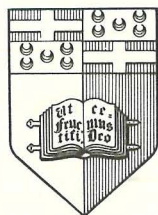


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Mr. J. Pirotta	10.2.85-9.2.86
Mr. F. Ventura	10.2.85-9.2.86
Dr. K.A. Wain	10.2.85-9.2.86
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Dr. R. Abdilla	1.7.84-30.6.85
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – Section 35 (2)(e)	
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Mr. John Cutajar	21.2.85-20.2.86

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Dr. A.E. Borg Barthet	28.6.84-27.6.85
MEMBER ELECTED BY EMPLOYERS WHO PROVIDE WORK RELATED TO A SUBJECT TAUGHT IN THE FACULTY – Section 35 (2)(d)	
Dr. A. Carbonaro	1.7.84-30.6.85
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – Section 35 (2)(e)	
Mr. J. Ellis	21.10.84-20.10.85

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Mr. C. Francalanza	10.2.85-9.2.86
Mr. C.T. Galea	10.2.85-9.2.86
Dr. E.L. Zammit	10.2.85-9.2.86
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Mr. E. Ellul	21.1.85-20.1.86
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Miss Cecilia Pirotta	20.2.85-19.2.86

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Professor J. Gatt – Pathology	
Professor J.A. Muscat – Surgery	
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Mr. Joseph S. Buttigieg	21.10.84-20.10.85
MEMBER ELECTED BY EMPLOYERS WHO PROVIDE WORK RELATED TO A SUBJECT TAUGHT IN THE FACULTY – Section 35 (2)(d)	
Dr. A. Galea	1.7.84-30.6.85
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – Section 35 (2)(e)	
Mr. Anthony E. Buttigieg	11.6.84-10.6.85

GRADUATION CEREMONY

A Graduation Ceremony was held in the Conference Hall of the Medical School, Guardamangia on Friday, 8th March, 1985.

The Ceremony was presided over by the President of the Republic and Chancellor of the University, H.E. Miss Agatha Barbara, assisted by the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Dr. Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici and the Minister of Health and Environment, Dr. Vincent Moran.

Following an address by Professor J.A. Muscat, Head of the Department of Surgery, the Rector, Professor G.P. Xuereb conferred the following degrees:

Bachelor of Dental Surgery (Honours) – B.Ch.D.(Hons.)

Sponsor: Mr. H. Galea

AZZOPARDI Alexander
 CAMILLERI Mario
 DEBONO David P.
 FELICE John
 GRIMA Mary-Anne
 MUSCAT Vincent
 SAID Carmel
 SCIBERRAS Mark
 XUEREB Joseph

Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (M.D.)*Sponsor: Professor E.S. Grech*

AGIUS MUSCAT Hugo	FENECH Silvana
AQUILINA Alexander P.	GALEA Ethel
AQUILINA Oscar	GALEA Joseph L.
ASCIAK Michael	GAUCI Mark
ATTARD Peter A.	GHAMRI Nafiz
AZZOPARDI Conrad	MAGRI Anna Maria
AZZOPARDI Josanne	MICALLEF Isabelle A.
BORG Charles	MICALLEF Marcelle
BORG Maria Laura	MI FSUD Anthony J.
BORG Raymond	OTHMAN Abeer
BORG Ronnie	PACE Victor
BUHAGIAR Tancred J.	PSAILA Josephine
CAMILLERI VASSALLO Franco	SCERRI Christian
CASSAR Marie Doriette	SOLER Paul
CAUSON Karl	VELLA Cecil
DEBONO Natalie	VELLA Mario P.
DEBONO Salvina	VELLA Noel
ELLUL Josette	XUEREb Mary Rose
FARRUGIA Godfrey	XUEREb Robert G.

CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE
ON
PROFESSOR ERIC BOYLAND

The Conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (*Honoris Causa*) on Professor Eric Boyland, Ph.D., D.Sc., was held at the Assembly Hall of the University on Monday, 25th February, 1985.

The degree was conferred by the Rector, Professor G.P. Xuereb on the occasion of the First European Symposium on Foreign Compound Metabolism of the International Society for the Study of Xenobiotics.

The address was delivered by Professor V. Ferrito, Acting Head of the Department of Pharmacy. Professor E.S. Grech, Chairman of the Faculty Board of Medicine and Surgery, sponsored Professor Boyland.

The Conferment of the Degree was made following a resolution approved by the Council of the University.

ISSX FIRST EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM ON FOREIGN COMPOUND METABOLISM

The International Society for the Study of Xenobiotics (ISSX) in cooperation with the University of Malta organized the First European Symposium on Foreign Compound Metabolism. The four-day Conference began on Monday, 25th February, 1985, immediately after the Conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (*Honoris Causa*) on Professor Eric Boyland.

About 120 participants from twelve countries, including the United States and Japan, attended this Symposium, which was held at the Assembly Hall of the University.

Items for discussion included:

'Topics related to Professor Boyland's Research Career'

'Contemporary Methods in Drug Metabolism Studies'

'The Role of Disposition Studies in the Safety Evaluation of Consumer Products'

Session A: Metabolism of Consumer Products

Session B: Metabolism of Agrochemicals.'

Professor V. Ferrito, Acting Head of the Department of Pharmacy, was a member of the Organizing Committee.

PARTICIPATION OF EXTERNAL EXAMINERS IN FINAL YEAR MEDICINE AND SURGERY EXAMINATIONS

The University's programme of inviting external examiners to participate in final examinations is enabling the various Faculties to maintain their valuable contribution to the country and to further the scope of scholarship in the relevant areas of learning.

During the week commencing 4th February, the following External Examiners visited the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery:

<i>Medicine</i>	Professor G. Watkinson, Consultant Physician at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow. Professor J.C. Demanet, Chef de Clinique at the Universite Libre de Bruxelles.
<i>Surgery</i>	Professor Ron Clark, Head Department Surgical Unit at the University of Sheffield. Professor J. Gruwez, Head of the Department of General Surgery at the Catholic University of Louvain.
<i>Obstetrics and Gynaecology</i>	Professor Sir J. Dewhurst, a member of the British Post-graduate Medical Federation and Dean of the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Professor M. Ranaer of the Catholic University of Louvain.

Sixty-one medical students were examined.

**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE:
DISSERTATIONS/PROJECTS – 1985**

B.Mech.Eng. (Hons.) Course

STUDENT	TITLE	SUPERVISOR
Anton Vassallo	Product planning and control in a Shipbuilding yard	E.R. Mallia
Brian Cauchi) Joseph Pace)	Water Leakage Control	A.N. Debono
Ronald Gatt	Biogas Heating	Professor J. Mifsud P.P. Farrugia
Raymond Vassallo	Planning Plant Maintenance at M.D.D.	F. Farrugia Dr. L. Sant
Alfred Camilleri	Analysis of Welds in Ships' Stall Structures	M. Grech
Godfrey Attard	Automated Sewage Screen	A. Pullicino

B.Elec.Eng. (Hons.) Course

STUDENT	TITLE	SUPERVISOR
Eric Azzopardi	Power Components Measuring Unit	Professor L.G. Kupka
Saviour Baldacchino	Design of Nonlinear Multi Function Servo Controller	Dr. C. Pulè
Maria Theresa Carabott	Simulation of the Maltese International Exchange Control Circuitry	C. Cuschieri
Mario Falzon	Computer Analysis of the Local High-Voltage Network Operation	Professor L.G. Kupka
Raymond Farrugia	Computer Communications Via Power Lines	P. Debono
Paul Montanaro	Microcomputer Communications	P. Micallef
Carmen Muscat	Digital Video Map	Dr. C. Pulè
Martin C. Pizzuto	A Closed Loop Process Controller	P. Micallef
Mario Sciortino	Adjustable Speed Induction Motor Drive	C. Cuschieri
Marina Xuereb	Microcomputer Based Current Telemetry	P. Micallef

B.E. & A. Final Year Dissertation Theses and Thesis Projects

Students following the Bachelor and Civil Engineering Course are required to satisfy the examiners in Dissertation Theses and Thesis Projects. The Dissertation Theses are assigned as early as the Sixth Year of studies and the Thesis Projects are assigned at the beginning of the Seventh Year study semester.

The list of Dissertation Theses which will be presented in July 1985 are as follows:

NAME OF STUDENT	TITLE	SUPERVISORS
Attard Anthony	Detailing in Malta	Professor K. Kaldarar Mr. J. Falzon

Bonello Mark Anthony	Economical Design of Portal Frames	Mr. C. Busuttil Dr. M. Tochacek
Borg Grech Joseph	Malta – Case Study of Mediterranean Architecture	Mr. J.M. Spiteri Mr. D. De Lucca
Briffa Alfred	Prescribed mix-designs for Local Construction	Professor K. Kaldarar Mr. F.E. Montesin
Buhagiar Paul	Structural Masonry	Dr. M. Tochacek Mr. A. Apap Pavia Mr. F.E. Montesin
Cachia Joe	Investigation of Mechanical and Physical Properties of Globigerina Limestone in local Masonry Construction	Professor K. Kaldarar Mr. F.E. Montesin
Camilleri Anthony	Alternative Methods of Construction. Exploring new roles for use of Stone	Mr. J.M. Spiteri Mr. J. Falzon
Camilleri Joseph	Housing for peoples' need	Mr. J.M. Spiteri Mr. D. De Lucca
Cole Keith	The Maltese Architecture Aesthetics	Mr. D. De Lucca Mr. J.M. Spiteri
Debattista Wilfred	Mortar Mixes in Malta	Professor K. Kaldarar Mr. A.E. Scerri
Farrugia Martin	Building Conversion and Rehabilitation (Designing for change in Building Use)	Professor K. Kaldarar Mr. J.M. Spiteri
Galea Spiridione	Optimal Design in Roof Trusses	Mr. C. Busuttil Dr. M. Tochacek
Lateo John	Guidelines for Urban Policy in Malta	Mr. A. Zammit Mr. J.M. Spiteri
Sciberras Felix	Late Baroque Architecture in Malta	Mr. D. De Lucca Mr. M. Ellul
Spiteri David	Repair of Reinforced Concrete Structures	Mr. F.E. Montesin Mr. A.E. Scerri
Theuma Sandra	Popular attitude towards Housing in Malta	Mr. J.M. Spiteri Mr. D. De Lucca
Tonna Stefan	Origins of Planning on the Island and its evolution	Mr. J.M. Spiteri Mr. D. De Lucca
Vella Bonello Godfrey	Housing in Relation to Peoples' Need	Professor K. Kaldarar Mr. J.M. Spiteri

Project Theses

The project theses for the July session examinations are as follows. The main tutor was Mr. J.M. Spiteri in conjunction with Professor K. Kaldarar except for Mr. Anthony Attard and Mr. Keith Cole whose main tutor is Mr. Denis De Lucca in conjunction with Mr. J.M. Spiteri and Professor K. Kaldarar.

NAME OF STUDENT	TITLE
Attard Anthony	Rabat Development Project, Alt. A
Briffa Alfred	Car park for Valletta Terminus

Cachia Joe	Community for Marsaxlokk, Alt. B
Camilleri Anthony	Community for Marsaxlokk, Alt. A
Cole Keith	Rabat Development Project, Alt. B
Farrugia Martin	Community for Marsaxlokk, Alt. C
Lateo John	Cottonera Project
Spiteri David	Community for Marsaxlokk, Alt. E
Vella Bonello Godfrey	Community for Marsaxlokk, Alt. C

The projects thesis for the February session examination are as follows. The main tutor was Mr. J.M. Spiteri in conjunction with Professor K. Kaldarar and Mr. D. De Lucca.

NAME OF STUDENT	TITLE
Bonello Mark Anthony	Cottonera Project, Terminal Building
Borg Grech Joseph	Ricasoli Fort Project, Alt. A
Buhagiar Paul	Cottonera Project, Hostel
Camilleri Joseph	Cottonera Project, Civil Buildings, Alt. A
Debattista Wilfrid	Cottonera Project, Residential Design, Alt. A
Galea Spiridione	Cottonera Project, Civic Buildings, Alt. B
Sciberras Felix	Cottonera Project, Residential, Alt..B
Theuma Sandra	Ricasoli Fort, Alt. C
Tonna Stefan	Ricasoli Fort, Alt. C

LECTURES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY THE EXTENSION STUDIES BOARD

THE MALTESE ECONOMY

11 ta' Diċembru 1984	L-għanijiet Ekonomiċi ta' Pajjiżna	Mr. C.J. Falzon
18 ta' Diċembru 1984	X'Niproduċu f'Malta	Dr. L. Briguglio
8 ta' Jannar 1985	L-investment f'Malta	Professor E. Scicluna
15 ta' Jannar 1985	L-impjiegi f'Malta	Dr. L. Briguglio
22 ta' Jannar 1985	Il-Budget tal-Gvern	Professor E. Scicluna
29 ta' Jannar 1985	It-Tarzna u l-Ekonomija ta' Malta	Mr. F. Spiteri
5 ta' Frar 1985	Il-Bilanċ tal-Pagamenti	Mr. C.J. Falzon
12 ta' Frar 1985	Il-Valur tal-Lira Maltija	Professor E. Scicluna
19 ta' Frar 1985	Il-Qgħad f'Malta f'dawn l-aħħar 25 sena	Dr. L. Briguglio
26 ta' Frar 1985	Il-Qliegħ f'Malta: Kif inhu maqsum	Professor E. Scicluna
5 ta' Marzu 1985	L-ippjanar Ekonomiku f'Malta	Dr. L. Briguglio
12 ta' Marzu 1985	It-Turiżmu f'Malta	Mr. N. Mifsud
19 ta' Marzu 1985	Il-Bank Ċentrali Malti	Mr. R. Saliba
26 ta' Marzu 1985	Ir-Riservi Barranin ta' Malta	Dr. L. Briguglio
2 t'April 1985	L-Indiċi tal-Prezzijiet f'Malta Kif Jinħadem	Mr. R. Camilleri
9 t'April 1985	Xi Studji li saru fuq l-Ekonomija ta' Malta	Dr. L. Briguglio

LECTURE ON 'CLASS AND CULTURE'

Mrs. V.I. Hughes delivered a lecture on 'Class and Culture' at the Old University Buildings, Valletta on Wednesday, 12th December, 1984.

SEMINAR ON 'LAW AND SOCIAL WORK'

Dr. Leo Goodman, Director of Social Services at the London Borough of Wandsworth, conducted a two-day seminar on 'Law and Social Work' on the 23rd and 24th February, 1985.

PUBLIC LECTURE

Dr. Alexander Borg, Senior Lecturer in Semitic and General Linguistics at the Department of Arabic of Tel-Aviv University, gave a public lecture on 'The Eastern Arabic Linguistic Traits in Contemporary Maltese' on Monday, 25th February, 1985.

LECTURES ON ENGLISH LITERATURE

(held at Don Bosco Oratory, Victoria, Gozo)

Three lectures on 'The Middle Ages – Chaucer' by Mr. A.M. Schembri on the 7th, 8th and 9th March, 1985;

Three lectures on 'English Literary Renaissance' by Mr. A.M. Schembri on the 28th, 29th and 30th March, 1985.

HUMAN COMMUNICATION

7 March	Interpersonal Communication	Rev. Dr. Alfred Darmanin S.J.
14 March	How we communicate: Body Language	Rev. Dr. Alfred Darmanin S.J.
21 March	Memory: Remembering and Forgetting	Prof. Joseph M. Falzon
28 March	The Development of Perception	Prof. Joseph M. Falzon
11 April	Communication in Society	Rev. Dr. Alfred Darmanin S.J.
18 April	Interpreting our Perceptions	Prof. Joseph M. Falzon

CERTIFICATE COURSE FOR MIDDLE MANAGEMENT

The Department of Management Studies in cooperation with the Institute of Management has organized a four-month Certificate Course for Middle Management beginning 4th March, 1985.

The objective of this Course is to educate the middle manager or potential middle manager in various areas of management that will enable him or her to contribute effectively to the goals of the organization and to make the middle manager a more valuable part of the management team.

The Course covers the following fields:

- Organizational Dynamics
- Industrial Relations and Personnel Management
- Management Accounting and Finance
- Management Information System
- Marketing Management
- Strategic Management

The Course Co-ordinators are Professor Edward Scicluna, Head of the Department of Management Studies and Professor Harish C. Tewari, Fulbright Professor of Management.

THE MALTESE WORKER AT WORK AND IN SOCIETY

The Workers' Participation Development Centre (WPDC) of the University has organised a course in Social Studies entitled 'The Maltese Worker at Work and in Society' for all categories of workers.

The aim of this course was to introduce the basic concepts of Social Science which would enable him to visualize better his own participation at work and in society. The course, which commenced on Monday, 25th February, 1985, consists of 25 two-hour lecturing sessions divided into five sections: Sociology, Economics, Political Science, Psychology and Law.

The WPDC has already held similar courses in the past – four at the University and two at the Drydocks. Some of the participants who had attended these courses are at present undergoing a three-year Diploma course in Labour Studies at the University of Malta.

STUDENT NUMBERS

(as on 18th February, 1985)

	YEAR	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
<i>Faculty of Laws</i>				
LL.D.	I	5	7	12
	III	31	17	48
	V	33	9	42
Faculty Total		69	33	102
<i>Faculty of Medicine and Surgery</i>				
Intermediate M.D.	I	21	16	37
	II	22	18	40
Final M.D.	I	33	20	53
	II	49	20	69
	III	62	12	74
B.Pharm.	II	19	24	43
	IV	16	25	41
Faculty Total		222	135	357
<i>Faculty of Engineering & Architecture</i>				
B.E. & A.	I	16	–	16
	III	14	–	14
	IV	23	3	26
	V	24	2	26
	VI	15	–	15
	VII	17	1	18
B.Mech. Eng.	I	18	1	19
	II	26	2	28
	III	23	–	23
	IV	8	–	8
	V	23	–	23

	YEAR	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
B.Elec.Eng.	I	12	—	12
	II	30	1	31
	III	21	3	24
	IV	17	1	18
	V	14	—	14
Faculty Total		301	14	315
<i>Faculty of Dental Surgery</i>				
B.Ch.D.	I	3	8	11
	III	8	3	11
Faculty Total		11	11	22
<i>Faculty of Education</i>				
B.Ed. (1985-90)		22	29	51
	(1984-89)	32	57	89
	(1983-88)	29	46	75
	(1982-87)	25	28	53
	(1981-86)	24	26	50
Faculty Total		132	186	318
<i>Faculty of Management Studies</i>				
B.A. Public Administration	I	16	14	30
	II	29	7	36
	III	9	8	17
	IV	6	2	8
	V	11	1	12
B.A. Business Management	I	20	10	30
	II	19	8	27
	III	14	5	19
	IV	16	3	19
	V	12	3	15
B.A. Accountancy	I	19	11	30
	II	12	12	24
	III	25	7	32
	IV	24	4	28
	V	20	3	23
Faculty Total		252	98	350
<i>Phase-Out Course</i>				
M.A.		2	2	4
Degree Courses Total		989	479	1468

GENERAL

Chancellor's Award

The University has recommended that an award be made in 1985 in terms of the 'Scholarship' donation (1983).

Applications were invited from graduates, who are citizens of Malta, for a programme of study or research overseas, leading to a degree or diploma in any academic subject.

UNESCO Competition

Projects submitted by Mr. Paul Buhagiar,

Miss Sandra Theuma, and Mr. Steven Tonna, who are following the B.E. & A. Course at this University, have placed among the best 24 from among 200 projects submitted by students from 55 countries in a UNESCO world competition to mark International Youth Year.

These students won an honourable mention for their work and were presented with a UNESCO bronze medal as a memento of their achievement.

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At the Conferment Ceremony of the Honorary Degree on Professor E. Boyland, held on Monday, 25th February, 1985, Professor V. Ferrito, Acting Head of the Department of Pharmacy, delivered the following address:

It is appropriate at this stage of the proceedings that I give a very brief outline of the eventful history of our University, for the benefit of our foreign colleagues and participants.

In 1592, upon the special request of Pope Clement VIII, Grand Master Verdalle and Bishop Gargallo founded a College for the teaching of Grammar and the Humanities in the then new City of Valletta. This marked a decisive change from the purely defence oriented mentality that characterised the pre Great Siege Years to one in search of national identity in art, culture and education. The newly set-up college became known as *Collegium Melitense* and was run by the Jesuits.

In 1676 Grand Master Nicholas Cotoner established a School of Surgery and Anatomy. The buildings of the Holy Infirmary of the Order of St. John in Valletta were used by the school for teaching purposes. Licences to exercise the medical profession not only in Malta but also abroad were granted by this institution which became known as the *Academy*. At the beginning of the eighteenth century the teaching of Philosophy and Theology was officially introduced for the training of students for the priesthood.

In 1727 the Minister General of the Jesuits, by virtue of the authority granted him by the Holy See, extended to the *Collegium Melitense* the power to confer academic degrees. On the 7th of June 1727, Grand Master Manoel de Vilhena confirmed this power of granting degrees.

In 1768, following the example set by other catholic powers, Grandmaster Manuel Pinto seized all the Jesuits' property in the Maltese Islands. The following year he obtained a special brief from Pope Clement XIV authorising him to erect a University of Public Studies. Pinto proceeded with the publication of a Charter empowering the new Institution to grant degrees in Literature, Theology, Law and Medicine.

During Napoleon Bonaparte's eventful six-day stay in Malta in 1798, he revolutionised the constitutional, legal, educational and other systems of the Maltese Islands. Thus the University found itself reorganised as a Central School in line with the more technical and practical approach developed during the French Revolution.

Under British rule, the University reopened its doors on 6th November 1808 and reverted to the previous arrangements instituted by Grand Master Pinto.

With the beginning of the twentieth century, the University began to show steady progress. On 5th June 1901 the University's medical degree became recognised throughout the British Empire. Under the 1915 Statute, the number of faculties was increased from four to six, Literature and Science being separated and the Course in Engineering and Architecture being elevated to faculty status. Dental Surgery was later added as the seventh faculty.

During the Independence Celebrations of September 1964 the foundation stone for the construction of the new site at Msida was laid by the Rt. Hon. Mr. Duncan Sandys, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations.

It was on 22nd November 1969, the bicentenary of the foundation charter, that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales inaugurated the new campus and the University has thus transferred its premises from Valletta to Msida.

Today's is an occasion of great significance to both the University of Malta and the International Society for the Study of Xenobiotics (ISSX) – of great significance to the University because it emphasises once again the University's recognition of scholarship, of academic achievement, of dedication to research – the embryo of progress – and of un-failing commitment towards the ideas and goals that all universities cherish and jealously defend for posterity; of great significance to the International Society for the Study of Xenobiotics because it expresses once again the Society's recognition of Professor Boyland as the pioneer, the founder, the father of the field of science to which its members are dedicating their life's work and because this occasion is taking place shortly before the official opening of its First European Symposium on Foreign Compound Metabolism.

It is obvious that Professor Boyland needs no introduction to this distinguished gathering and his numerous achievements need not be enumerated. It is however customary to go over the highlights of the Honorary graduand's career.

Professor Boyland made several important observations, discoveries and postulations (proved later to be correct) which have laid the foundations for the science of Molecular Toxicology. Professor Boyland was born in Manchester on the 24th February 1905. Professor Boyland was eighty years old yesterday. We all wish you, Professor Boyland, many, many happy returns! He graduated Bachelor of Science in 1926 and Master of Science in 1928 from Manchester University. During 1928 to 1931 he was Grocers Company Scholar and Beit Memorial Fellow at the Lister Institute for Preventive Medicine and at The Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, Heidelberg where he worked on the biochemistry of muscle. In 1930 he was awarded the Ph.D. degree by London University and he was appointed Physiological Chemist to the Royal Cancer Hospital in 1931 under the Director Sir Ernest Kennaway. In 1936 he was awarded the D.Sc. of the University of Manchester and was appointed Reader in Biochemistry. Professor Boyland was appointed Professor of Biochemistry of London University in 1945. During the 1939-1945 war he worked for the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Agriculture. In 1948 he received the Judd Award from Sloan Kettering Cancer Institute, in 1956 the Medal of the French Biochemical Society and in 1966 the medal from the University of Liege, Belgium.

Professor Boyland retired from his Professorship at the Institute of Cancer Research in 1970 and became Visiting Professor in Toxicology at the School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (University of London), a post he still holds today.

In 1974 Professor Boyland received the Gold Medal of Cremona University, Italy. During 1982 Professor Boyland continued to receive several other awards such as:

- The European Environmental Medal from the Cancerologic Society, Belgium.
- The Honorary Fellowship from the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Royal College of Physicians, England.
- The First and only Honorary Membership of the European Association for Cancer Research; and
- The Honorary Doctorate of the Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universitat, Frankfurt am Maine.

It is easy to understand why Professor Boyland has been widely accepted as the Father, the founder of the field of Xenobiotics: his suggestions, postulations and predictions on the *in vivo* behaviour of aromatic hydrocarbons, mercapturic acids, aromatic amines, urinary enzymes, tryptophan, nitrosamines and urethane and alkylating agents were in advance of the time. For example, he postulated aryl epoxides as reactive intermediates in the metabolism of aromatic hydrocarbons some twenty-five years before chemists were able to synthesize aryl epoxide and prove him correct.

Rector, I consider it a great honour for me today, to have introduced Professor Boyland and to present him to you to confer on him the Degree of M.D. (*Honoris Causa*) of the University of Malta.

At the 'Graduation Ceremony held on Friday, 8th March, 1985, Professor J.A.Muscat, Head of Department of Surgery, delivered the following address:

IL-PROFESSJONI MEDIKA U L- 'WELFARE STATE'

Sur President,
Onorevoli Ministri,
Rettur, Kollegi u Hbieb

Jiena konxju ta' l-unur kbir li għamiltuli llum, meta stedintuni biex nindirizzakom, f'din l-okkażjoni tal-Gradwazzjoni, u ta' bidu ta' sena akkademika ġdida.

Nixtieq nitkellem illum fuq sugġett li mhux konness direttament ma' l-ispeċjalità li jien haddant tul ħajti. Madanakollu, bħala tabib anzjan u ċittadin Malti ta' pajjiż żgħir li għadu fiż-żgħożija tal-helsien tiegħu, ma jistax ma jkollix interess f'haġa li tmiss mill-qrib kull tabib u kull ċittadin Malti.

Jien għandi f'moħħi l-kunċett tal-'Welfare State', kif jaffettwa l-organi zzazzjoni tas-servizzi tas-saħħa f'pajjiżna, u r-relazzjoni tal-professjoni tagħna ma' dan it-twenmin u s-servizzi li johorġu minnu. Nibda biex infakkarkom li jekk wiehed irid ifittex il-bidu tas-servizzi soċjali f'Malta jrid imur lura mijiet ta' snin. L-idea li l-Gvem għandu jipprovi servizz mediku lil min hu marid u ma għandux mezzi biex iħallas it-tabib m'hix xi filosofija rivoluzzjonarja għalina. Insibu li fis-seklu hmistax il-muniċipju ta' l-Imdina kellha fl-impjeg tagħha tabib ta' isem Abram li kien Lhudi. Dan kien megħjun minn spiżjar jismu Salvatus. Flimkien kellhom il-kura tal-morda f'qar u meta niftakru li f'dawn iż-żmenijiet kien hemm epidemija tal-pesta u oħra ta' l-iskarlatina li qatlu ħafna nies nistgħu nimmaginaw ix-xogħol u l-inkwiet ta' dawn il-pijunieri tas-servizz mediku fil-gzejjer tagħna. F'dan is-seklu wkoll twaqqfu u nġhalqu l-ewwel sptarijiet għall-poplu.

Fis-seklu sittax insibu l-Papa Gregorju XIII jirrikmanda lill-istess Muniċipju jagħmel taxxa biex ikunu jistgħu jithallsu t-tabib u s-surmast li kienu jimpjegaw. Mitejn sena wara twaqqaf servizz mediku biex jieħu ħsieb il-morda f'qar u nisa fil-bliet ta' Valletta, il-Birgu, l-Isla u Bormla. Għal dan is-servizz inħatru żewġ kummissjonarji għall-mordafqar li kienu kavallieri ta' l-Ordni magħżula mill-Granmastru. In-numru ta' tobbja tela' sa għaxra: 5 minn-hom internisti u 5 kirurgi. Taht l-Ingliżi, mill-bidu tal-gvem tagħhom, naraw evoluzzjoni kontinwa ta' servizzi mwaqqfa mill-gvem għall-morda. L-ewwel berġa twaqqfet fil-Belt Valletta fl-14 ta' April 1832 fuq sugġeriment ta' Dr. John Davy li kien ġie Malta biex jispezzjona l-isptarijiet tal-militar. Huwa offra wkoll tagħmir għal dawn il-berġ, li kien żejjed, u kien jinstab fl-Ispiżerija Ġenerali ta' l-Armata Ingliża f'Malta. Din l-offerta ġiet mil qugħa.

Bereġ oħra twaqqfu f'diversi bliet u rħula u sa nofs is-seklu dsatax kien hemm 21 tabib iservu l-morda f'dawn il-berġ u l-populazzjoni ta' l-Isptar Ċivili niżlet bin-nofs. It-tabib li kien iservi f'dawn il-berġ kien irid jagħmilha wkoll ta' spettur sanitarju u ta' amministratur. Is-Sindku u l-Kappillan kellhom il-jedd li jitolbu tabib idur xi marid li jkunu saru jafu bih. Kien irid ukoll ilaqqam it-tfal, johroġ ċertifikati tal-mewt, jieħu parti fl-awtopsji tal-pulizija. Fi ftit kliem kien il-*factotum*, il-qaddej tal-poplu għall-bżonnijiet kollha ta' saħħtu. F'kampijiet oħra bħal dik tal-kura tat-tfal u tax-xjuħ naraw l-istess żviluppi ta' servizzi organizzati mill-Gvern. Kull fejn induru madwarna hemm xhieda ta' kemm indaħal il-Gvem ta' dak iż-żmien biex jiżviluppa u jistagħna s-servizz mediku għall-poplu kollu.

Il-piż finanzjarju li din il-pulitka ġabet magħha minn dejjem kien ta' taħbil il-moħħ għall-Amministrazzjoni. Fl-1852 tant kien hemm morda ġo Frankuni li kellhom iraqquhom taht it-taraġ u ġol-kmamar tal-banju. Minkejja l-parir tat-tabib Chetcuti, il-Gvern ma kienx f'pożizzjoni li jidhol għall-ispejjeż tat-tkabbir ta' l-isptar. U indifferenti jew ostili l-aħħar tliet mitt sena naraw lit-tobba Maltin mhux talli qatt ma kienu ndifferenti jew ostili għas-servizzi pubbliċi tas-saħħa imma kienu minn tal-ewwel li ispiraw u heġġu lill-gvemijiet ta' dawk iż-żmenijiet biex iwaqqfu u jtejbu dawn is-servizzi. Taw sehemhom ukoll fl-Aħħar

Gwerra Dinjija meta bl-akbar lealtà lejn pajjiżhom u lejn il-professjoni tagħhom hadmu flimkien ma' shabhom l-infemiera u l-paramediċi bla waqfien, fis-servizz mediku ta' l-Emergenza li twaqqfet apposta biex jikkuraw il-morda u l-eluf ta' korruti mill-attakki ta' l-ajru li garrabna.

Dawn kienu żmenijiet ta' qlubija u sagnifiċċju li jibqgħu stampati f'moħħi. F'dawn is-snin jien kont student tal-mediċina u l-eżempju ta' servizz u dixxiplina li l-Professuri għalliema tiegħi taw ma ninsieh qatt.

Il-gwerra spiċċat u magħha spiċċa mod ta' hajja differenti għal kollox milli nafu llum. Iżżamaw l-imperi kolonjali, id-demokrazija u magħha s-soċjaliżmu nfixxu ma-dinja.

Ftit wara l-gwerra saru elezzjonijiet fir-Renju Unit u l-partit Laburista Ingliż kiseb il-maġġoranza fil-Parlament. Il-Gvern Laburista li seħħ kellu f'moħħu l-introduzzjoni ta' bosta liġijiet ta' importanza soċjali kbira.

Kien f'dawn iż-żmenijiet li gie ppublikat fl-Ingilterra dokument ta' importanza soċjali u politika kbira. Dan ir-rapport thejja minn Sir William Beveridge u kien jismu 'Report on Social Insurance and Allied Services'. Gie l-ewwel sottomess lill-Gvern Ingliż fl-1942 fl-eqqel tal-gwerra. Il-Gvern Nazzjonali Ingliż magħmul mit-tliet partiti laqa' dan ir-rapport imma ma setax iwettaq il-proposti tiegħu minħabba fil-gwerra. Il-'Beveridge Report' ippropona programm prattiku u komprensiv ta' liġijiet li jipprovdu sigurtà soċjali, ifffinanzjata fuq sistema ta' assigurazzjoni minn kontribuzzjonijiet minn kull min jahdem. Fih kienet infassla l-għamla ta' dak li llum insibu bħala 'Welfare State'.

Fi kliem Sir William, wara Lord Beveridge 'there was to be bread and health for all at all times, before cake and circuses for anybody at anytime, so far as this order of priority could be enforced by redistribution of money'. Il-għan tal-'Beveridge Report' kien li jitneħħa l-ġuħ u l-faqar u li tiġi pprovduta kura għal kull mard, għal kulhadd, tul il-hajja kollha.

Kien hemm żewġ rapporti oħra mill-istess Lord Beveridge. Wiehed fuq il-qgħad u l-ieħor fuq l-azzjoni volontarja. Imma l-proposti l-iżjed importanti li ġew imħaddna u realiżzati f'leġislazzjoni konkreta mill-Gvern Laburista Ingliż li twaqqaf fl-1945 kienu jinsabu fl-ewwel rapport. Beveridge għamel enfasi sħiħa fuq dak li sejjah 'Health for All' bħala waħda mill-kolonni prinċipali tal-viżjoni tiegħu tal-Welfare State. U din aħna bħala tobba malajr niħmuha u naċċettawha. Is-saħħa, in-nuqqas ta' mard kemm fiżiku kif ukoll mentali, hija l-isbah don li jista' jkollu l-bniedem. Mingħajrha l-bniedem, u miegħu l-pajjiż li jagħmel parti minnu, jiddgħajjef u jinħela. Il-bniedem ma jistax jiġi mcaħħad minnha għax ma jkol-lux flus. Fl-istess hin irridu nirrealizzaw li llum permezz tal-progress tax-xjenza hu possibbli niprovdu servizzi tas-saħħa li huma effikaċi.

Dan ma kienx possibbli sa minn xi 150 sena ilu. Hu minnu li l-professjoni medika ilha teżisti minn ewl l-istorja tal-bniedem, imma ftit seta' jagħmel it-tabib hliedewwi l-ferut u jfarrag lill-marid, qabel ma beda l-progress tal-mediċina fuq bażi xjentifika.

Madanakollu l-professjoni kienet u tibqa' fi kliem il-Kardinal Newman 'the most popularly beneficial of all the professions'.

Il-lum il-mediċina fl-aspetti kollha wiesgħa tagħha, preventiva, kurativa, u pubblika hi kapaċi tikkontrolla l-kundizzjonijiet tal-hajja tagħna u tagħtina livell ta' għajxien u saħħa li ma stajniex imqar noħolmu bihom sa mitt sena ilu. Ir-riżultat ta' dan narawh kontinwament. In-numru ta' xjuħ fil-popolazzjoni jiżdied bil-bosta kull għaxar snin, epidemiji ta' mard serju infettiv bħal pesta, il-poliomeelite, id-deni riqq ma jeżistux iżjed, it-tfal tagħna itwal u b'inqas mankamenti milli kellhom missirijietna.

Dawn il-benefiċċji kbar irridu nħallsu prezz ġmielu għalihom. Xejn ma jiġi b'xejn. Jeth-tiegu organizzazzjoni, tagħmir li jiswa l-flus, sofistikat, u numru ta' nies imħarġin sewwa bħal tobba, spiżjara, infemiera u paramediċi. Dan kollu bniedem waħdu ma jistax jipprovdi. Irid jidhol l-istat għalih.

Għalhekk il-mediċina soċjaliżzata llum la hi lussu u lanqas impożizzjoni imma b'żonn fundamentali.

U lanqas ma nistgħu ngħidu li servizz tas-saħħa nazzjonali, imwaqqaf u mmexxi mill-istat, hu xi haġa li tmur kontra l-karattru liberali u hieles tal-professjoni medika. Anzi t-tabib jista' jkun f'qagħda aħjar li jikkura u jgħin lill-mard.

Meta Gvern jiddikjara u jikkommetti ruħu għal servizz ta' saħħa nazzjonali jintrabat mal-poplu li jipprovi l-mezzi u t-tagħmir u l-affarijiet l-oħra għal dan is-servizz. U hekk naraw li f'pajjiżi fejn servizz ta' din ix-xejra ġie mdaħħal, bħal fl-Isvezja u fir-Renju Unit, it-tabib ikollu iżjed x'jahdem.

Fir-Renju Unit, meta nqabblu is-servizz li hemm illum ma' dak li kien jeżisti qabel Anevrin Bevan beda n-'National Health Service', fil-5 ta' Lulju 1948 naraw differenza enomi.

Minkejja l-ilmenti, l-N.H.S. fir-Renju Unit hu servizz li jiftaħar bih il-poplu Ingliż kollu u l-partiti politiċi kollha ddikjaraw li jgħoddu dan is-servizz bħala wieħed bażiku, u li hu d-dmir tagħhom li jissalvagwardjawh u jiżviluppawh.

Issa aħna hawn Malta, billi l-iżvilupp tagħna qiegħed isir wara dak ta' haddieħor, insibu ruħna f'pożizzjoni li ni stgħu nitgħallmu mill-esperjenza ta' pajjiżi akbar minna.

L-N.H.S. ġie mdaħħal fir-Renju Unit wara taqtiegħa sħiħa ma' l-assoċjazzjoni tat-tobba Ingliżi li damet sejra sentejn. Madanakollu Bevan li kien Ministru tas-Saħħa wera hila u gherf kbir. Qatt ma naqas li jinnegozja u jiddiskuti mat-tobba. Ighid hu, li kellu 28 laqgħa man-'Negotiating Committee' tal-B.M.A. fi żmien sentejn. Kien flessibbli fuq affarijiet li ma kinux ta' importanza u sod daqs l-azzar fuq affarijiet essenzjali.

Ilum naraw li xi kwestjonijiet li dwarhom issielet bis-sħiħ il-B.M.A., huma ta' importanza minima. Ebda tabib Ingliż ma johlom li hi xi haġa tajba li biex tibda taħdem ta' General Practitioner trid tixtri xi 'practice' għal hafna flus.

Għalhekk servizz ta' saħħa nazzjonali, imfassal sewwa u mmexxi bil-għaqqal għandu jservi ta' ġid kbir għall-poplu Malti. L-ewwel u l-iżjed li jgawdu huma l-morda, ix-xjuħ, l-iżvantagġati u l-inkapaċitati. U din ta' nsara li aħna mhux talli naċċettawha imma nifirħu u niftaħru biha. It-tobba wkoll jistgħu jgawdu minnha. Ix-xogħol tagħhom ikun iżjed organizzat, jistgħu jinqdew b'tagħmir u b'għodda wisq iżjed moderni milli qatt kellhom f'idejhom, ma jkollhomx inkwiet li l-kura li jippreskrivu għall-marid se tiġi tqumlu wisq, u se jkollhom opportunitajiet iżjed ta' studju meġġjunin mill-Istat.

Imma bħalma nafu sewwa, hemm naħa oħra, wiċċ ieħor inqas sabiħ li jista' jhassar hafna l-vantaġġi u l-benefiċċji li semmejna. Il-burokrazija, l-indifferenza lejn il-marid, l-impersonalità tas-servizz, l-awtokrazija tad-dirigenti u n-nuqqas ta' haqq lejn il-haddiema f'dan is-servizz, l-indhil ta' politka partiġġjana u nuqqasijiet oħra.

Dawn ni stgħu nilqgħu għalihom billi nsahħu l-mekkaniżmi demokratiċi li jeżistu u fejn hemm bżonn inżiduhom. B'hekk in-nuqqasijiet joħroġu fil-beraħ. Il-marid għandna nsaqsuħ x'jahseb bil-kura u s-servizz li nagħtuh billi nħalluh isemma' leħnu. Ni stgħu noħolqu 'Ombudsman' għas-servizz ta' saħħa fejn min għandu xi lment serju jista' jirrikorri għandu.

Fuq kollox niftakru li servizz ta' din ix-xorta jiddipendi hafna fuq il-kwalitajiet tat-tobba li jservuh. Għalhekk ta' min wieħed jirrifletti fuq il-piż kbir li se jaqa' fuq kull wieħed minnkom li sar tabib illum. Ir-responsabbiltà li rfajtu llum se ġgħorruha sakemm tmutu.

Din ir-responsabbiltà titlob li żżommu ruħkom kompetenti, infumati u studjużi għal għomorkom. Flimkien mal-kompetenza, teħtieġu wkoll komprensjoni u integrità mal-marid u ma' shabkom it-tobba. Tridu tkunu wkoll eżempju għal haddieħor.

Imma mbagħad il-professjoni medika tista' ttikom sodisfazzjonijiet kbar. Hija vokazzjoni li ssibu fiha żvog għall-oghla u l-aqwa talenti li takom Alla. Mhix xi haġa hafifa. Ni stenna minnkom sagriċċju u mpenn. Tridu tagħtu iżjed milli tiegħu. Imma jiena fiduċjuż li kemm l-Università antika tagħna, kemm il-professjoni medika, kif ukoll pajjiżna għad igħoddkom bħala wlied denji tiegħu.