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An International **STATESMAN** and a Perfect **GENTLEMAN**

Professor Guido de Marco, President Emeritus of Malta, will always be remembered as Malta's outstanding international statesman in professional circles and a perfect gentleman at a personal level.

I had the honour and privilege of meeting Professor de Marco for the first time in 1992 at a Wilton Park Conference in the United Kingdom. Having followed his brilliant career from a distance for over a decade as an avid student of international relations I was immediately mesmerized by his unique understanding of global affairs and his crystal clear ability to articulate the most complex of geo-political equations into plain speaking language.

During the next two decades I was blessed to be able to discuss openly with Professor de Marco international relations on a regular basis. Despite the tumultuous times that post Cold War relations unleashed, Prof. de Marco's wisdom always served as an anchor when it came to interpreting the course of events. No one could ask for a greater mentor!

Professor de Marco always referred to his stint as the 45th President



of the United Nations General Assembly in 1990 as a Presidency with a Purpose. One could say that everything Guido de Marco did was done with a purpose. He advocated the necessity for reform of the United Nations, a priority that still needs to be addressed.

Above all else Prof. de Marco will always be remembered as the statesman who succeeded in ensuring Malta takes its rightful place among fellow European countries in the European Union. It was he who submitted Malta's application to join the EU in July 1990 and it was his

A Tribute to **PROFESSOR GUIDO DE MARCO**

*by Professor Stephen C. Calleya - Director
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personal conviction, drive and stamina that ensured that the corridors of power throughout Europe would not ignore Malta in post Cold War relations.

As he himself describes in his highly acclaimed biography, *The Politics of Persuasion*, being consistent, persistent and insistent was a formula that enabled Prof. de Marco to supersede incredible odds throughout his political and personal career.

As President of Malta he brought new prestige to the Highest Office in the land. He will always be remembered as the People's President because of his open door policy towards the concerns of society and his ability to provide strength in times of difficulties and challenges.

In recent years all of us were extremely fortunate to be able to work very closely with Professor de Marco in his capacity as Chairman of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) at the University of Malta. His wisdom, vision and positivism were the heart and soul of all our activities. All staff, students and friends at MEDAC were enlightened by his relentless devotion to working towards a better tomorrow. While Professor Guido de Marco is no longer with us, his legacy of promoting a more peaceful tomorrow will live forever.

PRIME MINISTER of Malta visits MEDAC

16th March, 2010

The Prime Minister of Malta, the Hon. Dr. Lawrence Gonzi, visited the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) in March 2010.

At the start of the visit Prime Minister Gonzi met with the academic staff of the Academy and MEDAC Board members Prof. Jürg Martin Gabriel and Ambassador Alfred Zarb. The Prime Minister was then briefed by MEDAC Director Professor Stephen Calleya about MEDAC's calendar of activities including the numerous events that MEDAC was organizing to celebrate its twentieth anniversary.

Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi also met all the students of MEDAC individually and delivered an address that focused on the importance that Malta attaches to the promotion of education. The Prime Minister congratulated MEDAC on the significant contribution it was making to promote confidence building measures across the Mediterranean and reiterated the Government of Malta's continued support to further strengthening MEDAC's agenda in future.



Above: Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi with MEDAC Director Prof. Stephen Calleya meeting students.

Security Policy Training Course in Cooperation with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy

During the week of June 21st, MEDAC in cooperation with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) and the Armed Forces of Malta, carried out a training course in security policy issues. The course was open to civil servants and military officers from Mediterranean countries. The first part of the course focused on current challenges in the Mediterranean area, such as terrorism and migration, as well as on the role of different international institutions in the region. The second

part was devoted to civil-military relations in a multinational context, with a specific focus on peace operations and defense attaché-related issues. Key note speakers at the course included Prof. Guido de Marco, President Emeritus of Malta, Dr. Michael Frendo, former Foreign Minister of Malta and Speaker of the Maltese Parliament, Brigadier Martin Xuereb, Commander of the Armed Forces of Malta and Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director. Faculty from MEDAC and the GCSP as well as

several guest speakers lectured in the course. The training course was attended by some 20 participants - both civilian and military - from Algeria, Egypt, France, Mauritania, Portugal, Spain and the Arab League. The course was organized by Dr. Derek Lutterbeck, Holder of the Swiss Chair at MEDAC, Mr. Marc Finaud and Col. William Gargiullo, both GCSP faculty members.

Below: (From left to right) Prof. Stephen Calleya, Prof. Guido de Marco, Dr. Derek Lutterbeck and Mr. Marc Finaud (GCSP).



Dual Degree: Masters in **Conflict Resolution** and **Mediterranean Security**



Through the University of Malta, MEDAC has just launched a new Masters programme in Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security in collaboration with a prestigious institution in the USA. This Masters forms part of the University of Malta's International Masters Programmes.

This dual degree program combines the faculties of two renowned educational institutions: George Mason University's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR), the oldest and largest programme of graduate conflict studies in the United States, and MEDAC.

Apart from offering students the advantages of a dual degree, this collaboration also provides academics from both institutions the opportunity to engage in collaborative research, conferencing and peace-making activities.

The dual MA programme adopts an inter-disciplinary approach with students taking intensive 2 week modules in 15 subject areas. These



modules range from Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution, Negotiation and Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue to Human Rights and Conflict, Conflict Resolution and Religion. Following 9 months of a taught programme the students also complete a Masters dissertation.

The first cohort of this programme

Top: Prof. Rubenstein from George Mason University and Hon. Tonio Borg, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Above: Students following the Masters in Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security.

(numbering 11 students) commenced their studies in October 2010. The students in this first year are primarily from North America and Malta. The lecturers who will be teaching on this programme, apart from MEDAC faculty, include ICAR faculty such as Richard Rubenstein, Daniel Rothbart, Kevin Avruch and Sandra Cheldelin.

Seminar on the Spanish Presidency

of the European Union: A Mediterranean Agenda

Spain's Presidency of the European Union commenced on January 1st 2010. This Presidency was a particularly important one for numerous reasons including the fact that the EU was operating under the new rules established in the Lisbon Treaty. The Lisbon Treaty presents new opportunities in many fields of activity but particularly in the field of foreign policy with, inter alia, the nomination of the High Representative for Foreign Affairs.

Within this context MEDAC and the Embassy of Spain to Malta brought together various distinguished practitioners and renowned academics from the EU and the southern rim of the Mediterranean to analyse the Mediterranean dimension of Spain's EU Presidency. The seminar held on March 18th 2010 was opened with addresses by President Emeritus Professor Guido de Marco and by Dr. Olivia Orozco on behalf of the Casa Arabe in Spain.

Other speakers included Dr. Javier Hernandez Pena from the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Professor Simon Duke from the European



Institute of Public Administration in Maastricht and Professor Roderick Pace from the European Documentation and Research Centre at the University of Malta.

The second panel was addressed by Professor Fouad Ammor from the Groupe des Etudes et Recherche sur la Méditerranée of Morocco, Professor Alejandro Lorca from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and Ambassador Said Hindam, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for EU Affairs of Egypt. This panel examined the theme of 'Reviving the Union for the Mediterranean during the

Above: Prof. Guido de Marco, Prof. Stephen Calleya, Amb. Isabel Maria Vicandi and Dr. Olivia Orozco.

Spanish Presidency' by exploring the initiatives taken in order to re-focus attention on Mediterranean issues.

The seminar was closed by Dr. Tonio Borg, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, who in his address reiterated Malta's staunch commitment within the EU to a proactive Mediterranean policy that seeks to create a cooperative framework in the Euro-Mediterranean area.

Visit of Lieutenant General David Leakey

Director General of the European Union Military Staff

On 4 March 2010, Lieutenant General David Leakey, Director General of the European Union Military Staff, addressed MEDAC students. General Leakey has had a most illustrious military career, and has occupied numerous important posts in multilateral military operations. Between 2004 and 2005, he was commander of EUFOR Althea, the European Union peacekeeping force, which replaced the NATO-led SFOR in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 2007, General Leakey was appointed Director-General of the European

Union Military Staff, a post which he held until his retirement from the British army in May 2010. In his presentation, General Leakey focused in particular on the specific advantages and challenges of the EU's military and civilian peace operation. During his visit, General Leakey also met with MEDAC staff to discuss various issues related to the EU and its role in the current international security environment.

From left to Right: General David Leakey, Brig. Martin Xuereb and Prof. Stephen Calleya at MEDAC.



Mediterranean Diplomacy Forum

at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

On the occasion of Mediterranean Day 2010, MEDAC together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) organized a half day Mediterranean Diplomacy Forum at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 20th April 2010.

The Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, delivered the keynote opening address at the Forum. Foreign Minister Borg highlighted the consistent track record of Malta in promoting Mediterranean security initiatives since becoming independent and the pivotal role that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is playing in advancing Mediterranean issues in contemporary international relations.

Mr. Sergio Piazzi, Secretary General of the PAM, also addressed the meeting at the start of proceedings. He articulated the proactive agenda PAM has been implementing since commencing work in Malta with a specific focus on the importance PAM attached to enhancing security throughout the Mediterranean area. A roundtable discussion moderated by Professor Stephen Calleya, Director of MEDAC followed. Students of MEDAC were able to ask questions about the Strategic Objectives Policy document of Malta's Foreign Policy. During the discussion that followed Foreign Minister Tonio Borg provided a clear overview of all the major policy initiatives that Malta has been supporting to advance Mediterranean security, including the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, the Union for the Mediterranean and the West Mediterranean Forum (5+5). During the Forum the students of MEDAC were able to gain insight into the functioning of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through presentations delivered by the directors of the principal sections of the Ministry. The Director General of European & Economic Affairs, Mr. Joseph Cole, provided an overview of



the main activities falling under his responsibility. The Director General of Political Affairs, Mr. John Inguanez, highlighted the main issues his directorate is dealing with at the Ministry. Acting Director of Protocol, Ms. Joanna Pisani, provided information about procedures adopted to ensure protocol responsibilities were followed at all times.

The Mediterranean Diplomacy Forum also included a session with MEDAC alumni who today are officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The

alumni shared their respective experiences with the students of MEDAC.

The Forum concluded with the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Tonio Borg, presenting certificates to all the students of MEDAC that had attended this extremely informative and highly motivating Mediterranean Day event.

Above: The Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg delivering the opening address at the Forum.

Below: Dr. Tonio Borg and Prof. Stephen Calleya with all the participants at the Forum.



ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FORUM



MEDAC together with DIPLO Foundation hosted the 38th Meeting of the International Forum on Diplomatic Training (IFDT) which met in Malta between the 27th and the 30th September. The choice of Malta by IFDT was in recognition of the leading role both MEDAC and DIPLO perform, MEDAC as the main regional diplomatic training institution in the Mediterranean and DIPLO Foundation as the leader in the field of online diplomatic training.

The International Forum on Diplomatic Training (IFDT) was established in 1972, as a yearly meeting of Deans

and Directors of Diplomatic Academies and Institutes of International Relations, at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna. Its co-chairs are the Director of the Vienna Academy and the Director of the Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, Washington DC. This group meets annually at the invitation of the Diplomatic Academy or Institute of International Relations and co-chairs of the Forum. In 1996 the group adopted the name International Forum of Diplomatic Training and is today an informal gathering of Deans and Directors devoted to the discussion of issues

of modern diplomacy and trends in diplomatic education.

More than 80 participants from all continents participated in this year's forum. The session was co-chaired by Ambassador Hans Winkler, Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna and Dr. Paula Newberg from Georgetown University. One principal theme that was addressed during this International Forum was e-diplomacy and online learning which was moderated by Dr. Jovan Kurbalija, Director of DIPLO Foundation. Other themes included the challenge of training foreign diplomats, pilot training

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of the European External Action Service, effectiveness through quality assurance of diplomatic training, and the future of diplomatic training.

The programme included visits to various Maltese historical sites, some of which also served as venues for the meeting. The inaugural session was held under the patronage of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Hon. Michael Frendo, at the Tapestry Chamber. This session was also addressed by Dr. William F. Shija, Secretary General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. The second session,

moderated by Prof. Stephen Calleya, Director of MEDAC, took place in the Chamber of Representatives with President Emeritus Ugo Mifsud Bonnici among the distinguished speakers addressing the theme of Regional Diplomatic Training. The Conference's participants were also hosted at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where they were greeted and addressed by the Permanent Secretary Dr. John Paul Grech.

Participants were also able to experience the historical treasures that Malta has to offer with visits to Mdina, Marsaxlokk and Gozo.

1. Participants at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with Permanent Secretary Dr. John Paul Grech.
2. IFDT at the Chamber of Deputies.
3. Participants at the Chamber of Deputies.
4. Inaugural session at the Tapestry Chamber.
5. Prof. Stephen Calleya and Dr. Paula Newberg.
6. Amb. Hans Winkler.
7. Top table at the inaugural session with the Speaker of the House, Hon. Michael Frendo and Dr. William Shija, Sec. Gen. of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

CALENDAR

12.02.2010

Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Seminar, Radisson Hotel: Full day seminar organised by the Human Dimension Programme and the German Chair for Peace and Conflict Prevention with the participation of visiting academics.

15.02.2010 - 17.02.2010

Visiting lecturer - Dr. Michael Frendo, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Malta on *Multilateralism and Development in the Mediterranean*.

23.02.2010

Guest Speaker - Ms. Vanya Walker-Leigh on *Climate Change: after Copenhagen - what next?*

26.02.2010

Visiting Lecturer - Mr. Olaph Terrible, former Head of Protocol at the Malta Foreign Office conducting a Simulation Exercise on *Consular Crisis Management*.

01.03.2010 - 05.03.2010

Visiting Lecturer - Dr. Eberhard Rhein on *Climate and Energy Policy*.

04.03.2010

Guest Speaker - Lieutenant General David Leakey, Director General of the EU Military Staff on *The Importance of CSDP Crisis Management Operations when facing today's security challenges*.

16.03.2010

Visit to MEDAC by Hon. Dr. Lawrence Gonzi, Prime Minister of Malta.

18.03.2010

Seminar organized together with the Spanish Embassy on the theme *Spanish Presidency of the EU: A Mediterranean Agenda* at the Westin Dragonara Hotel, St. Julians.

22.03.2010 - 26.03.2010

Visiting Lecturer - Amb. Magdy Hefny and Mr. Timur El Hadidi on *Water Diplomacy*.

22.03.2010

Visit of MEDAC students to the Chinese Cultural Centre.

06.04.2010 - 09.04.2010

Geneva and Berne Study Trip - Visits to International Organisations in Geneva and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.



20.04.2010

Seminar organized together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - *Mediterranean Diplomacy Forum* at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Valletta.

23.04.2010 - 26.04.2010

Euro-Med Training Seminar.

03.05.2010 - 10.05.2010

Visiting Lecturer - Dr. Andri Bisaz on *Development Cooperation*.

06.05.2010

Alumni Lecture Series - Lecture by visiting Prof. R. Rubenstein introduced by Amb. Douglas Kmiec.

07.05.2010

Guest Speaker - Prof. Richard Rubenstein, professor at George Mason University on *Conflict Resolution*.

10.05.2010 - 12.05.2010

Visiting Lecturer - Prof. Ludger Kühnhardt, Director of the Centre for

European Integration Studies (ZEI) of the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University in Bonn on *Regional Integration*.

21.05.10

Visit by Dr. Christian Bode, Secretary-General of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).



CALENDAR

30.06.2010 - 09.07.2010

Summer School on the theme *Human Rights and Crimes Against Humanity*.



27.09.2010 - 30.09.2010

IFDT Conference hosted by MEDAC and DIPLO.

30.09.2010

Opening of Academic Year 2010 - 2011 at MEDAC.

01.10.2010

Visit and Address by Amb. Martin Dahinden, Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation.

07.10.2010

Guest Speaker - Amb. George Doublesin on *The Arab World*.

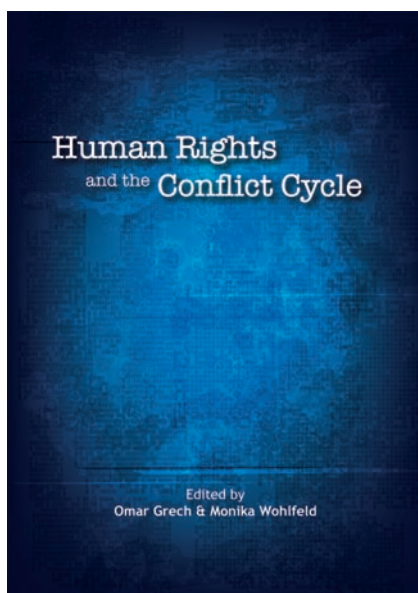
11.10.2010

Visiting Lecturer - Amb. Alfred Cachia - *Protocol Seminar*.

18.10.2010 - 20.10.2010

Visiting Lecturer - Prof. Ibrahim Souss on *Diplomacy in the Middle East*.

Recent PUBLICATIONS



**HUMAN RIGHTS AND
THE CONFLICT CYCLE**
ISBN: 978-99909-55-21-7

The discussion on what constitutes security, which developed as a consequence of the end of the Cold War, has shifted the focus from a state-centric approach to security to one concerned more explicitly with the human person. Consequently, attention has increasingly been given to people suffering insecurity within states. The link between conflict and human rights, either in the form of human rights abuses causing or fueling conflict or in the form of standards applied in order to end a conflict and follow-up in terms of post-conflict rehabilitation, became increasingly clear.

As an important contribution to the debate on human rights and conflict, MEDAC published a volume, edited by the head of its Human Dimension Programme,

Dr Omar Grech and the holder of the newly established German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention, Dr Monika Wohlfeld, entitled *Human Rights and the Conflict Cycle*. The volume aims at bridging the divide between the human rights and the conflict resolution communities, between scholars and practitioners and between non-governmental organizations and international organizations. Case studies on the human rights aspects of conflicts in Northern Ireland and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia provide a valuable backdrop to the theoretical chapters on the conflict cycle, human rights and the conflict cycle, as well as the roles of NGOs and International Organizations in mainstreaming human rights when responding to the conflict cycle.

ALUMNI NEWS



**Akram
El-Aatar**

*MEDAC Alumnus
from Tunisia
2009 - 2010*

My experience at MEDAC has provided me with very important tools that I will cherish throughout my career as a diplomat. It has broadened my horizons and allowed me to expand my views and knowledge within the field I have longed to be in. This has been the result of a combination of factors.

First, the high quality of the course at the Academy is reflected in the extremely relevant expertise provided by the professors in the programme. I learnt so much from professors such as President Emeritus Guido

de Marco and Professor Stephen Calleya, the director of MEDAC, who gave so much of their experience in such a modest way.

The second factor that surprised me was the diversity of the group of diplomats who attended the programme. Coming from different countries, everyone brought different experiences. Bonding and exchanging experiences and information with colleagues from Albania, Georgia, Egypt, China, Azerbaijan, Montenegro, Palestine, Tanzania and Turkey has given a very special dimension to this opportunity, and provided a realistic platform of a globalized system of relations that will last in the years ahead.

The third important factor comes from the combination of theory and practice that has been the main highlight of this programme. I have taken the essence of theoretical studies through the curriculum

provided in the classes. Yet these theories have been accompanied by real practice, through the various first-hand encounters I have experienced in the form of presentations and direct contact with various guest lecturers. Moreover, practical skills were also acquired attending various conferences as well as during the study trips in Bonn and Geneva, where we visited many international organizations including the UN headquarters in Geneva, and different educational institutes in both cities.

While appreciating the unique M.Dip programme MEDAC provided, I will always seek to put into practice the broad array of experiences I was able to benefit from during my year at MEDAC.



**Suad
Soboh**

*MEDAC Alumnus
from Palestine
2009-2010*

From the moment I stepped out on the beautiful island of Malta, I sensed that it will be a worthwhile journey, but little did I know about the amount of experience waiting to be collected by me at MEDAC. This tremendous experience - both intellectual and social - has highlighted all of my stay in the island and I am forever thankful for such an opportunity.

Standing at a point where I am determined to walk through the path of diplomacy, this studying program has equipped me with

all the tools I need to walk through it in confidence and a high-will of achievement. Within a framework of a mixture of theoretical and practical studies, the high expertise of our professors and guest lecturers have reflected upon us throughout the courses, I found myself drowned in this fountain of knowledge.

From a social-intellectual point of view, the combination of our class, from different nationalities, backgrounds as well as experience in the field have given it a unique structure. In a way, the diversity of the group has provided a realistic platform of a globalized system of relations that will last in the years ahead. Through the group of diplomats who are already in the field, the classes witnessed a solid learning environment of different political systems in the world of diplomacy. And this, indeed, is very enriching for any diplomat or diplomat-to-be.

I cannot exclude the personal appreciation I have for this little but magnificent island, and my admiration grew for it during my stay. It has proven to me that even though you might be small in geography or space, you can still be big in influence.

From here, I end my words with my sincere condolences to all of MEDAC's family, Malta and the world for the loss of a great leader, man and father - President Emeritus Guido de Marco. I am personally very proud to have been one of his students. His lessons and words will always remain deep in my thoughts. I wish growth and prosperity to MEDAC, and I hope that future students will benefit to the fullest from this lifetime experience.

Thank you MEDAC. Thank you Malta.

ALUMNI NEWS



Francine Caruana

MEDAC Alumnus from Malta 2009-2010

It all started when I watched the video "Shake hands with the devil"! I soon found myself researching and writing up a dissertation about Transitional Justice in Post-Genocide Rwanda for my M.A. in Diplomatic Studies.

Well into my dissertation, I came across a call of applications to participate in the 2010 Commonwealth Youth leadership Programme which was going to be held in Rwanda between the 5th and 15th of September 2010.

I ended up going!

It was the most eye-opening experience that I have ever come across in my young life! Who would have ever believed that human beings, endowed with the sense of reason would resort to such atrocities? A witness to such horrors is the Kigali Memorial Site and the Nyamata Catholic Church.

At the Kigali Memorial, the gardens outside were a beautiful tribute to those who perished during the genocide, whilst the exhibition inside the museum was a sobering display of the planning, execution and the resolution of the genocide. At the heart of the exhibits is an ossuary, where the innumerable human remains give witness to the silent voices of the victims' terrible ordeal.

The most awful of sights however greeted me at the Nyamata Catholic Church. Here, during the genocide, the house of God had become one of Rwanda's most terrible killing grounds, where at least 10,000 people, mostly Tutsi, who had mistakenly believed that they would find sanctuary in the house of God, were hacked, shot, strangled, clubbed and burned to death.

The highlight of this 10-day programme was the consultation we had with his Excellency President Paul Kagame on the 15th of September 2010, during which I had the honour of presenting him with a copy of my Masters Degree dissertation. He urged us youths to learn from the Rwandan experience and to act as agents of peace.

WELCOME

MASTER OF DIPLOMACY ACADEMIC YEAR 2010 - 2011

Azerbaijan	Mr. Ayaz Mustafayev
China	Mr. Chen Xinggong
Egypt	Mr. Mohamed Maamoun
Egypt	Mr. Khaled El Menshawey
Georgia	Mr. Giorgi Goletiani
Malta	Mr. Stephen Staines
Palestine	Ms. Mayssa Aburezeq
Palestine	Mr. Haqi Alhussaini
Tanzania	Mr. Iman Salum Njalikai
Tunisia	Mr. Hosni Mekni
Tunisia	Mr. Houssem Ghodhbane
Ukraine	Mr. Nazar Sasyn

MASTER OF ARTS IN DIPLOMATIC STUDIES ACADEMIC YEAR 2010 - 2011

Belgium	Ms. Dorien Leirens
Germany	Mr. Philipp Boudny
Germany	Ms. Zinaida Epp
Libya	Ms. Alaa Ben Mahmoud
Malta	Ms. Claudette Abela Baldacchino
Malta	Ms. Annabell Khalil
Malta	Mr. Philip Leone-Ganado
Malta	Ms. Glorianne Mizzi
Malta	Ms. Maria Psaila
Malta	Ms. Nighat Urpani
Poland	Ms. Ewa Paderewska

DIPLOMA IN DIPLOMATIC STUDIES ACADEMIC YEAR 2010 - 2011

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France	Ms. Cecile Hinze
France	Ms. Marie Wagner
Malta	Mr. Dominic Bondin
Malta	Ms. Analise Bonello Despott
Malta	Mr. Jurgen Cachia
Malta	Ms. Maria Camilleri
Malta	Mr. Sergio Carbonaro
Malta	Mr. Anthony Dimech
Malta	Mr. Desmond Falzon
Malta	Mr. Noel Gafa
Malta	Ms. Violet Galea
Malta	Ms. Tiziana Grima
Malta	Ms. Francen Muscat
Malta	Mr. David Schembri
Malta	Ms. Jane Spiteri
Malta	Mr. George Zammit
Malta	Mr. Mario Zammit
Malta	Ms. Joanna Zingariello



Above: Master Class 2010 - 2011 with academic staff at MEDAC.

Visit by Ambassador **MARTIN DAHINDEN**, Director General, Swiss Agency for **Development** and **Cooperation** (SDC)

On 1 October 2010, Ambassador Martin Dahinden, Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), visited MEDAC and gave the opening lecture of the academic year 2010/2011. Shortly before the visit, on September 10th 2010, an agreement was signed between the governments of Malta and Switzerland on support to MEDAC within the framework of Switzerland's contribution to the new EU member states.

Ambassador Dahinden's lecture was entitled "Development Cooperation in the 21st Century: Looking beyond the surface". He started out by referring to Fernand Braudel's work on the Mediterranean. Following Braudel, he argued that often "history creates the illusion that persons and events are making history while in reality they are the makings of history". It is thus necessary to focus on underlying structures rather than on mere surface appearances. Applying this idea to the issue of development cooperation, Ambassador Dahinden highlighted the need to focus beyond the surface on the deeper processes in eliminating poverty. If not, he argued "the underlying structures play nasty tricks on us - relentlessly, with great stubbornness and effect".

Ambassador Dahinden then turned to the Millennium Development Goals, arguing that mixed results had been achieved so far. On the one hand, the proportion of the world's population living in absolute poverty has been reduced significantly over the last 20 years. Moreover, major progress has been made in fighting diseases associated with poverty, in particular malaria, tuberculosis and AIDS. On the other hand, little progress has been made in the areas of maternal and child health and access to sanitary facilities. In addition, although the resources



for official development assistance have increased to 120 billion dollars per year, this is still far behind the pledges made by the donor countries. In following Braudel, however, Ambassador Dahinden posed the question of whether, in development cooperation, we "shouldn't be looking more closely at the more fundamental processes, at the systemic context and its interactions", rather than on mere figures and statistics. He then referred to a number of issue areas which in the future will become increasingly important for development cooperation, such as the relationship between poverty, development and the environment; the lack of power and legal rights, including exclusion from political processes, or the role of new actors in development cooperation.

In conclusion, Ambassador Dahinden pointed out that Braudel had written his work when he was a prisoner of war, without access to his files and documents, relying almost entirely on his memory. Ambassador Dahinden argued that "perhaps the lack of source material enabled him first to

Above and below: Amb. Martin Dahinden at MEDAC.

see the principal foundations and currents of the cultural environment behind the 'ripples of history'. Perhaps it would also do us good if someone would free us from the documents, charts, policy papers, statements, etc. so that we could see more clearly the fundamental links between poverty and development."

