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MEDAC supports CHANGE in TUNISIA

The Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies has signed an agreement with the Tunisian Diplomatic Institute for Training and Studies for an annual exchange of academic programmes. This will comprise amongst other initiatives, the granting of up to four scholarships per annum in favour of Tunisian junior diplomats to study at MEDAC, an annual training course for Tunisian trainee-diplomats and multiple projects aimed at supporting the emerging diplomacy in the region.

The agreement was signed on the 28th July by Professor Stephen Calleya on behalf of MEDAC and by Ambassador Ali Goutali on behalf of the Tunisian Diplomatic Institute. The agreement followed an exploratory meeting held in Tunisia earlier this year. The agreement foresees exchange of visits by lecturers, staff members and students. It also requires both institutions to share research, publications and envisages the exchange of lecturers.

The agreement provides for the organization of seminars and international conferences jointly or in collaboration with other parties on themes of mutual interest particularly with regard to the new European Neighbourhood Policy and



EU policy towards post-revolution Tunisia.

Futhermore, both MEDAC and the Tunisian Diplomatic Institute undertake to promote joint research and studies on issues relating of international relations, good governance, human rights and Euro-Mediterranean relations in the new context of democracy in North Africa.

MEDAC has since its founding worked closely with Tunisia. More than 40 diplomats have been the recipients of MEDAC scholarships and a comparable number of young

Ambassador Ali Goutali (left) and Professor Stephen Calleya (right) during the signing ceremony.

diplomats have also attended the Euro-Mediterranean Information and Training Seminars which are organized by MEDAC under the auspices of the European Commission twice yearly. In 2004, MEDAC students also visited Tunisia on a study visit as part of their academic training. MEDAC is honoured to extend its support to the Tunisian Diplomatic Institute at this crucial moment. Tunisia's geographic proximity to Malta also lends itself well to the launching of multiple initiatives in North Africa.

STUDY VISIT to GENEVA and BERNE

26th - 30th April, 2011

As in previous years, MEDAC organized its annual study visit to Switzerland in the spring of 2011. This year's visit took place during the last week of April, and MEDAC students had the opportunity to visit both Geneva and the Swiss capital Berne.

In Geneva, the main focus of the visit was on the various international organizations located there, such as the UN Headquarters, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). Briefings were held at all of these organizations where MEDAC students were informed about the main activities and challenges these bodies are currently facing. MEDAC students also visited the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), as well as the three so-called Geneva Centers: The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD).

A briefing at MEDAC's long-standing partner institution, the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies (HEI) was

also part of the study trip. Finally, MEDAC students were addressed by the Maltese Ambassador to the UN, H.E. Victor Camilleri, as well as several MEDAC alumni who are currently posted to Geneva. This gave the students insight into the workings and particular challenges of multilateral diplomacy in Geneva.

During the last day of the study trip, MEDAC students paid a visit to the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) at the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in Berne. During this visit, MEDAC students were addressed by the Director-General of SDC, Ambassador Martin Dahinden, who provided an overview of the main activities and challenges of Swiss development policy. MEDAC students also had the opportunity to meet with numerous other officials of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs who are working on Mediterranean issues. A lively discussion was held with all of these officials where MEDAC



students and staff gave their first-hand insight into the profound transformations which are currently sweeping across the Arab world.

The study visit was organised by Dr. Derek Lutterbeck within the framework of the Swiss Chair at MEDAC.

Above: The Director General of SDC, Ambassador Martin Dahinden addressing the MEDAC students.

Below left: Students in front of the UNHCR building in Geneva.

Below top: Briefing at UNHCR.

Below bottom: MEDAC students at GCSP.



HUMAN RIGHTS and RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: Perspectives and Case Studies

HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMER SCHOOL 2011

MEDAC's Human Dimension Programme organised its 11th Human Rights Summer School between the 6th and 14th July, 2011. The objective of the summer school was to introduce and explore key ideas concerning human rights and the notion of non-discrimination as one of the key concepts in human rights. The overall aim was to provide participants with a structured opportunity to discuss and debate the issues arising from racial discrimination in particular and the efforts made to combat it. Participants this year included diplomats and officials from Tunisia, Egypt, Georgia and Armenia as well as postgraduate students from Ethiopia, Macedonia, Libya and Cyprus together with civil society activists from Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia, Jordan, Bosnia Herzegovina and Ireland. The variety of professional, geographic and academic backgrounds of the participants ensured a constant exchange of ideas and experiences which were an integral part of the learning process enjoyed by the participants and lecturers.

Amongst the themes examined during the summer school were: An Introduction to International Law (with Professor David Attard, Judge at the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea), The Struggle against Apartheid (through two linked sessions led by Professor Frik de Beer from the University of South Africa), The Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (delivered by Dr. Neil Falzon, a human rights specialist) and Why People Discriminate (a session led by Professor Mary Anne Lauri, professor of psychology and Pro Rector at the University of Malta). During the

summer school the participants also engaged with other topics, such as the USA Civil Rights Movement, Anti-Slavery Campaigns and Racial Discrimination and Education.

Apart from lectures and seminars the participants also participated in workshops which explored art and drama as human rights education methodologies. In the human rights and art workshop led by artist and art teacher Clifton Rooney the participants produced a wall mural on the theme of discrimination and examined the process of art-creation as a learning methodology. The drama and human rights workshop was led by drama-therapist Daniel

Top: The participants who attended the 2011 Human Rights Summer School Programme.

Bottom Left: Professor Frik de Beer addressing one of the lectures.

Bottom Right: Participants discussing a human rights point.

Mercieca who led the participants through the experience of learning through drama. The final day of the summer school included an evaluation session in which the participants highlighted the diversity of the group as well as the variety of learning methods adopted as being of particular importance to the success of the programme.



Inter-Religious Dialogue at MEDAC

26th May, 2011

On May 26th, The Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies hosted Rev. Fr. James L. Heft, Alton Brooks Professor of Religion and President of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles who delivered a presentation on the theme “A Catholic Contribution to the Dialogue with Islam and Judaism.”

Rev. Fr. Heft visited Malta as guest of former U.S. Ambassador Douglas Kmiec. The event took the form of an interfaith dialogue with the representatives of various faiths in Malta. It was attended by MEDAC students and a number of distinguished guests among whom the Rector of the University of Malta, Professor Juanito Camilleri, Rabbi Admor Dov Beer HaCohen, former ambassadors and other religious leaders.

Rev. Fr. Heft spoke eloquently about the insights gained through three international conferences organized by the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies in which Jewish, Christian and Muslim scholars explored a theme of common interest and urgency. The first of these conferences, in 2003 explored the issue of “religion and violence”, the second dealt with the difficult challenge of passing on the faith to the next generation, whilst the third tackled the theme of “Learned Ignorance: Intellectual Humility among Jews, Christians and Muslims”. He argued that it was only well into the 20th century that the Catholic Church became positively disposed to the ecumenical movement, finding a watershed in Vatican II’s ecumenical council. Dialogue with the Jews began in earnest in the 1960s and 1970s but that with Islam did not receive the energy it deserved until the 1980s and has been especially difficult. Rev. Heft argued however that there has been new hope for the Muslim dialogue with the West especially after 9/11 so much so that a veteran of the Christian-Muslim dialogue has said that there



has been more positive dialogue between Christian and Muslims in the last three years than in the previous one thousand. He concluded that there remains much work to be done however if the mutual understanding is to increase.

Imam Mohamed El Sadi, spiritual director of the Muslim Community in Malta participated in the event and spoke about Islam’s respect for religious freedom highlighting the importance of dialogue at all levels of society. A question and answer session with students generated interesting debate on the topic.

Top, from left to right: Rev. Fr. Dionisius Mintoff, Former U.S. Ambassador Douglas Kmiec, Rabbi Admor Dov Beer HaCohen, Rev. Fr. James L. Heft, Imam Mohamed El Sadi, Rector Professor Juanito Camilleri, Rev. Fr. Hilary Tagliaferro and Professor Stephen Calleya.

Centre, from left to right: Rev. Fr. James L. Heft, Imam Mohamed El Sadi, Former U.S. Ambassador Douglas Kmiec and Rabbi Admor Dov Beer HaCohen.

Above: Rev. Fr. James L. Heft and Former U.S. Ambassador Douglas Kmiec meeting Rector Professor Juanito Camilleri, Professor Stephen Calleya and MEDAC academic staff.

Lecture at Harvard University

22th March, 2011

In March 2011, the Director of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, Professor Stephen Calleya, delivered a Lecture entitled "Managing the Winds of Change in the Mediterranean: Europe's Challenge" at Harvard University. The Seminar was part of the series of lectures organized by the Working Group on the Mediterranean Rim of the Minda De Gunzburg Centre for European Studies. The proceedings of this Seminar focused on the historic series of developments that have taken place across the Southern Mediterranean in 2011 and the prospects for the Arab Spring.



During his visit to Harvard University Professor Calleya was interviewed by the Harvard Political Review about contemporary relations across the Mediterranean. Excerpts of this interview and reference to his lecture can be found in two articles

of the Summer 2011 issue of the Harvard Political Review, the article entitled "Been Here Before" by Allan Bradley and the article entitled "Revolution and Democracy" by Caitria O'Neill. The web site for this issue of the Harvard Political review

is <http://hpronline.org/category/revolutions-2/>

Above: The lecture at Harvard University by Professor Stephen Calleya being introduced by Professor Tony Jones (left).

CLOSER RELATIONS with GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

In March 2011, the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies enhanced relations with the School of Diplomacy, Georgetown University, by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with this prestigious institution. Professor Stephen Calleya and Professor Paula Newberg signed the cooperative agreement that endorses the strengthening of relations between the two academic institutions.

In 2010 MEDAC had worked closely with the School of Diplomacy at Georgetown University and the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna, the two Chairs of the International Forum on Diplomatic Training (IFTD), when together with the DIPLO Foundation MEDAC hosted the annual meeting of Directors of Diplomatic Academies from all over the world in Malta.



Right: Professor Stephen Calleya with Professor Paula Newberg, Dean of the School of Diplomacy at Georgetown University, on the occasion of the signing of the Agreement.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR

MEDAC has launched a scholarship fund in honour of Professor de Marco, its former Chairman. The annual scholarship which will henceforth be identified as the Professor de Marco Annual Scholarship for Diplomats will allow one student from the Arab world to pursue a 9-month course at the Academy to be awarded a Masters degree in Diplomacy. The scholarship fund was announced by Chairman Joe Borg during the 30th Information and Training Seminar for Euro-Mediterranean diplomats in May 2011.

During this seminar, a Feature Session was held to pay tribute to Professor Guido de Marco and his legacy of promoting peaceful and prosperous Mediterranean relations.

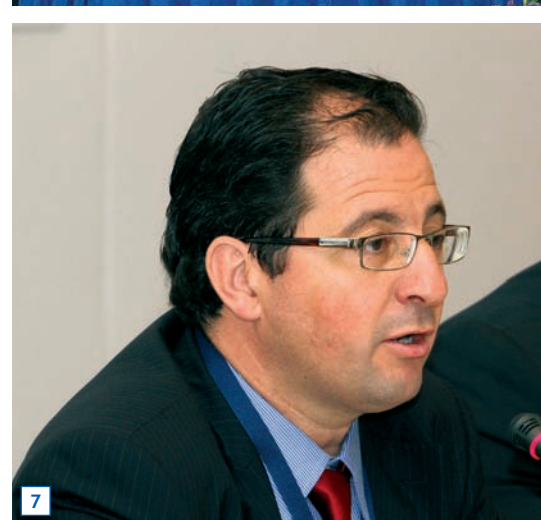
The panel of distinguished speakers at this tribute consisted of Dr. Joe Borg, Chairman, MEDAC, University of Malta; Dr. Bichara Khader, Director, Arab Study and Research Centre at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium; Amb. Magdy Hefny, Director of the Regional Center for Research and Studies of Water Ethics, Cairo, Egypt; Dr. Nick Hopkinson, former Director, Wilton Park, UK; Professor Stephen Calleya, Director, MEDAC, University of Malta; Mr. Tom McGrath (Ireland), Administrator, European Commission, External Relation DG, Brussels.

In addition to the Tribute being attended by the Euro-Mediterranean Seminar participants, members of the Diplomatic Corps in Malta, and representatives of the University of Malta, MEDAC was honoured by the presence of the de Marco family.

Throughout his sterling international career, Professor Guido de Marco relentlessly sought to bring the different peoples of the Euro-Mediterranean area closer together. As a signatory of the Barcelona Declaration, Professor de Marco sought to create a more conducive environment within which Euro-Mediterranean cooperative initiatives could be nurtured. The Euro-Mediterranean Information Seminars in Malta was one such mechanism that brought together more than one

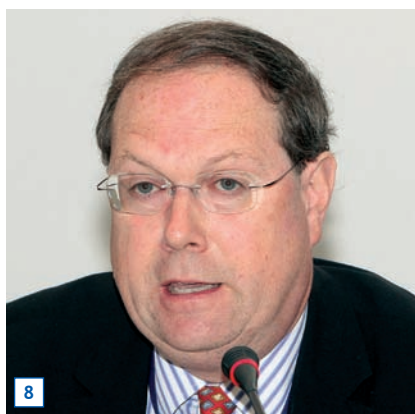
thousand eight hundred participants from across the Euro-Mediterranean area and allowed them to foster a culture of dialogue and cooperation.

As Chairman of MEDAC, Professor de Marco continuously supported the many initiatives which MEDAC has embarked on, sharing on every possible occasion with students, diplomats and politicians the unique sense of wisdom he had obtained during decades as an exceptional statesman, politician and academic.



1. *Speakers with the de Marco family.*
2. *Hon. Mario de Marco, Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, the Environment and Culture, Mrs. Violet de Marco, Dr. Fiorella de Marco and Dr. Gianella Caruana Curran.*
3. *Professor Bichara Khader (right) with Chairman Dr. Joe Borg.*
4. *From left to right: Amb. Magdy Hefny, Professor Stephen Calleya, Dr. Joe Borg, Dr. Bichara Khader, Dr. Nick Hopkinson and Mr. Tom McGrath.*
5. *Diplomatic Corps and distinguished guests at the Tribute.*
6. *Dr. Joe Borg.*
7. *Professor Stephen Calleya.*
8. *Dr. Nick Hopkinson*
9. *Mr. Tom McGrath.*
10. *Ambassador Magdy Hefny.*
11. *Professor Stephen Calleya with Mrs. Violet de Marco.*

FOR GUIDO de MARCO



CALENDAR

14.03.2011 - 19.03.2011

Professor Stephen Calleya lectures at Harvard University, US.

18.03.2011

Partnership Agreement signed in Washington between MEDAC and Georgetown University, US.

24.03.2011

Visiting lecturer - Dr. Michael Frendo, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Malta on *Diplomacy*.

28.03.2011 - 30.03.2011

Visiting Lecturers Professor Alejandro Lorca and Dr. Gonzalo Escibano on *Geo-Economics of Energy in the Mediterranean*.

01.04.2011

Mediterranean Diplomacy Forum organized together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malta on the theme *A New Dynamic in the Arab World*.



07.04.2011/08.04.2011

Simulation Exercise with visiting professor Dr. Paul Meerts.

26.04.2011 - 30.04.2011

Geneva Study Visit.

02.05.2011 - 06.05.2011

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

12.05.2011

Meeting of MEDAC Board.

13.05.2011 - 16.05.2011

Euro-Mediterranean Information and Training Seminar.

18.05.2011

Guest Lecture by Professor Marc Sageman on *Counter Terrorism*.



19.05.2011

Annual MEDAC Alumni Lecture by High Commissioner of Australia Anne Quinane.

20.05.2011

Guest Lecture by Fr. James L. Heft, President of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California on *A Catholic Contribution to the Dialogue with Islam and Judaism* with the participation of Imam Mohamed El Sadi and other distinguished guests.

08.06.2011

His Excellency Mr. Faisal Salaiman Al-Musailem, Ambassador of Kuwait, visits MEDAC.



06.07.2011/14.07.2011

Farewell Dinner for Master of Diplomacy and Masters of Arts in Diplomatic Studies students.



06.07.2011 - 14.07.2011

Human Rights Annual Summer Training Course on *Racial Discrimination: Perspectives and Case-Studies*.



ANNUAL ALUMNI LECTURE

19th May, 2011

High Commissioner of Australia Mary Quinane

High Commissioner Anne Quinane delivered the annual MEDAC Alumni lecture on Thursday 19th May 2011. In a wide-ranging lecture High Commissioner Quinane emphasised in particular the people-to-people links between Malta and Australia which, she said, were “the rich underpinning of a bilateral relationship that reflects shared values at the national and international level, a shared commitment to democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and the conviction that nations must work together to address the many challenges facing the world today.”

Her Excellency also elaborated on Maltese-Australian cooperation in the United Nations and the Commonwealth, as well as in other organisations such as ASEM and the OSCE and various other fora. Furthermore the High Commissioner explained the principle tenets of



Australian foreign policy from the economic, cultural, political and security perspectives. The lecture was attended by MEDAC alumni, students and staff.

Above: Her Excellency, High Commissioner of Australia Anne Quinane and Dr. Omar Grech during the delivery of the Annual MEDAC Alumni lecture.

SPANISH AWARD for PROFESSOR CALLEYA

29th March, 2011

During the course of a reception at Villa Macedonia in March, HE Doña Maria Isabel Vicandi Plaza, former ambassador of Spain, bestowed the Cross of Officer of the Order of Isabel la Católica on Professor Stephen Calleya on behalf of His Majesty the King of Spain.

Originally called ‘The Royal and American Order of Isabel la Católica’, the Order was created in 1815 by King Ferdinand VII to honour Spanish citizens who had distinguished themselves for their loyalty to Spain. In 1847, the Order was renamed the ‘Royal Order of Isabel la Católica’. At present it is also bestowed upon a select number of non-Spanish nationals who distinguish themselves in the promotion of relations between Spain and their own countries.

Professor Calleya was one of four Maltese nationals who were awarded the Cross of Officer. He distinguished himself in cooperation with Spain in the field of international relations.

Below: Her Excellency, Doña Maria Isabel Vicandi, former ambassador of Spain, bestowing the Cross of Officer of the Order of Isabel la Católica on Professor Stephen Calleya on behalf of His Majesty the King of Spain.





**Rama
W. Halaseh**

*MEDAC Alumnus
from Jordan
2008 - 2009*

Back in Jordan after more than two years since graduation, my experience at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies proves more valuable each day. Never has an education been as relevant and appreciated as the degree obtained at MEDAC.

Apart from the spectacular Maltese sights, and the fun times spent with dear friends from all over the Mediterranean - the reality of living the MEDAC

experience was far superior to its renowned reputation.

Today, living in the heart of the Middle East and amidst all the regional developments, I am grateful for having had the opportunity at MEDAC to acquire some of the key skills and the knowledgebase necessary for understanding, analyzing and taking role in historic changes as they unfold.

The program was unique and comprehensive as it featured senior regional and international practitioners, Ambassadors, and exceptional professors who shared their experiences and presented an array of hands-on approaches to learning. This wide exposure to prominent figures of the international community has contributed tremendously to my professional growth.

I am currently working with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) on political development programming in the Middle East and North Africa. Most certainly, the education I have received at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies has been, by far, a milestone in my personal and career development.



Above: Rama with fellow students during the various seminars attended by MEDAC students.



**Ryan
Mercieca**

*MEDAC Alumnus
from Malta
2009 -2010*

My experience at MEDAC will remain imprinted in my mind throughout my life. The time at MEDAC not only extended my knowledge and insights about the Mediterranean, Diplomacy and the various subjects taught at the Academy but also engaged me in a network of friends and contacts from different countries and foreign ministries which enriched me in no small measure. Ours happened to be the 20th anniversary class with many young diplomats, speaking different tongues, coming from various cultural backgrounds, but all united in the aim of increasing our knowledge in the sphere of world politics and diplomacy.

It was a unique experience of human enrichment beyond any expectation. The Academy offered me the opportunity to share a rewarding academic experience with my fellow students. Throughout the year we were confronted with a wide array of conferences, without any doubt the climax of which was the 20th anniversary conference of the end of the cold war and of the 20 years since MEDAC's establishment. There, I had the honour to meet a number of outstanding speakers such as Governor John H. Sununu who was chief of staff to George Bush and Alexander Bessmertnykh former Russian foreign minister. Other events such as the EuroMed Conference and the Mediterranean Diplomacy Forum gave added value to the already demanding curriculum. Such complementary interactions between theory and practice were highly stimulating and uniquely rewarding.

Lectures on the other hand were firmly based in history and theory

but never shied away from exploring the here and now, with its implications and perspectives. Outstanding visiting lecturers completed the state of the art package that MEDAC has become famous for. Diplomacy is often practised across inter-cultural experiences and this is exactly what MEDAC offered us also in our extra-curricular activities. Indeed the library, study visits, social events, as well as, the invaluable staff at MEDAC significantly broadened my knowledge. I got acquainted with the variety of cultures, everyday finding out something new and interesting.

As I embark on my voyage of translating my knowledge into valuable experience at the workplace, I find myself cherishing the invaluable lessons taught at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies and hope to be worthy of that distinguished institution.

MASTER OF DIPLOMACY

Albania	Mr. Eno Jegeni
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Malta	Mr. Sandro Curmi
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Palestine	Mr. Baker Hijazi
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Tunisia	Mr. Maher Ferchichi
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USA	Mr. George Shipp
USA	Ms. Jessica Baumgartner
USA	Mr. Andrew Cookson
USA	Ms. Durra Elmaki



**Viola
Kaloshi**

*MEDAC Alumna
from Albania
2009-2010*

It is a pleasure and a special honor for me to have the possibility to express and share the study experience I had at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies. I am so delighted to have had the opportunity to be part of MEDAC.

I felt at home from the first day I arrived on such a fascinating island as Malta, with its natural beauty and its rich culture. I feel privileged to have been taught during the academic year of my Master Degree by leading Professors to whom I would like to express my immense gratitude and enormous consideration. A great and distinguished figure of MEDAC, the late Professor Guido de Marco, President Emeritus of Malta, is a personality that I shall always remember with great respect and awe.

Regardless of the sometimes testing agenda, Professor Stephen Calleya, Professor David Attard,

Ambassador Dr. Magdy Hefny, Professor Ludger Kühnhardt and Dr. John C. Grech were always devoted, caring and determined to provide the support we needed in order to enhance our professional capacities further in the field of Diplomacy.

Some of my best memories are of the International Conferences organized, in and out of Malta, where the topic focused on International Diplomacy. I cherish the speakers' opinions and suggestions which provided us with great insight and enabled us to gain from their valuable experience.

Moreover, being part of MEDAC provided me the opportunity to be part of a multicultural environment and exchange experiences with people from different cultural backgrounds and nationalities like Palestine, Tunisia, Georgia, Montenegro, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Tanzania and Malta.

I would definitively suggest to the upcoming diplomats and students to choose the University of Malta and study at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies - it is the experience of a lifetime and will stay in their memories long after their departure from Malta.



Above: Welcome drinks for Master Class 2011 - 2012. Professor Stephen Calleya (far right) and Ambassador Alfred Zarb (third from left), MEDAC board member.

Recent PUBLICATIONS



TOWARDS A NEW SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION?

Stephen Calleya and
Monica Wohfeld (eds.)
Med Agenda Series

This publication seeks to highlight the major historical developments taking place across the Southern Mediterranean in 2011 and some of the implications these developments are having on geo-strategic relations across the Mediterranean.

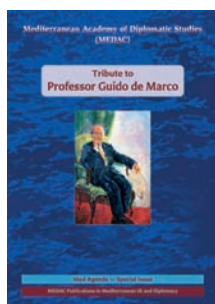
The sea-change that has taken place in the Mediterranean will influence national, regional and international relations for decades to come. This historic moment in the contemporary history of the Mediterranean offers us the possibility to create a more secure, stable and peaceful Mediterranean as enshrined in the Barcelona Declaration of November 1995.

This collection of essays by MEDAC academics focuses on a number of important themes that will influence the future course of pan-Mediterranean relations. MEDAC is actively engaged to continue to provide a platform where dialogue and open exchange between the main stakeholders of society, namely government representatives, academics, business officials and civil society at large, is nurtured and strengthened.

The winds of change that have swept across the Southern Mediterranean in 2011 have unleashed an irreversible process of democratic transition. Democratic transition brings with it numerous challenges and difficulties which need to be managed simultaneously by a range of actors. It is essential that a collective

approach by all sectors of society is adopted to establish a framework where these actors, such as the security sectors, the judiciary, media and civil society, are allowed to function and serve as guarantors of democracy.

If the Arab Spring of 2011 is to succeed in the creation of a more open and transparent grouping of Arab states across the southern shore of the Mediterranean it is essential that a free flow of ideas at a people to people level takes place. Everyone has to have the opportunity to listen, learn and understand what is being proposed so that the foundation of a democratic decision-making process is established. The ultimate objective must be the creation of a more prosperous Mediterranean region where all citizens are able to participate and benefit on an equitable basis from the changes being introduced.



TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR GUIDO DE MARCO

Med Agenda Series

Tribute to Professor Guido de Marco is a collection of the speeches which were delivered at the Euro-Mediterranean Information and Training Seminar in May 2011. Since their launching in October 1996, Professor de Marco was a stalwart champion of the Euro-Med Seminars. During the 30th Euro-Med Information seminar a Feature Session was held to pay tribute to Professor de Marco and his legacy of promoting peaceful and prosperous Euro-Mediterranean relations. The panel of distinguished speakers included Dr. Joe Borg, Chairman of MEDAC, Professor Bichara Khader from the Catholic University of

Louvain, Ambassador Magdy Hefny, Director of the Regional Center for Research and Studies of Water Ethics in Cairo, Dr. Nick Hopkinson, former Director of Wilton Park, UK, Professor Stephen Calleya, director of MEDAC and Mr. Tom McGrath, Administration at the External Relations DG in Brussels.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATION

CHANGE AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EMERGING MEDITERRANEAN

Stephen Calleya and
Monica Wohfeld (eds.)

The events of 2011, which the press collectively came to call the Arab Spring, an expression that is as appealing as it is plainly misleading, changed the political landscape in the southern Mediterranean dramatically. While the policy-making communities world-wide are scrambling to evaluate the situation and look for appropriate courses of action, the academic circles are also evaluating causes, implications, needs, opportunities. This book, prepared by the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, is aimed at bringing together thinkers and political analysts from both shores of the Mediterranean and address a wide scope of issues related to the so called Arab Spring. It focuses on change and opportunities rather than problems and challenges, as the book's editors suggest that after years and decades of political, economic and social stagnation or even decay in the Euro-Mediterranean region, the time has come to build on the events to create a new community, based on common values and spirit of opportunity.

The contributors to this volume are eminent academics from North Africa and Europe.

The book is edited by Professor Stephen Calleya and Dr. Monika Wohfeld.