

FORWARD MESSAGE

I am very proud to present the second edition of the Malta Medical Students' Journal (MMSJ). This project took almost an entire term to complete, and it is a testament to the importance of research for the MMSA. This journal, combining articles and mind maps, is the culmination of work from multiple members of the MMSA and within the SCOME team. This year, contrasting to previous years, this has become a solo project under SCOME to concentrate and streamline the process under one office.



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This second edition features more articles than we have seen in recent years, each article exploring different aspects and facets of medicine, and clearly showing the intrigue and dedication of our students to both the medical field and their careers. That even at such an early stage in their career, they have tried to contribute something of note.

This all would not have been possible without our hardworking and competent publications coordinators, Kimberley Abdilla, Maria Ania Darmanin, Matthias Fenech, as well as my assistant Benjamin Borg. Our coordinators took time to check in with writers, liaising between authors and tutors, peer reviewing work and assisting in organising both a webinar to explain the guidelines and organising the Research Conference. Together as a team, we have succeeded in producing a piece of work worthy of our writers; without their contribution, our journal would not have been possible. Most of all, I am thankful to each and every one of the people who contributed to this project to make it something we can be proud of.

A further heartfelt thanks goes out to the PR team, under the stewardship of Shanice Sammut (PR Officer), her assistant Ismael Salem and especially to Joseph Darmanin, the coordinator who worked hand in hand with me in order to see this vision to light.

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This is a milestone worth celebrating for all individuals involved, and I hope that everyone involved will continue contributing to the field and remember that this is perhaps a stepping stone for many on their journey to become doctors that they can be proud of. Despite every challenge we face, in each different year of medicine, we are still pushed to do more.



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