

# Junior College Multi-Disciplinary Conference: Research and Practice and Collaboration

18-20 September 2017

‘Connections’

## 1. Conference Program date

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, 18-20<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Venue: The University of Malta Junior College, Guzè Debono Square, Msida, Malta.

## 2. Conference topics

The University of Malta Junior College shall host its inaugural edition of *The Junior College Multi-Disciplinary Conference: Research, Practice and Collaboration*, which is set to be held from the 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The chosen theme for this conference is ‘Connections’ offering scope for constructing and deconstructing the appreciation of inter-disciplinarity and connections/disconnections that may exist between the following areas of study: the social, natural and human sciences; arts and the humanities; education; business; technology and the environment. The conference invites scholars to ponder the multi-layered connections of these disciplines vis-à-vis research and practice, theoretical issues, communication, the pedagogy of formal/informal teaching, concept formation, mental models and modelling, and the contextualisation of values and ideas. The conference team invites papers related, but not limited to, the following:

- Pedagogical benefits and challenges related to teaching and learning within an inter-disciplinary framework.
- Teaching, learning and social networking.
- The development of past, present and emerging technologies and devices to enhance ICT.
- Issues arising from cryptocurrency, ‘the internet of things’ and other emerging forms of technology.
- Comparative literature and its changing traditions.
- The connections between fictional narratives and performance, drama, dance, film, music, the visual arts, popular culture and emerging aesthetic media.
- Translation and connection(s).
- The theoretical and philosophical issues related to communication and the social sciences.

### **3. Submission guidelines**

Submission of Abstracts and Bio-Note.

Those interested in contributing to this edition of The Junior College Multi-disciplinary Conference: Research, Practice and Collaboration are kindly requested to submit a short abstract (400-450 words) and bio-note (150 words) by email to [mdconf.jc@um.edu.mt](mailto:mdconf.jc@um.edu.mt) by the 30th May 2017. All submissions will be reviewed. Selection for inclusion in the conference programme will be based on quality, originality and relevance, in the judgement of the review process.

Submission of Full Paper. Those interested in publishing their paper must kindly submit their full paper by the 30th August 2017. All submissions must be submitted electronically by sending an email to [mdconf.jc@um.edu.mt](mailto:mdconf.jc@um.edu.mt)

During the conference, papers shall be allotted a strict 20min slot. Late submissions shall regrettably not be considered. The list of participants shall be announced on the 15th June 2017.

#### **Acceptance**

Conference participation. Within one week of the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 we will email to you a notification of acceptance or rejection. If accepted, additional conference and registration-specific information will be included.

Paper publication. Within one week of the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017 we will email to you a notification of acceptance or rejection for publication in the conference proceedings.

#### **Your Presentation.**

Please bring your presentation on a USB flash drive. Each presentation room will be equipped with a laptop and data projector for PowerPoint presentations. We would kindly ask you to refrain from presenting more than 20 powerpoint slides in the 20min presentation for time frame purposes. Transparency projectors are not provided.

### **4. Registration**

The registration fee for the full 3 days of the conference is 100 euros. The undergraduate student rate is 30 euros. Should one wish to register instead for 1 or 2 days only, the registration fee would be 60 euros.

Registration fee includes the following:

- Registration for conference
- Publication of paper in Symposia (2 hard copies + online e-book format)
- Light lunches and coffee breaks
- Free Wi-fi access

- Conference pack file

## **5. Conference program**

### **Conference registration and information desk**

The Registration and Information Desk will be open from 09:00 to 16:00 on Mon-Tues-Wed 18-20 September 2017.

### **Presentation schedule**

Parallel panels are organized into thematic streams and run on 18-20<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Preliminary programme of the conference will be available from the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The detailed programme of the conference will be available as from the 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**Please note that this schedule may be subject to change.**

### **Confirmed keynote speakers**

Prof. Godfrey Baldacchino (University of Malta, Malta)

Dr. David Roden (Open University, United Kingdom)

Prof. Lawrence Viennot (Denis Diderot University, France)

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