



editorial

UMRE24

In May 2024, the University of Malta Research Expo (UMRE24) made its mark as the interdisciplinary research forum of the year on our Maltese Islands. With over 300 oral presentations and posters, attendees had the opportunity to network and engage in discussions about their research, encouraging future collaborations.

UMRE serves as a meeting point for colleagues and peers to disseminate and promote strongly the wide spectrum of research activities that take place at our University. From doctoral student presentations to the multidisciplinary nature of the Expo, UMRE24 served to facilitate the formation of new ideas for further research.

'It is of utmost importance that the research that is conducted at University is shared among researchers within the University itself to instil multidisciplinary collaboration, and it is equally essential for us to display the results of our research outside the University to society.'

– Prof. Ing. Simon Fabri

(Pro-Rector for Research and Knowledge Transfer, and Chair of UMRE)

The University of Malta is committed to positively impacting and supporting the local and broader international community through research, innovation, and knowledge. Since its inception, **THINK** has worked to share the University's initiatives with the broader society. In the spirit of UM's commitment and UMRE24, **THINK** embraces and indeed spearheads this need for dissemination through this special edition.

As a snapshot of the UMRE experience, this edition highlights the value of research and innovation wherein it collects twelve thought-provoking articles from the four UMRE streams: Education, Humanities, and Law; Architecture and STEM; Life Sciences and Medicine; and Social and Behavioural Sciences. Now, as ever, **THINK** invites you to think and enter into the conversation.

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