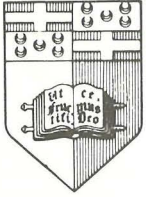


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PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA COURSES CERTIFICATES

At a Ceremony held at University House on 5th June 1985, the Rector, Professor G.P. Xuereb, presented certificates to sixteen students who had successfully completed Diploma Courses in Language Studies, in Computing Studies, in Mathematics, in Philosophy and in Science Studies.

*LANGUAGE STUDIES**Arabic*

FARRUGIA Maria Assunta

English

CAMILLERI Maria Dolores

GRECH Myra

NAVARRO Joseph A.

French

ZARB Caroline

Italian

FARRUGIA George

FARRUGIA Walter-Wolsey

Maltese

BALDACCHINO Mary Rose

CASHA Carmel

*MATHEMATICS**Computing Studies*

BORG Alfred

VASSALLO Mario

Mathematics

BOWMAN Sharelle

Philosophy

PULO Spiridione

Science Studies

BALZAN Saviour

MIFSUD Mario

PORTELLI Paul

The duration of these Diploma Courses was for a period of three semesters from February 1983 to July 1984. Another forty students are pursuing further studies leading to the award of Higher Diplomas in the respective area of study.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ARCHAEOLOGY AND FERTILITY CULT IN THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN

The International Conference on 'Archaeology and Fertility Cult in the Ancient Mediterranean' was held at the Science Lecture Theatre of the University from 2nd to 5th September, 1985. The Rector opened the Conference with a welcoming address.

The meeting was attended by fifty registered participants from sixteen different countries, and by a very receptive and numerous Maltese audience.

The main papers were given by six leading authorities in the fields of Archaeology, Ancient History and History of Religions. The most familiar name in the Maltese scene was that of Professor Colin Renfrew from Cambridge University who has in recent years given great prominence to the Maltese prehistoric temples. During his paper he claimed that they should be considered as another one of the wonders of the world. Professor Marija Gimbutas from the University of California, Los Angeles brought forth a rich documentation of prehistoric symbolism in support of her theory of the primitive worship of an all pervading goddess, fertility being only one of her aspects. Professor Emanuel Anati, Director of the Centro Camuno di Studi Preistorici, through the study of recurring patterns and paradigms proposed archetypes and universal elements in the mind of early man. The ancient historical religions were lectured on by: Professor H.O. Hvidberg-Hansen from Aarhus University (Denmark) who proposed a new interpretation of a Maltese Phoenician inscription; Professor P. Lévêque from Besançon (France) whose paper was concerned with the fertility forces in Archaic Greek religion; and Professor M. Le Glay from the Sorbonne (Paris) who dealt with fertility cults in the Roman religion.

Besides the plenary papers, twenty-four short papers were read by delegates from different nationalities. They included three papers concerned more directly with Maltese prehistory and one by Dr. H.C.R. Vella, a Ph.D. graduate from this University, now lecturing in Classics at Harare University in Zimbabwe.

During the last session many delegates expressed their satisfaction with the success of the Conference and a resolution was approved to hold periodic meetings of the same type and that these should be monitored by a Secretariat based at the University of Malta with the Rector as President and Dr. A. Bonanno as Chairman. Every third of these meetings, it was agreed, would be held in Malta. The Conference also approved a motion proposed by Professor Renfrew, recognizing the immense educational value of the Maltese archaeological heritage and urging the competent authorities to do more to safeguard that heritage for the benefit of present and future generations.

The Organizing Committee was chaired by Dr. A. Bonanno, the Conference Convenor, and consisted of the following members: Mr. Joe Ciappara, Professor C. Farrugia, Dr. T. Gouder, Mr. J. Pollacco, Mr. A.J. Schembri, Dr. G. Wettinger and Ms. Felicity Craig.

DIABETIC PREGNANCY STUDY GROUP XVI ANNUAL MEETING

The Diabetic Pregnancy Study Group of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes held its XVI Annual Meeting at the Science Lecture Theatre of the University in the period 20th to 22nd September, 1985.

The meeting, which was opened by Professor Edwin S. Grech, Chairman of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, was attended by some sixty scientists, professors and specialists.

The opening session, which was attended by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dr. Daniel Micallef and the Rector, Professor G.P. Xuereb was also briefly addressed by Professor André Van Assche of the University of Leuven and the out-going President of the European Association.

Dr. Paul Cassar, medical historian spoke on 'Notions and events on the story of Diabetes in Malta'.

THE EXTENSION STUDIES PROGRAMME

In September, Dr. Gordon Graham of the Department of Moral Philosophy, University of St. Andrews (Scotland) and Executive Director of the University's Centre for Philosophy and Public Affairs delivered the following short series of public lectures:

'The Rights of Patients and the Provision of Medical Services'

'Terrorists and Freedom Fighters'

'Constitutionalism and the Value of Democracy'.

GENERAL

Book Donation

In July, American Professor Harish Tewari, the 1984/85 Fulbright Professor attached to the University of Malta, donated about 200 books to the University Library. Most of the titles are on management and business studies and represent the most current works in the two disciplines.

The books were received on behalf of the University by Dr. Paul Xuereb, University Librarian. Also present for the event was Mr. Joel J. Levy, the Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. of the American Embassy and Director of the American Centre, Professor Edward Scicluna, Chairman of the Faculty of Management Studies, and Mr. Saviour Gauci, lecturer in the same Faculty.

Architecture Students' Projects

On Thursday, 18th July, 1985, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dr. Daniel Micallef opened an exhibition of the architectural projects submitted by the students in the B.E. & A. Course.

Projects on display included a proposed development of Vittoriosa seafront and Cottonera, including the re-use of Fort Ricasoli, the re-development of the central part of Rabat and building development in Valletta.

Attending the opening of the exhibition were the Rector, Professor G.P. Xuereb, the Chairman of the Faculty Board of Engineering and Architecture, Mr. E. Scerri, the Head of the Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering, Professor K. Kaldarar and the External Examiner, Professor L. Rondos.

Public Lecture

On Wednesday, 11th September, 1985, Professor R. Dietrich, Head of the Institute of German as Foreign Language Philology at the University of Heidelberg, delivered a public lecture at the University of Malta on 'Second Language Acquisition: The Learner's Lexicon'.

Professor Dietrich, who is considered in Germany to be an authority in Modern Linguistics and the Teaching of German as a Foreign Language, lectured to Maltese students of German at the University of Malta.

Professor Dietrich's visit was arranged by the University in collaboration with the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Malta.

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At the International Conference on Archaeology, the Rector, Professor G.P. Xuereb made the following welcoming address:

I welcome you on behalf of this Athenaeum. I have much pleasure in seeing among you a number of renowned scholars in the field of Archaeology. But I am equally pleased in welcoming younger scholars, some at the beginning of their career, others well on the way of establishing a scientific reputation. A warm welcome to you all. We sincerely hope that all the participants, both local and visiting, will profit from the exchange of ideas in a friendly atmosphere inside and outside this Conference Hall.

The University of Malta has made a late entry in the field of Archaeology. One recalls with much satisfaction that Temi Zammit, the distinguished Maltese archaeologist, was Rector of the University of Malta between 1920 and 1926, that in the years 1938-1939 John Ward Perkins then at the beginning of his brilliant career, was appointed Professor of Archaeology. Furthermore, John Evans' work on the prehistoric antiquities of these islands in the fifties, published in his widely read *Malta* (1959) and his monumental *Survey* (1972), was monitored by a Committee formed to administer a grant made available to this University by the Inter-University Council for Higher Education Overseas and chaired by the Rector, Professor J. Manchè. It is against this background that we feel particularly satisfied that this initiative, the organization of this Conference, came from our University.

The University of Malta has been striving in the past two decades to promote Mediterranean studies in all disciplines, whether historical or of immediate, contemporary significance. This Conference thus forms an integral part of this programme.

It is my earnest wish that during your informal discussions you consider the possibility of setting up an organization to promote occasional meetings on other themes of Mediterranean Archaeology and, perhaps, to strengthen the academic standing of Archaeology within this institution. I can assure you, ladies and gentlemen, that you will have my most active support in this matter. This assurance we firmly give; we do so for a number of reasons.

We accept a continuing relevance of the Humanities – we subscribe to Owen Chadwick's view that the humanities have an enduring place in our intellectual culture. Graduates need flexible intellectual skills – the humanities can provide these skills as they provide the values, inherited or formed, necessary for their fruitful application.

The mind has an innate freedom and, of this, the Athenaeum is a guardian – we are the source of nourishment and encouragement – we are to safeguard freedom of the mind so that it follows the argument wherever it leads, so that it studies pertinent questions and provide the answers that further enrich human inheritance.

I wish you success in your workings with the words the old Romans used to inaugurate important events: 'Quod bonum, faustum, felix, fortunatumque sit'.