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MEDAC: Towards A Leading Academy in Mediterranean Diplomacy



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Created almost 20 years ago by the Governments of Malta and Switzerland, and with the support of the Italian Government, MEDAC has steadily moved towards its goal of establishing itself as a leading academy in the area of Mediterranean diplomacy. Its important role not only as a centre of excellence but also as a confidence-building mechanism in the region has been increasingly recognized by other countries and institutions, and as a consequence MEDAC has been able to continuously strengthen its international dimension.

Since 1996, the European Commission has entrusted MEDAC to organize the twice yearly Information and Training Seminars for Diplomats from the Euro-Mediterranean area, which is the only existing regular confidence-building measure between the two shores of the Mediterranean in the framework of the Barcelona Process. In 2007, MEDAC was awarded a Jean Monnet Chair on Dialogue between People and Cultures by the European Union, in recognition of its achievements in training young diplomats from the Mediterranean region. Most recently, MEDAC had the great honour of announcing the creation of a German Chair on Peace and Conflict Studies at the Academy, funded through the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

MEDAC has also established close strategic relationships with a number of institutions in the Euro-Mediterranean area and beyond, including the Vienna Diplomatic Academy, the Institute for Diplomatic Studies

in Cairo, the Diplomatic Institute of Tunisia, the Istituto Diplomatico in Rome, the Green Book Centre in Tripoli and George Mason University (USA). With both the Vienna Diplomatic Academy and George Mason University MEDAC has launched joint training programmes.

MEDAC's student body has also witnessed a continuous process of internationalization and growth. In addition to participants from countries of the southern shores of the Mediterranean, a growing number of young diplomats and students from sub-Saharan Africa, the Caucasus, Europe as well as countries as far a field as China, have recognized MEDAC's leading role as an academy focusing on Mediterranean issues, and have enrolled in our Masters programme.

Perhaps more than ever, the Mediterranean faces pressing challenges, including unresolved conflicts, concerns over human rights and development, climate change and migration. Thanks to the steadfast support of MEDAC's creators and of other partners who have joined more recently, we believe that MEDAC will play an ever more important role in building bridges between Europe, the African continent and the Middle East. MEDAC looks forward to continue providing a platform for open and constructive dialogue on the most important challenges in the region.



MEDAC staff and students in front of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (HEI), Geneva.

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Germany and the Mediterranean

*By H.E. Karl Andreas von Stenglin
Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Malta*

The new academic year at the University of Malta will dawn with the establishment of a new 'German Chair for Peace and Conflict Studies' at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC). The initial agreement encompasses a three-year renewable contract and was signed in January between Professor Stephen Calleya, Director, MEDAC, and Dr. Christian Bode, Secretary General, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD – *Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst*). What were the reasons which instigated Germany to commit to this initiative?

Given Germany's geographical position in the centre of the European continent, the country's engagement in the Mediterranean may not seem obvious at first. Nevertheless, it is a misconception that its interests lie predominantly in Eastern European affairs, particularly given that Germany recognises the vital importance of strong and co-operative Euro-Med relations.

There are indeed various issues that can only be tackled at an international level and in particular jointly with Mediterranean countries. These include issues like migration, energy security and supply, environmental protection, international trade, the fight against organised crime and terrorism. Hence increased co-operation with these countries is of the utmost importance to Germany, as it is to all EU member states. A key element for success is the forging of these partnerships on an equal footing.

The affairs in the Mediterranean region go beyond co-operation with EU neighbours or increased regional co-operation. It is as well a question of intercultural dialogue with the Islamic world. For Germany, this is important particularly but not exclusively given the large Muslim community of an estimated 3.2 to 3.4 million people living in our country, a group likely to grow even further.

Euro-Med cooperation is however also of immense significance in security-policy aspects on both the European and national level. While actively sharing the burden in countering terrorism, Germany is under threat of extremist terrorist groups like most of its partners.

Malta early emphasised the importance of peace and stability in the Mediterranean as a precondition for peace and stability in Europe and has continued to do so. This foresight has fallen on fruitful grounds and is currently widely recognised. Germany is one country which upholds this vision. The effort to create a fair and lasting peace in the Middle East is a main focus of Germany's foreign policy. During our EU Presidency in 2007 we worked hard to revitalise the Middle East Quartet. In November 2008, the EU adopted an "EU Strategy" on the Middle East based on a German proposal. Moreover, at the end of January this year, on Germany's initiative, the EU decided to set up an EU Work Plan for Gaza.

Germany was also at the forefront in Frontex negotiations and practically involved in the 'Nautilus' operations around Malta to help stop the illegal trafficking of persons and to rescue migrants facing difficulties at sea.



H.E. Karl Andreas von Stenglin, Prof. Guido de Marco, Chairman of MEDAC and Prof. Stephen C. Calleya, Director of MEDAC.

The establishment of the German Chair at MEDAC is another practical step of Germany's commitment to increase its efforts in the Mediterranean and a milestone in German-Maltese cooperation. MEDAC, with its international students hailing mostly from the Mediterranean region, is an excellent entity for the exchange of ideas and views of young academics and diplomats. It has in effect a good and effective network, various partnerships in the region and in Europe, a high educational standard and also an outstanding reputation. *(continued on page 3)*

Malta as a small island state in the centre of the Mediterranean is itself an excellent location for open and target-oriented discussions to find practical solutions for current and future challenges.

Practical co-operation is in effect urgently needed. Hence, under the umbrella of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), Germany is jointly working with France and other partners on the development of the Mediterranean Solar Plan (MSP). North Africa has a huge potential in generating renewable energy while the EU needs a diversification of its energy sources. If implemented, this plan would generate income and jobs in the countries of origin, help to protect the climate and be a win-win situation for everyone involved. In the framework of the Union for the Mediterranean, Germany has also proposed a Tsunami Early Warning System, an initiative which was supported by Malta among others.

Germany always had a strong economic presence in countries around the Mediterranean and beyond. Close economic ties with North Africa and the Middle East and the creation of jobs there are not only very important but vital for stability in the region, as everywhere else. On the other hand, stability is a precondition for foreign investment. Therefore, balancing political and social stability with economic investment should be one of the major objectives.

The above are but a few of the wide range of interests that Germany has in the Mediterranean region. The new German Chair at MEDAC shows Germany's recognition of the importance of the strategic partnership between Malta and Germany and I am sure that it will be beneficial not only for MEDAC and the students but also for Germany, Malta and Euro-Med relations in general.



Mediterranean Forum on Migration, Development and Diplomacy: Second Workshop (Lugano)

By Dr. Derek Lutterbeck

Deputy Director, Academic Affairs, Holder of the Swiss Chair and Lecturer in International History

From 30 March to 2 April 2009, MEDAC together with the Institute for Mediterranean Studies (ISM) in Lugano, Switzerland will hold a second workshop in the framework of its ongoing programme "Mediterranean Forum on Migration, Development and Diplomacy".

The second Forum will focus on the role and influence of the media and new information technologies with regard to migration issues in the Mediterranean region. It seeks to explore what positive and negative effects the media can have on migratory patterns and policies in sending, transit and destination countries. The workshop also aims to examine how the media and new information technologies can be used to improve cooperation in the areas of migration and development in the Mediterranean region. The Forum will bring together academics and practitioners working on migration and media issues from Algeria, Morocco, Libya, Tunisia, as well as several European countries.

The Mediterranean Forum on Migration, Development and Diplomacy was launched by MEDAC and ISM in 2008. Its main objective is to provide a platform for open and constructive debate of major migration-related issues

and challenges in the Mediterranean region. It is open to both policy-makers and academics, and in particular seeks to give a stronger voice to southern Mediterranean countries in areas related to migration and development in the region. A further objective of the Forum is to publish high-quality and policy-relevant studies on migration issues in the Mediterranean region. The first workshop of the Forum was held in Malta in June 2008.



A boat with immigrants from Africa landing in Malta.

Joint Module: MEDAC, Vienna Diplomatic Academy and the University of the Aegean

MEDAC together with the Vienna Academy of Diplomatic Studies and the Postgraduate Programme on Political, Economic and International Relations in the Mediterranean of the University of the Aegean is organising an Intensive Programme sponsored by the Erasmus Programme of the EU between the 15th and 27th of March 2009. The programme, which will focus on the theme of *Managing the Challenges of Human Security on Europe's Borders and Beyond*, will be held at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna.

This joint programme has materialised as a result of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between MEDAC and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna in January 2008 as well as the Memorandum of Understanding signed between MEDAC and the Postgraduate Programme on Political, Economic and International Relations in the Mediterranean of the University of the Aegean in October 2008.

As a result MEDAC's Master of Diplomacy students will join 10 students from the University of the Aegean

and 15 students from the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna in an in-depth analysis of human security, human rights, development and migration within the context of the European Neighbourhood. Special emphasis will be placed on diplomacy as a tool that can help manage diverse interests and pressures in the field of human security.

The programme will consist of a 10-day intensive schedule of lectures, working groups, negotiation and simulation exercises as well as debates with academics and practitioners. MEDAC will also be contributing with its academic staff and visiting professors to the programme. At the end of the programme the young diplomats and international relations researchers are expected to have gained (1) a greater understanding of the inter-relationship between human security, human rights, development, migration and diplomacy; (2) an understanding of the role of diplomacy in managing migratory pressures at EU's borders; (3) a knowledge of how human security issues and migratory pressures are managed through diplomacy and (4) "practical immersion" through simulation exercises.

Farewell Symposium for Prof. Dietrich Kappeler: Persuasion, the Essence of Diplomacy

On the 12th February 2009, MEDAC and DiploFoundation jointly organised a farewell symposium for Prof. Dietrich Kappeler. Prof. Kappeler was the founding director of MEDAC in the early 1990s, and subsequently the first Chairman of DiploFoundation. Professor Kappeler is one of the most well known Swiss experts in diplomacy, and he has had a most distinguished career in several diplomatic missions and institutions in Switzerland, Malta and elsewhere. The symposium focused on the theme "Persuasion, the Essence of Diplomacy", and was addressed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta, the Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg, President Emeritus Prof. Guido de Marco, as well as a number of other very senior politicians, diplomats and academics from Malta and abroad.



Prof. Guido de Marco, MEDAC Chairman, Prof. Dietrich Kappeler and Prof. Stephen Calleya, Director of MEDAC.



Human Rights Workshop

*By Dr. Omar Grech
Coordinator of the Human Dimension Programme and
Lecturer in International Law*

The Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies organized a workshop on Conflict Resolution and Human Rights on the 6th of February, 2009. This workshop was attended by all the M.Dip and M.A. students of the Academy and formed an integral part of their studies. Various areas relating to conflict and human rights were covered during the workshop with speakers from Jordan, Cyprus, Ireland and Switzerland as well as contributions by Dr. Omar Grech and Prof. Stephen Calleya.

The workshop commenced with an introduction by Prof. Stephen Calleya who highlighted the importance of conflict analysis and resolution within the Euro-Mediterranean area. Prof. Calleya also explained that this was an area of studies which MEDAC was looking to develop as part of its teaching and research. In fact, he also announced that MEDAC was in the process of launching a joint programme focusing on this issue with the Institute of Conflict Analysis and Resolution of George Mason University, USA.



Mr. Eleftherios Eleftheriou (European Commission), Dr. Omar Grech and Dr. Alain Sigg, (Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs).

In his intervention Dr. Omar Grech gave an overview of the impact which human rights concerns may have on conflict resolution and on how to better coordinate the work of conflict-resolvers and human rights advocates. Following this theoretical overview the workshop proceeded to analyze numerous case studies relating to human rights and conflict resolution. Dr. Colm Regan assessed the Northern Ireland Peace Process from a human rights perspective and provided several insights on the



Prof. Stephen C. Calleya and Dr. Omar Grech.

challenges and opportunities connected to this peace process. Mr. Mu'ayyad Mehyar then analyzed the situation in the Middle East both vis-à-vis the Israel-Palestinian conflict as well as the post-conflict situation in Yemen. The final case study which was presented to the participants related to the case of Cyprus and in particular the political settlement and the role of human rights in this context.

The workshop was concluded by Dr. Alain Sigg who reflected on the different phases of conflict mediation and the role of human rights in each of these phases. Dr. Sigg drew on his vast experience as a mediator in Africa. Each of the presentations was followed by an intense question and answer session with the students. The Swiss Development Agency (DEZA) generously funded this seminar.



Dr. Colm Regan, (80:20 Educating & Acting for a Better World) and MEDAC Class 2008/09.



Twenty-Fifth Euro-Mediterranean Information and Training Seminar

By Prof. Stephen C. Calleya

*Director of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies and
Lecturer in International Relations*

The Twenty-fifth Euro-Mediterranean Information and Training Seminar took place in Malta between November 14th – 17th 2008. The four days of proceedings focused on recent developments in the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, now referred to as the Union for the Mediterranean. Particular attention was dedicated to identifying the progress registered in the implementation of the current Euro-Mediterranean Five Year work programme and the developments that have taken place during the French Presidency of the European Union during the second half of 2008.

This Euro-Mediterranean Seminar brought together diplomats from the majority of the twenty-seven European Union member states and the Mediterranean Partner countries. The seminar is organized by the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies of the University of Malta under the auspices of the European Commission who assist in coordinating this official Euro-Mediterranean confidence building initiative.



The Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg, Prof. Stephen Calleya, Amb. Serge Telle, Amb. Fathy El Shazli and Mr. Tom McGrath.

Throughout the four-day seminar, academic specialists and other professionals from Europe and the Mediterranean presented a series of lectures on developments within each of the three chapters of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, namely the political and security, economic and financial, and the cultural and human resources chapters.

Specific attention was dedicated to topics that include: The Euro-Med Partnership and the French EU Presidency,



Participants during the Simulation Exercise.

Economic Relations in the Euro-Med Partnership, Security Challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean Area, the Role of the Anna Lindh Foundation, and the EMP and Political Reform. The topic of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and the Union for the Mediterranean initiative was also discussed.

The twenty-fifth Euro-Mediterranean Information and Training meeting, or Malta Seminar, as the meetings have become more commonly known, was addressed on Friday, the 14th of November 2008, by the Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta, who delivered the keynote opening address.

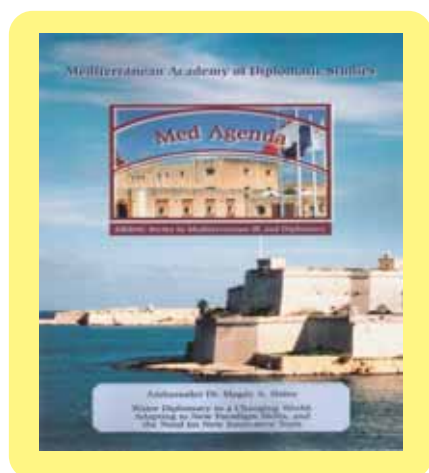
Further information on the Euro-Mediterranean Seminars can be found at www.euromed-seminars.org.mt



Euro-Med Seminar Group Photo with the Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Malta.

Research & Publications

In addition to its training activities, MEDAC has in recent years also strengthened its research capacity and published a growing number of academic as well as policy-oriented studies. The main focus of MEDAC's research activities is in the area of Mediterranean diplomacy, and in particular on issue areas such as security, migration, as well as democracy and human rights in the Mediterranean region. The following studies and reports have recently been published:



The third issue of the Med Agenda, entitled 'Water Diplomacy in a Changing World: Adapting to New Paradigm Shifts and the Need for New Innovative Tools' was written by Amb. Dr. Magdy A. Hefny, Egypt.

The 'Med Agenda' Series in Mediterranean International Relations and Diplomacy, is aimed at publishing and preserving distinguished studies, speeches and articles dealing with international relations, diplomacy and security in the Mediterranean region. The authors are invited speakers, academics and diplomats, at MEDAC conferences and lecturers, as well as MEDAC experts.



MEDAC, in collaboration with the Today Public Policy Institute, a think tank based in Malta, has published a report on irregular migration in Malta (and the Mediterranean region more generally). The report provides an overview of the main challenges Malta has been facing in coping with irregular immigration in areas such as detention policy, integration policy, return and readmission policy, maritime patrols and development cooperation as a means of addressing the root causes of migration. The report also sets out policy recommendations with a view to improving the country's current policies. It was written by Prof. Stephen Calleya and Dr. Derek Lutterbeck and presented to the Prime Minister of Malta, the Hon. Dr. Lawrence Gonzi, in November 2008.



In November 2008, MEDAC, in collaboration with the Groupement d'Études et de Recherches sur la Méditerranée (GERM) in Rabat (Morocco) published a EuroMeSCo Paper entitled "Pragmatism rather than Backlash: Moroccan Perceptions of Western Democracy Promotion." Through extensive field research in Morocco, the paper examines how Western democracy promotion is perceived by its main "targets" in Morocco—namely, NGOs, political party activists and parliamentarians, representatives of the judiciary and the state, journalists, and academics. The study comes to the conclusion that, contrary to some expectations, there has been no severe backlash against democracy promotion in Morocco to date, and that practically all Moroccan actors, from Islamists to feminists, are involved in some form of international collaboration in this area.

Memorandum of Understanding between MEDAC and the Tunisian Diplomatic Institute

On 24 February 2009, MEDAC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tunisian Diplomatic Institute. The MoU provides for different areas of collaboration between the two institutes, e.g. in the form of reciprocal visits of staff and students, exchange of research materials and publications, organization of joint seminars and the promotion of joint research projects.

Over the past 19 years, young diplomats from Tunisia have been among the largest group in the MEDAC Masters programme, and they have contributed to the richness and diversity of the programme. MEDAC has, in recent years, also signed MoUs with a number of other prestigious diplomatic institutions, such as the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, the Institute for Diplomatic Studies in Cairo, and the Green Book Centre in Tripoli.



Dr. Derek Lutterbeck, Amb. Sadock Fayala, Director of the Tunisian Diplomatic Institute, and Prof. Stephen Calleya.

Guest Lectures



Address by **Dr. Michael Frendo**, Chairman of the Foreign and EU Relations Committee, Maltese Parliament. 'Union pour la Méditerranée and the Issues of the Mediterranean Region: What now?'



Dr. Michael Frendo meeting with MEDAC students.



Prof. Jürg Gabriel
Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich
'Twentieth Century Diplomatic History from a Mediterranean Perspective'.



MEDAC students during Prof. Gabriel's lecture.



Address by **H.E. Ignacio Sagaz Temprano**, Director of the Spanish Diplomatic Academy. 'Spanish Foreign Policy in the Mediterranean'.



Students following H.E. Ignacio Temprano's lecture.

Alumni News



Ms. Yousra Ebada

M.Dip. Alumni from Egypt

Class 2007 - 2008

Diplomat working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt

Initiating one's true feelings about an experience is not an easy task. My experience on the island left me astounded, yet all I can start thinking about are the words "take me back to Malta!" It was both an honour and a privilege to follow the Masters in Diplomacy course at MEDAC.

Presently serving as an Egyptian Diplomat, I believe that following the course at MEDAC has been of great benefit, both for my academic and professional background, especially after establishing a network of friendships and contacts during the study visits and the several social events organized by the Academy.

Students gain a lot from the diverse and extensive training opportunities offered during the academic year. In addition, to the diverse modules offered, which included international relations, European history, international economic systems and international law, foreign policy and security issues. Global issues were thoroughly discussed, mainly during the modules given by prestigious visiting professors. Most importantly, the simulations conducted by the Academy acted as an eye-opening experience to all of us.

Bringing together young and aspiring diplomats from all over the world surely fosters and deepens ties between them proving to be by far the richest experience of all.



M.Dip Students 2007/08 during the Farewell Dinner.

Living in Malta, integrating into the community, experiencing the Maltese culture, meeting the wonderful people, building friendships and acquiring such wisdom from great professors, who by the end of the year had become close friends to us all, was undoubtedly one of the most unforgettable experiences of my life. I am very grateful for such an opportunity!



Mr. Zuhair M.H. Zaid

M. Dip. Alumni from Palestine

Class 2007 - 2008

Diplomat working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Palestine

The scholarship offered by MEDAC at the University of Malta is a well known programme in the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It is a good opportunity to enrich a diplomat's experience. Thus, I did not hesitate to apply for this scholarship despite my special circumstances, my age, my family and other limitations.

At the beginning I found a lot of difficulties and I felt that I should return back home, but I found real sisters and brothers in my class who supported me and encouraged me to continue my studies. The same goes for the MEDAC staff. At MEDAC one finds the best lecturers in all the subjects. I will never forget their efforts in encouraging us to take full advantage of the programme.

Studying in this institution is a unique opportunity. I can

never forget about this experience – the University itself, the Academy, my class mates and the people in Malta. Thanks to all of you who helped me have such a great and fruitful experience in this wonderful country!



M.Dip Students greeting Prof. Guido de Marco, Chairman of MEDAC at the Opening Ceremony.



Mr. Yusuph Mndolwa

M.Dip. Alumni from Tanzania

Class 2007 - 2008

Diplomat working at the Embassy of Tanzania in Stockholm

I first heard about MEDAC from a friend of mine working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Uganda who happened to attend a diplomatic course in Malta organized under a Commonwealth program. From there on, I developed a strong desire to join MEDAC.

When I joined MEDAC, I came to realize that I made the best decision ever. Courses at MEDAC have been carefully designed to enable students to conduct an in-depth analysis of the challenges of the 21st century. MEDAC lecturers are well-experienced, with strong backgrounds in the fields of International Relations, Regional Integration, Diplomacy, International Law, climate change, security and Mediterranean affairs. The round table discussion with the German President H.E. Horst Koller, embassy visits, a study visit to Geneva and the Malta tour are some of the events which made MEDAC a unique experience.



Students meeting with H.E. Paolo Andrea Trabalza, Ambassador of Italy to Malta, during a visit to his residence.

Soon after the completion of my studies at MEDAC, I was posted to the Tanzanian Embassy in Stockholm. I find the knowledge I gained at MEDAC very relevant to my daily work here at the Embassy. I very much appreciate MEDAC's academic team, especially Prof. Stephen Calleya. I feel proud to be associated with MEDAC and I promise to be a good MEDAC ambassador. Long live MEDAC!!!



Ms. Michela-Maria Debattista

M.A. Alumni from Malta

Class 2005 - 2006

Diplomat working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malta

The Mediterranean Academy has been a window which exposed me to theory as well as its application as a stepping stone and an indispensable set of tools, paramount for the realities of a carrier in the diplomatic field.

The human dimension is perhaps the academy's best asset. Its academic staff, shared their knowledge and experience in a unique way, making the course a new experience altogether. This was one aspect which was then complemented by the students themselves, some of whom were fully fledged diplomats and had been exposed to tangible experience within this career.

I would also like to point out that the academy is also

crucial in promoting the further enhancement of an already existing diplomatic network – a mechanism which I have the pleasure of tapping every once and again and which makes matters easier in the course of one's duties in the diplomatic sphere.



MEDAC Class 2005/06 during the study-visit to Rome.

Alumni News



International Night

Organized by the MEDAC Alumni Association

<http://www.medacalumni.org>

As a university foundation receiving students every year from different continents, MEDAC does not only provide an opportunity for students to ameliorate their academic knowledge and diplomatic skills but also aims to create a multi-cultural environment. Since its creation the MEDAC Alumni Association it has sought to highlight this concept through various activities.



Prof. Calleya & Dr. Lutterbeck together with students and alumni at the International Night.

The annual 'International Night' event is very popular among MEDAC alumni and students alike. During this event, participants share a bit of their culture by preparing traditional dishes, play their traditional music, and at times, wear their national costumes. The 2008 edition of the International Night took place on the 28th of November at Sun Down Court. The event was well attended by MEDAC alumni, who took the opportunity to meet their former class-mates.

It should be stressed that the event would not have been such a great success if it were not for the active participation of the current MEDAC students, who excellently prepared the majority of dishes for the activity and the members of the Committee who worked energetically for a successful outcome in this event. Of course, this event would not have been possible, without the perpetual support of the MEDAC Director and staff, whose encouragement and backup featured heavily especially in the weeks of preparation for this event.

This event is not only a social gathering, but also introduces the students to the big MEDAC family. Despite living in different countries, we all share a common experience which hopefully we will all cherish and remember with nostalgia.



Students laying out their traditional food.

The MEDAC Alumni Association is always striving to enhance its network. The Association is in the process of launching a new website, by which students living around the world can be in touch with the Association. The network can develop further if everyone of us contributes and spreads the word about it. The Association also has a facebook group for MEDAC Alumni, to which former and current students are most welcome.



David Cassar (centre), President of the Alumni Association together with MEDAC students.

Alumni Event

Address by H.E. Jean-François Delahaut
Ambassador of Begium

*"Europe of Lisbon, the end of Europe of
Yalta - Towards the European
historical reconciliation"*

Date: 30th April, 2009

Venue: German Maltese Circle,
141, St.Christopher Street, Valletta

Time: 18:00 hours

All Alumni are invited

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta, the Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg visits MEDAC

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta, the Hon Dr. Tonio Borg, recently delivered a keynote presentation at MEDAC on Malta's foreign policy agenda in the Euro-Mediterranean area. Minister Borg highlighted the continuous and consistent strategic attention and support Malta has been providing to the promotion of pan-Mediterranean initiatives. This included an assessment of the Euro-Med Partnership, the Union for the Mediterranean, the Five plus Five Forum and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, which was established in Malta in 2007.



The Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Prof. Stephen Calleya, Director of MEDAC.



MEDAC's 20th Anniversary – International Conference / Alumni Reunion

MEDAC would like to announce that on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary since its establishment it will be organizing an International Conference and Alumni Reunion between the 3rd to the 6th of December, 2009. The International Conference will also coincide with the 20th Anniversary since the end of the Cold War and the historic Malta Summit which brought it to a close. In this context the conference will have as its theme: *The End of the Cold War and the Mediterranean 1989 -2009*.

All MEDAC alumni are invited to attend this international conference and reunion. For more information contact us on the following e-mail: medaclibrary@um.edu.mt

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