

Activities at the University Gozo Centre – 2003

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Degree/Diploma/Certificate Courses Completed in 2003



The graduates who followed the BA course offered at the University Gozo Centre between 1998 and 2003 with Professor Lino Brigulio, Director of the Centre, just after the conferment of the degree, in November 2003

- The **BA (General) Course** came to an end in June 2003. Twenty-two students completed the course successfully. These students were conferred with their degree in November at the University of Malta.
- The **Bachelor of Commerce Course** came to an end in June 2003. Five students completed the course successfully and were conferred with their degree in November at the University of Malta.
- Two students who were following the



One of the students who successfully completed the certificate course in Education for Learning Support Facilitators, delivering a talk during the conferment of certificates event held at the University Gozo Centre in November 2003.

Masters of Education Course completed the course successfully and in November they were conferred with their degree at the University of Malta.

- The Certificate course in **Education for Learning Support Facilitators** also came to an end in June. Thirty-three students completed the course with success and in November they were awarded with their certificate.
- The Certificate course in **Day Care and Residential Work** came to an end in June. This course was offered by the University Gozo Centre in collaboration with the Social Work and Social Administration Unit of the University of Malta. Fourteen students completed the course with success.
- The 3-year Certificate Course in **Lace Making** also came to an end with 13 students.

Degree/Diploma/Certificate Courses Commenced in 2003

- A 5-year course leading to the degree in **Bachelor of Commerce** commenced in October with 12 students.
- A 3-year course leading to a Masters Degree in Islands and Small States Studies commenced in October with 14 students.
- A 1-year course leading to a Certificate in Lace Studies commenced with 13 students.
- A Certificate Course in Lace Making started in November with 8 students.

Short Courses offered during 2003

The short courses offered at the University Gozo Centre during 2003 were:

- Communication Skills co-ordinated by Ms Ruth Falzon. (18 participants)
- Coping with Negative Emotions, co-ordinated by Mr Laner Cassar. (13 participants)

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- Basis of Medicine, co-ordinated by Prof Maurice Cauchi. (10 participants)
- Word-processing and Spreadsheets, co-ordinated by Mr Frank Tabone. (8 participants)
- Internet and Website Creation, co-ordinated by Mr Saviour Formosa. (10 participants)
- SAGE – Tha Accounting Package, co-ordinated by Mr Ivan Grixti (22 participants)
- Principles of Industrial Hydraulics, co-ordinated by Mr Frank Fenech (17 participants)
- The Challenges of Today's Families, co-ordinated by Mr Laner Cassar (8 participants).
- Applied Business Statistics, co-ordinated by Mr Gordon Cordina (18 participants)
- Power Electronics, co-ordinated by Mr Frank Fenech. (10 participants)
- Photoshop, co-ordinated by Dr Djorke Vukelic. (12 participants)
- Computer for Senior Citizens, co-ordinated by Mr Frank Tabone. (23 participants)
- Environmental Studies, co-ordinated by Mr George Said, (10 participants)
- Systems of Knowledge, co-ordinated by Mr Louis Scerri (28 participants)

Seminars/Public Lectures

A number of seminars / public lectures were held at the Centre. These included:

- 1st February 2003 – A one day seminar entitled "Understanding Dyslexia" was held by Ms Margaret Naudi Griffiths and Ms Ann Jenkins (29 participants)
- February, March and April – Series of Public lectures entitled "Gozo Past and Present" were held at the Ministry for Gozo.
- 5th April 2003 – A one day seminar entitled "Understanding Dyslexia" was held (34 participants)
- 4th October 2003 – A one day seminar entitled "The Mediterranean Sea: How it Works and Lives" was held. (15 participants)



A lecture in progress during a one-day seminar

Activities

- On 4th May 2003, the Centre organised the Lace Day, in which speeches by the Hon. Giovanna Debono, Ms Consiglia Azzopardi, and Prof Maurice Cauchi were made. Rev. J. Manicaro gave a short lecture on the use of Lace in Religious Vestments. A number of items related to Lace Making were exhibited. In addition a number of stands were set up dealing with the International Organisation of Needle and Bobbin Lace. Certificates were presented to students. The exhibition was visited by a large number of Maltese and Gozitans, as well as tourists. The event was also visited by the 'National Council of Women'.
- 20th August 2003 – The "Presentation of Certificate" event was held at the centre. The



Ms Consiglia Azzopardi delivering her speech during the "Lace Day" held on 4th May 2003.

Hon. Giovanna Debono distributed certificates to 173 candidates who were eligible after they had followed courses at the Centre between December 2002 and July 2003.

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The best sections of the book are the ones describing churches and areas like Hondoq ir-Rummien or Ras il-Qala with its 18th century St Anthony Battery. Bezzina tells the simple tale of Kurraw (originally Corrado?) who at some time in the Middle Ages is said to have fled from his hermitage in Wied il-Ghasel, Mosta, to Comino, sailing miraculously on his cloak as it floated on the waves, and ended his days in a cave below the Sanctuary of the Immaculate Conception that overlooks the channel between Gozo and Comino. The tale of Kurraw and of the miracles he wrought is probably fictitious, but the visitor is still shown Kurraw's cave that can be entered through an aperture in the floor of the Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary owes its first shape to the 16th century, but its façade and parvis were built in the 19th century. The main points of interest are the graffiti made by people as a sign of gratitude to the Virgin for help received, and the altar-piece attributed to the 16th century Italian artist Federico Barocci di Urbino, showing the Immaculate Conception. Though

it lies on the village's outskirts, this church is much frequented and not just by the people of Qala.

The parish church dedicated to St Joseph is much more recent. The foundation stone was laid in 1882 and the building began to be used as a parish church in 1889, but the bell-towers were built in the early years of the new century. The architect was an amateur, the parish pries of the time, Dun Guzepp Debono, and much of the actual building was carried out by village people for the love of it.

A section of the book is devoted to the village's institutions, clubs and associations, and to its feast and other folkloristic attractions. Bezzina very sensibly gives telephone and fax numbers for readers seeking up-to-date information on the various activities and associations.

There are several attractive illustrations. It is a pity, however, that the definition of the picture showing a bird's eye view of Qala is poor.

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Ms Lynn Chircop performing one of her songs during "An Evening with Four Eurovision Singers" held at the University Gozo Centre on 22nd August 2003.

- 22nd August 2003 – ‘An Evening with Four Eurovision Singers’ was organised at the Centre with the participation of Ms Lynn Chircop, Ms Ira Losco, Ms Miriam Christine and Ms Claudette Pace. The event was compered by Mr Charles Saliba and was attended by a large audience.

- 14th November 2003 – Presentation of Certificates to students who successfully completed the Certificate Course in Education for Learning Support Facilitators.

Publications

- The 9th edition of “The Gozo Observer” was published in February.