

Recent Activities at the University of Malta - Gozo Campus

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The Summer Activity

The central courtyard of the University of Malta - Gozo Campus was again the venue for its annual summer activity. The event took place on Friday 28 August 2009. An audience of about two hundred persons attended the event.

The activity aimed to pay tribute to Composer Charles Camilleri in an evening of music and song chosen from his wide and varied repertoire. Mro. Camilleri, who died in January 2009, left an incredibly rich legacy of strikingly beautiful and evocative music. The programme included a number of Camilleri's more popular works, featuring some of the songs he wrote for Professor Joe Friggieri's lyrical ballads.

The activity was introduced by Professor Friggieri. The programme started with 'Suite 1 – Dedicated to Charles Camilleri' composed by Mariella Cassar and conducted by Mro. Joseph Debrincat. Sopranos Pamela Agius and Marouska Attard accompanied on the piano by Mro. Stephen Attard interpreted a number of Camilleri's popular songs with lyrics by Joe Friggieri. 'Tibet' was performed on the clarinet by Godfrey Mifsud and Michael Pirota, while Vince Fabri and Corazon Mizzi interpreted a number of Camilleri's songs during the final part of the programme.

Among the guests were His Excellency Mr Anton Tabone, Acting President of Malta, the Hon. Giovanna Debono, Minister for Gozo, Professor Lino Briguglio, Director of the Campus and Mrs Doris Camilleri, widow of Mro. Camilleri. The annual activity organised by the University Gozo Centre has become a popular event for many Gozitan and Maltese patrons as well as for tourists.

Record Number of Courses Offered at the University Gozo Campus

In October the University of Malta opened a record number of courses at its campus in Gozo. The courses are:

- Diploma in Commerce (2 courses)
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Criminology
- Bachelor of Commerce (2 courses)
- Master of Arts in Islands and Small States Studies (2 courses)
- Master of Arts in Hospitaller Studies
- Master in Translation
- Master in Business Administration (Executive)

The course leading to the Master of Arts in Hospitaller Studies, being held for the first time in Gozo, is being offered entirely through the video conference system, where the lectures are being held at the main campus



The summer activity: tribute to Mro Charles Camilleri

in Msida and Gozitan students attend the lecture at the Gozo Campus. The Master in Translation and the Master in Business Administration (Executive) are also being run for the first time in Gozo.

One of the courses leading to the Diploma in Commerce is being part-financed by the European Union European Social Fund under the Operational Programme II- Cohesion Policy 2007 – 2013. Thirty three students are attending this course.

Graduation of University Gozo Campus Students

Eighty eight students who completed courses at the University of Malta - Gozo Campus received their certificates during the recent graduation ceremonies. The courses completed were those leading to Masters of Arts in Islands and Small States Studies (6 students), Diploma in Commerce (14 students) and Diploma in Facilitating Inclusive Education (68 students.)

The students who graduated in Masters in Islands and Small States Studies are: Mario Camilleri, Maryrose Cini, Liliana Curmi, Selma Gatt, Robert Xerri, and Vicky Xuereb.



The Gozitan graduates in MA (ISSS), with Professor Lino Briguglio, Director of the University of Malta - Gozo Campus

The students who graduated in the Diploma in Commerce are: Rodianne Agius, John Attard, Angelo Buttigieg, Sheryl Buttigieg, Antonella Cutajar, Jonathan Debono, Yosef Magro, Nathalie Muscat, John Pace, Carmela Saliba, Christopher Sciortino, Vincent Scicluna, Marquita Theuma and Marvin Zammit.

The students who graduated in the Diploma in Facilitating Inclusive Education are: Mary Anne

Agius, Bernardette Apap, Anna Attard, Elena Attard, Marie Claire Attard, Richard Attard, Rose Marie Attard, Anabelle Axiaq, Joseph Bajada, Marie Georgette Bajada, Mary Rose Bajada, Elaine Bonello, Alison Borg, John Bugeja, Marie Bugeja, Genevieve Buttigieg, Irene Buttigieg, Loretta Buttigieg, Stephanie Calleja, Josephine Camilleri, Maria Stella Caruana, Isabelle Cassar, Catherine Cauchi, Edel Cauchi, Therry Ciangura, Dorianne Cini, Charmaine Cordina, Maria Cordina, Alison Marie Curmi, Natasha Farrugia, Jolene Formosa, Josephine Formosa, Lisa Marie Galea, Maria Gauci, Frances Grech, Jennifer Grech, Joseph Eric Grech, Deborah Grima, Maria Grima, Sonia Hili, Angelique Mercieca, Joanne Mercieca Pace, Johnny Mizzi, Liliana Mizzi, Maria Mizzi, Maria Roberta Muscat, Suzanne Muscat, Sonya Pace, Leanne Piscopo, Mary Louise Piscopo, Alison Portelli, Erika Rapa, Annabel Said, Maria Assunta Said, Francis Saliba, Joanne Sciberras, Carmen Scicluna, Lorraine Sultana, Natasha Sultana, Nicole Sultana, Antoinette Tabone, Christian Tabone, Mary Rose Teuma, Josephine Anna Thewma, Sue Ellen Vella, Charlene Xuereb, Vicky Ann Xuereb and Marthese Zammit.

Works at the Gozo Campus

Two new lecture rooms are planned to be built at the University Gozo Campus to accommodate the increasing number of students following University courses in Gozo.

Moreover, additional space is being allocated to the Climate Change and Atmospheric Pollution Research Programme which is located within the University Gozo Campus. The Programme is currently expanding considerably.

A completely new set of instrumentation to Global Atmospheric Watch standard is being installed at the Giordan Lighthouse and at the UGC to accommodate five persons and a new maintenance laboratory. The new facilities, including the instrumentation, are being supported by the European Regional Development Fund.

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