

RIDT news

Dentists on wheels

The RIDT is supporting a community project that is being spearheaded by the Faculty of Dental Surgery (University of Malta). The project should improve the Maltese population's quality of life and supply vital oral health information.

The Mobile Dental Clinic Project will carry out research through standardised scientifically established methods to determine the oral health status of Malta. As a result of scarce epidemiological data, this particular health status is not known, although various factors suggest it may be suboptimal. With such a mobile unit at hand, the Faculty will be able to study (and prevent) all areas of oral health. It will be in an excellent position to reach all sectors of society, providing routine dental care as an outreach clinic. The clinic will visit all localities in Malta and Gozo, focusing on underprivileged com-



munities, homebound elderly patients, special-needs schools, and institutionalised people.

Equipped with modern facilities on par with any dental clinic, this unit will be manned by staff members of the Faculty of Dental Surgery together with final year dental students.

To finance this community project, the RIDT has found the backing of a number of corporates and institutions who have pledged their support through their donations. The clinic is estimated to cost around €120,000. The mobile dental clinic is expected to be on the road this Autumn. ●



RIDT annual report

2012 was the first full year of operation of the University's Research Trust. An account of its initiatives and achievements is given in the first annual report of the Trust. The report highlights the RIDT's community involvement, a small selection of the

University's ongoing research projects, the results of the Trust Fund for 2011–2012, and credits all donors who contributed in 2012.

The report can be accessed at www.ridt.eu ●



KSU joins list of donors

In a typical case of charity beginning at home, the Kunsill Studenti Universitarji (KSU) has donated €1,000 towards the research trust of the University of Malta. Speaking during the presentation of the donation, Mr Mario Cachia, former pres-

ident of the KSU pledged that the KSU shall venture to promote the objectives of the Trust among the students it represents, and encourage them to support it, even by organising activities to raise funds for specific future research. ●



Cycling for breast cancer research

Forty cyclists will be covering an endurance route of 720 km. They will cycle from London to Brussels to Paris this July to raise funds for breast cancer research at the University of Malta. For this initiative to happen, the RIDT has teamed up with two not-for-profit organisations, Action for Breast Cancer Foundation and ALIVE Charity Foundation. The former is an or-

ganisation that brings together breast cancer survivors, patients, and well-wishers, while ALIVE consists of a group of cyclists are dedicating their cycling efforts towards good causes.

The cyclists are currently undergoing training to get in shape for this challenge. Their objective is to each raise €1,800. ●

Funding of academic chairs by FIMBank and The Alfred Mizzi Foundation

As from the next academic year, the Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy of the University of Malta will be providing a course in International Trade Finance which is being sponsored by FIMBank Malta plc and the International Factor Group (IFG). The same faculty will also introduce a course in Digital Marketing which is being sponsored by The Alfred Mizzi Foundation. These new additions will offer a unique educational experience in modern commercial activities to both local and foreign students. The financing of the courses has been facilitated by the RIDT. ●

Your contribution towards research

The University of Malta needs the support of the whole community to sustain and grow its research activity. In particular it needs the support and commitment of its alumni and other well-wishers. Please consider making a contribution towards the Research Trust online at www.ridt.eu. Each donation, large or small, is appreciated. ●

Correction

In the previous issue of **THINK**, we apologise for misquoting Dr Ing. Anton Bartolo who said 'newly refurbished Faculty of ICT Building' when what was meant was 'newly refurbished old Faculty of ICT building'. The photo should have represented this building.