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Dear Colleagues,

We are at the tail-end of what has been a very busy academic year.

This version of Connect, the eight version since the start of my Deanship, is a special one as it will highlight the main research papers/books/chapters/reports, over 120 pieces, published by our team of academics during this last year. It is another loop that shows the commitment to scholarship there is in this Faculty. Our social engagement, teaching, mentoring and supervision find their fulfilment in the empirical and evidence based research of our scholars.

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Academic Writing


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If there is anything you would like to include in the future editions of Connect please send an email to lara.ellul@um.edu.mt

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