

## Editors' Preface

*"To those pioneers who, unflinching, have trodden unknown and unsure paths, that those who follow may more clearly see the way ahead."*

(K. Bryn Thomas)

In November 1982 a group of fifteen anaesthetists working in St. Luke's Hospital in Malta founded the Association of Anaesthesiologists and have applied for membership to the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA). Exactly one year later the Association is holding its Inaugural Scientific Meeting and launching its Journal, "Acta Anaesthesiologica Melitensis". The primary object of the Journal is to encourage clinical research on the Island and to strive for the best possible anaesthetic service, intensive care medicine and pain therapy.

The first issue of Acta Anaesthesiologica Melitensis exclusively comprises the scientific papers of the anaesthesiologists working in St. Luke's Hospital which were presented at the Inaugural Conference.

Our wish is that the coming years will witness continuous efforts to promote the highest and safest standards of care for our patients.

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