Conference in November 2009.

For the past four years, Andree worked as a midwife with the Department of Health in all areas of midwifery. She is also a Smoking Cessation facilitator and organized a number of sessions for Mater Dei Hospital's employees. Andree was appointed a part-time Assistant Lecturer in September 2010, and a full-time Assistant lecturer in September 2011, Department of Midwifery. She is currently in the process of preparing a research proposal, for her Ph.D study. Her main areas of interest are: clinical research, normalizing childbirth, smoking in pregnancy and perinatal mental health.

Ms Georgette Spiteri M.Sc. (Midwifery), B.Sc. (Hons) Midwifery



Ms. Georgette Spiteri graduated from the University of Malta in 2007. In 2011 she successfully completed her Master's Degree in Midwifery Studies with Distinction. Her study was entitled: '*Going Back to Work After Childbirth: Women's Lived Experiences*'. Her research recently won the annual student prize for 2011 of the Society for Reproductive and Infant Psychology (SRIP). Georgette's study was presented at SRIP annual conference this September at the University of Nottingham, U.K.

As a registered midwife, Georgette began her professional practice in 2007 and for the past four years she has worked in all midwifery clinical areas. She supported the Midwifery Department as a clinical mentor of students. Georgette was appointed full-time assistant lecturer in September 2011 within the Department of Midwifery.

Ms. Spiteri will be involved in clinical midwifery skills to FHS midwifery students and is due to commence her Ph.D. in the upcoming year. Her areas of interest include midwifery research, women's experiences of the postpartum, the psychosocial aspects of maternity, childcare and midwifery education.

We welcome Andee and Georgette to the Faculty!

RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Research Seminar 2011/2012

The FHS will once again be organising a series of lectures during this academic year.

Members of staff who would like to participate are kindly requested to contact Dr Stephen Lungaro Mifsud on Tel: 23401161.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FHS Students Applications – Academic year 2011/2012

Course	No of Applicants
B.Sc. (Hons.) Community Midwifery	1
B.Sc. (Hons.) Community Nursing	15
B.Sc. (Hons.) Applied Food & Nutritional Sciences	9
B.Sc. (Hons.) Occupational Therapy	44
B.Sc. (Hons.) Applied Biomedical Science	88
B.Sc. (Hons.) Communication Therapy	35
B.Sc. (Hons.) Health Science	67
B.Sc. (Hons.) Mental Health Nursing	18
B.Sc. (Hons.) Midwifery	46
B.Sc. (Hons.) Nursing	111
B.Sc. (Hons.) Physiotherapy	69
B.Sc. (Hons.) Radiography	59
B.Sc. (Hons.) Podiatry	27
Certificate in Clinical Nursing Practice (Mental Health Nursing)	3
Certificate in Clinical Nursing Practice (Adult Cancer Care)	4
Certificate in Clinical Nursing Practice (Community Nursing)	4
Certificate in Clinical Nursing Practice (Critical Care Nursing)	16
Certificate in Clinical Nursing Practice (Elderly Care)	9
Certificate in Clinical Nursing Practice (Theatre Nursing)	5
M.Phil. Applied Biomedical Science	2
M.Phil. Nursing	2
M.Phil. Physiotherapy	1
M.Phil. Radiography	1
M.Sc. Health Services Management	19
M.Sc. Radionuclide Imaging	7
Post Graduate Diploma Nutrition and Dietetics	19
Preparatory Course Diploma in Health Science Environmental Health	27
Preparatory Course Diploma in Health Science Nursing Studies	193
Total	901

Summary

B.Sc. (Hons.)	589
Certificate	41
M.Phil.	6
M.Sc.	26
Post Graduate Diploma	19
Preparatory Course Diploma in Health Science	220
Total	901

Graduation Ceremonies 2011

Monday 21st November 2011 at 4.30 p.m.

Faculty of Health Sciences	Master of Health Science in Health Services Management Master of Science
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Thursday 1st December 2011 at 6.30 p.m.

Faculty of Health Sciences	Diploma in Health Science Bachelor of Science (Honours) Postgraduate Diploma in Nutrition and Dietetics Postgraduate Certificate in Radiography
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Please refer to UOM website for latest updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Admissions Committee FHS

A Faculty Admissions Committee has been set up with the following members: Professor Angela Xuereb (Chairperson), Dr Cynthia Formosa, Dr Stephen Lungaro Mifsud, Dr Victoria Sultana and Mr Francis Zarb.

Calendar of FHS Faculty meeting – Academic Year 2011/2012

- 13th October, 2011
- 15th December, 2011
- 16th February, 2012
- 19th April, 2012
- 31st May, 2012
- 19th July, 2012
- 6th September, 2012

MHSA – Senate Recognition



The Malta Health Student Association (MHSA), the students' association representing all students studying at one of the largest Faculties in the University of Malta, has become officially recognized by the University Senate in May 2011. Senate recognition was one of the association's top priorities for the year 2011. This will boost the Faculty's visibility in University matters with the MHSA since now have two seats with full voting rights on the *Kummissjoni Politika Soċjali* (KPS). KPS is the

major policy-making committee for University students which plays a major role in national youth policies. A member of the MHSA was also elected on the KSU health- subcommittee for the year 2011-2012.

During May 2011, the Association also held the annual health awareness day in ta' Qali. The event proved to be a great success gaining national media coverage. Plans for the beginning of the new semester include a number of activities and promotions for fresher's week, together with the annual live-in expected to be held in the beginning of November.

For any additional information or queries, kindly contact MHSA on: ask.mhsa@gmail.com.

Changing of Access Cards

The new access cards are to be collected as soon as possible. It is very important that the old card is handed in, otherwise there will be a charge of seven euro.

FRESHERS WEEK – 3 and 7 October

A new inflow of Freshers will fill the corridors and lecture rooms of the Faculty of Health Sciences between the 3rd and 7th October, 2011.

The Malta Health Students Association (MHSA) will once again be participating in Freshers` Week by having two stands: one in the university quadrangle and another stand in the FHS foyer. MHSA will be encouraging both freshers and current students to obtain MHSA memberships from the stand. The executive members of the Association will be helping the new students by showing them around the Faculty and Mater Dei hospital, answering queries and trying to make the start to university life as pleasant as possible.

Lecturing staff and non-academic staff are invited to visit the stand and mingle with the new students.

Once again the MHSA will also be holding a three-day day educational seminar in November which will include a number of interesting sessions delivered by Faculty lecturers.

LCD Projectors in lecture rooms

As from 1st October, 2011 all FHS lecture rooms will be equipped with 42” and 55” LCDs. A separate instruction note will be sent to all lecturers shortly.