

Recent Activities at the University of Malta - Gozo Campus

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A Photo Exhibition to Commemorate the Opening of Two New Lecture Rooms

On 17 March the University Gozo Campus organised a photo exhibition to mark the commemoration of the opening of two new lecture halls. The event formed part of the Discover University! Open Week 2011 held by the University of Malta during the third week of March.

This exhibition contained photos, accompanied by captions, relating to the activities of the University Gozo Campus, since its establishment in 1992. The inauguration programme consisted of introductory remarks by Professor Lino Briguglio, Director of the University Gozo Campus, by Hon. Giovanna Debono, Minister for Gozo, and a commemorative speech entitled 'The Genesis of Tertiary Education in Gozo' by Joseph Bezzina.

The official opening of the exhibition and the inauguration of the two lecture halls were made by Professor Juanito Camilleri, Rector of the University of Malta and Hon Giovanna Debono.



One of the two lecture halls.



Professor Lino Briguglio with the Hon. Giovanna Debono and Professor Juanito Camilleri at the exhibition.

The Gozo Lace Day - 2011

On 10th April the Lace-Making Programme of the University Gozo Campus, organised its annual event 'Gozo Lace Day' for the fifteenth consecutive year. The event consisted of a number of exhibitions and demonstrations of Gozo lace and talks on matters related to lace-making. Present for the event were the Hon. Giovanna Debono, Minister for Gozo, Mr Anton Tabone, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ms Consiglia Azzopardi, coordinator of the Lace Making Programme and Dr Raymond C. Xerri as the guest speaker.

A large number of lace makers and friends attended the event which also included exhibitions of contemporary lace master-pieces and textile crafts, a competition and a raffle. There were a number of stands, one of which was mounted by the International Organisation of Needle and Bobbin Lace (OIDFA).



Lace making during the Gozo Lace Day.

Public Lecture by Professor David E. Cooper

On Friday 1 and Saturday 2 April 2011 Professor David E. Cooper, who was, until recently, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Durham, gave two highly interesting philosophy sessions at the University Gozo Campus under the title 'Meaning, Language and the Understanding of Cultures'.

In the first session he spoke of the role of meaning in the social sciences as opposed to its role in the natural sciences, while in the second session he raised the big question of how different other cultures might be from our own. He went on to



Professor David E. Cooper during the lecture.

discuss the idea of symbolic or metaphorical meaning, in the context of the claim that, where other cultures seem to hold views very different from our own, we should treat them as speaking non-literally.

The lectures were intended mainly for those following the BA course in Philosophy at the University Gozo campus, but a good number of sixth-form students accompanied by their teachers crossed over from Malta to join the Gozitans. They all found the lectures highly informative and asked for similar sessions to be held during the next academic year.

Courses

During the first six months of 2011 the University Gozo Campus organised the following short courses:

- 'The Military Religious Order of St John - A General History', coordinated by Professor Victor Mallia Milanes;
- 'Inclusive Education: Transforming Schools into Communities', coordinated by Dr Andrew Azzopardi;
- 'L'Importanza di Insegnare ed Apprendere l'Italiano del XXI Secolo - Metodologie Attuali', coordinated by Dott Anna Porcheddu.

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