

# The Annual International Multidisciplinary Conference

Salini Resort, Salini Bay

## Programme

**13-14-15 September 2023**

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Date	Wednesday 13 September 2023
Venue	Salini Resort, Salini Bay
18:00-18:30	Registration
<b>Plenary session 1</b>	
Venue	Hall A
18:30-19:00	Welcome speech by Mr Paul Xuereb, Principal of the Junior College  <b>Official Opening of Conference by Professor Joseph Cacciottolo, Pro-Rector</b>
19:00-19:45	Keynote speaker: Professor Villy Tsakona <b>Laughing about the pandemic: how could humor research account for internet memes about COVID-19?</b> Chairperson: Ms Maria Giuliana Fenech
19:45-20:00	Question time
20:00-21:30	Social reception



<b>Date</b>		<b>Thursday 14 September 2023</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Salini Resort, Salini Bay</b>		
<b>Plenary session 2</b>			
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Hall A</b>		
09:00-09:45	Keynote speaker: Dr Stuart Beattie <b>Mental toughness, resilience and performance catastrophes</b> Chairperson: Ms Nadia Portelli		
09:45-10:00	Question time		
10:00-10:20	Coffee break  Cafeteria and Dining Area		
<b>Plenary session 3</b>			
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Hall A</b>		
10:30-11:15	Keynote speaker: Professor Irene Sciriha <b>Nut graphs are omni-conducting carbon molecules</b> Chairperson: Dr Alexander Farrugia		
11:15-11:30	Question time		
	<b>Parallel Session 1</b>	<b>Parallel Session 2</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Hall B</b>	<b>Hall C</b>	
<b>Chairperson</b>	Dr Christina Zarb	Ms Leanne Ellul	
11:35-12:05	<i>Ms Nadia Portelli</i> Stay on top of your game. The influence of sports participation on academic efficacy amongst Physics students in further education	<i>Ms Christabelle Borg</i> <i>Dr George Cremona</i> Student perspectives about political elements in the Maltese literature classroom	
12:05-12:35	<i>Mr Karl Cortis</i> Cooperative learning and digital technologies in Physical Education: the need for teacher training	<i>Ms Claudia Gauci</i> <i>Ms Justine Somerville</i> Atti ta' memorja f'Kulhadd halla isem warajh	

12:35–13:05	<i>Dr Alexander Farrugia</i> Graphs, matrices, molecules and molecular conduction – a nuciferous journey	<i>Ms Skye Vassallo</i> Exploring and examining the works of Joseph Demarco
13:10–13:50	Refreshments Cafeteria and Dining Area	
	<b>Parallel Session 3</b>	<b>Parallel Session 4</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Hall B</b>	<b>Hall C</b>
Chairperson	Ms Elaine Bugeja	Dr Patrick Schembri
14:00-14:30	<i>Professor Bogdan Smolka</i> Adaptive technique of mixed Gaussian and impulsive noise reduction in colour digital images	<i>Professor Yves Muscat Baron</i> COVID-19 variants in relation to Atmospheric Pollutant PM2.5
14:30-15:00	<i>Mr Godwin Degabriele</i> Thysanoptera and the flora at the UM Junior College, Msida	<i>Professor Yves Muscat Baron</i> Mass-confined animals – ideal reservoir for Coronavirus' mutation
15:00-15:30	<i>Dr John Vella</i> Grassroots museums as cultural tourism products	<i>Professor Yves Muscat Baron</i> Subway PM2.5 and high COVID-19 related mortality



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<b>Friday 15 September 2023</b>		
<b>Venue</b>	Salini Resort, Salini Bay	
<b>Plenary session 4</b>		
<b>Venue</b>	Hall A	
09:00-09:45	Keynote speaker: Ms Antoinette Caruana <b>The future of work: leadership @ a time of great change</b> Chairperson: Mr Gerald Grech	
09:45-10:00	Question time	
10:00-10:20	Coffee break  Cafeteria and Dining Area	
<b>Plenary session 5</b>		
<b>Venue</b>	Hall A	
10:30-11:15	Keynote speaker: Professor Sandro Lanfranco <b>Evolution and the quotidian: the role of natural selection in everyday life</b> Chairperson: Ms Petra Paula Spiteri	
11:15-11:30	Question time	
	<b>Parallel Session 5</b>	<b>Parallel Session 6</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Hall B</b>	<b>Hall C</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>	Ms Karen Buttigieg	Dr Reuben Cauchi
11:35-12:05	<i>Dr Bernadine Satariano</i> Therapeutic urban blue spaces and people's health and wellbeing	<i>Professor Yves Muscat Baron</i> Denisovan genes influencing immunity vis-à-vis the COVID-19 D614G variant
12:05-12:35	<i>Dr Michael A. Buhagiar</i> Taking the veracity of citations to task	<i>Professor Yves Muscat Baron</i> COVID-19 in relation to smoking in the USA
12:35-13:05	<i>Dr Calin Gurau</i> Systemic leadership in entrepreneurial organisations: advantages and challenges	<i>Professor Yves Muscat Baron</i> The Omicron variant, COVID-19's last variant of concern
13:10-13:50	Refreshments  Cafeteria and Dining Area	

	Parallel Session 7	Parallel Session 8
Venue	Hall B	Hall C
Chairperson	Dr Patricia Vella Briffa	Ms Marie Josephine Mallia
14:00-14:30	<i>Dr Rose Marie Callus</i> The Advanced learner variety: relative clauses in Italian L2	<i>Dr Damian Spiteri</i> Is social justice “interdisciplinary”? The social work perspective
14:30-15:00	<i>Dr Joseph Adonu</i> Development of a multi- dimensional enemyship scale	<i>Professor Donald Hoepfer</i> <i>Dr Geraldine Hider</i> Mitigating ethical dilemmas and performing ethical assessments in health sciences
15:00-15:30	<i>Ms Maria Giuliana Fenech</i> Latin on screen: discovering perception and exploiting potential	<i>Professor Cláudia Seabra</i> Comparing authenticity perceptions of users and visitors in World Heritage Sites

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