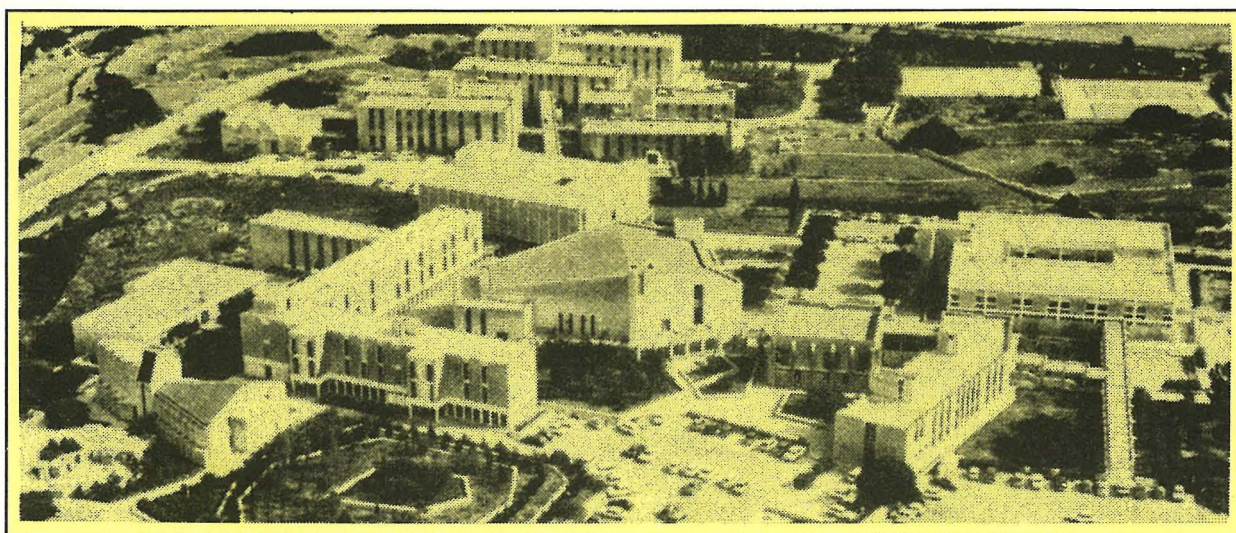




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## INAUGURATION OF NEW BUILDINGS

On Thursday, 13th February, 1992, the Prime Minister, the Hon. Dr. Eddie Fenech Adami opened the new buildings to serve as seats of the Humanities, the Department of Mathematics and Computing, the Mediterranean Institute, the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies and the Matriculation Support Unit.

The opening ceremony consisted of a music programme by the University Vocal Ensemble conducted by Mro Dion Buhagiar and speeches by the Rector, the Minister of Education and the Prime Minister.

The Rector stressed that the University was changing not only in the quantity of students it was taking on, but also in the quality of its graduates. The University is fast becoming a laboratory for the culture of the masses, with emphasis being made on research.

In his speech, the Minister of Education, Dr Ugo Mifsud Bonnici said that education was the key to development, while the Prime Minister stressed that freedom for research and organisational autonomy were two characteristics of the University as an institution.





*The Prime Minister visiting the Mediterranean Institute, a restored typical Maltese farmhouse.*



*The Rector accompanies the Prime Minister and Ministers towards the new buildings.*

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE INSTITUTE OF HEALTH CARE

On Monday, 17th February, 1992, the Hon. Professor John Rizzo Naudi, Parliamentary Secretary for the Care of the Elderly officially opened the Institute of Health Care at the premises of the former Nursing School, in the grounds of St. Luke's Hospital.

The main aim of the Institute of Health Care, which was established by the University in 1987, and initially housed at the Pharmacy Building of the University at Msida, was to develop and regulate courses in health care. The first health care course offered by the University was the B.Sc. Nursing Course. The students in the first entry complete their studies in June 1992. This degree course was later followed by courses leading to a Diploma in General Nursing, a Diploma in Midwifery and a Certificate in Nursing. More recently, courses leading to a Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing and to the degree of B.Sc. Communication Therapy were introduced.

In January 1992, all students studying for a health care qualification came under the auspices of the Institute of Health Care. These courses include Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Radiography and courses for Health Inspectors, Medical Laboratory Technologists, Pharmacy Technicians, Dental Technicians and Dental Hygienists. Other members of the multidisciplinary team include ECG Technicians and Podologists.

## THE BANK OF VALLETTA CHAIR OF INTERNATIONAL BANKING AND FINANCE

On Thursday, 9th January, 1992, the Bank of Valletta and the University of Malta signed an agreement founding the Bank of Valletta Chair for International Banking and Finance.

The Bank of Valletta shall provide an endowment for the said Chair by paying into an account set up for that purpose a yearly amount of Lm10,000.

An international call for applications to fill the Chair will be issued soon by the University. The appointee will be a distinguished expert in the field of International Banking and Finance with both academic and practical experience.

The agreement will be reviewed, and possibly the sponsorship increased, after five years. The Chairman of the Bank of Valletta, Mr Joseph N Tabone signed on the bank's behalf, while the Rector, Rev Professor Peter Serracino Inglott signed for the University.

## COUNCIL OF EUROPE APPOINTMENT

The Pro-Rector, Professor Roger Ellul-Micallef, MD (Malta), PhD(Edin), FRCP (Edin), FCCP, was elected President of the CC-PU, the Council of Europe's Standing Conference on University problems at its annual meeting held in Strasbourg between 31st March and 2nd April. The CC-PU is the Cultural Convention's principal working instrument designed to bring together senior university academics and higher education administrators from thirty-one European countries. Under the Council for Cultural Cooperation, it is responsible for the Council of Europe's activities on higher education. This is the first time that a Maltese academic has been elected to preside over a Council of Europe Committee.

Professor Ellul-Micallef first represented the University of Malta at the CC-PU meeting in Strasbourg in 1988 and was that year elected to its Working Group. In the following year in Madrid, he was one of the main speakers during the Main Theme debate on the role of Universities in International Cooperation. Professor Ellul-Micallef was elected to the CC-PU Bureau in 1989 and was chosen as its Vice-President in 1990 and again in 1991. In September of last year he was the general rapporteur during high-level consultations between delegations from universities from Central and Eastern Europe and representatives from the Council of Europe's education committees. Last February, Professor Ellul-Micallef chaired two of the four sessions held at the University of Warsaw, on a Council of Europe sponsored conference on Universities and Democratisation.

Professor Ellul-Micallef heads the Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics at the University Medical School. His chosen field of research is bronchial asthma and he has published various papers in international medical journals as well as a number of chapters on the subject in postgraduate books published in the UK and the USA.

## COURSE FOR HEADS AND ASSISTANT HEADS OF SCHOOLS, STATE SCHOOLS

In January, the Faculty of Education at the University and the Department of Education organized a course for Heads and Assistant Heads of Schools.

During the first five days, Mr Kenneth Lambert, Director of the Regional Staff College at Dudley, UK, was the main speaker. This was followed by lectures by local experts in various fields coming not only from the Faculty of Education but also from other faculties within the University and from the Department of Education.

The structure of the course was intended to provide a balance of theory and practice with the introduction of case studies related to the local context. Aspects of the educational environment such as the aims of education, national minimum curriculum, streaming and educational assessment were amongst the topics discussed.

This course was another indication of the University's desire to link up with what is going on in the community and to make the best possible use of the expertise that is available within its organisation.

## COURSE LEADING TO A CERTIFICATE IN SPORTS EDUCATION

On Monday, 17th February, 1992, the Rector, Professor Peter Serracino Inglott opened a course leading to a Certificate in Sports Education. The course extends over a period of thirty weeks over two semesters and consists of fifteen study-units. The main areas of study include Management and Organisation of Sports; Theoretical Aspects of Sports, Technical Aspects of Sports and Sports Medicine.

The eighty-four students involved come from many different sectors and include teachers, bank employees and members of the police corps. Some of the candidates are actively involved in sports administration, while others are simply interested in the subject and wish to increase their knowledge.

When the Malta Olympic Committee approached the University last year with the idea of upgrading sports education in Malta through the structuring of a University course, the idea was very well received. A course was then developed, through the Faculty of Education, to satisfy the needs of those interested in sports, who wish to widen their knowledge of its many aspects.

When qualified, these students will be in a position to improve the quality of the work involved in the development of sports in Malta and the running of the many sporting associations. The creation of this course forms part of the University's policy of emphasising the educational and social significance of sports.

The Dean of the Faculty of Education, Professor Charles Farrugia, members of the same Faculty, the President of the Malta Olympic Committee, Magistrate Gino Camilleri and the General Secretary of this Committee, Mr Bertie Muscat were also present at the Opening Ceremony.

## REVIEW OF RECENT ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE WORKERS' PARTICIPATION DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (WPDC)

### *Survey of Female Factory Workers (Summer 1991)*

A survey conducted among female employees in Industrial Estates, which the WPDC carried out for the Commission for the Advancement of Women, Ministry for Social Policy. The survey was inspired by the need to determine the extent and character of the demand for day care centres for the children of Maltese working mothers.

### *Seminar on Labour in the Tourist Industry (November 1991)*

The fourth tripartite residential weekend seminar organised by the WPDC in collaboration with the Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung dealt with the conditions of work and industrial relations in the Tourist Industry. Michael J. Boella, consultant, author and lecturer at Brighton Polytechnic, served as guest speaker.

### *Diploma Residential Weekend Seminar (December 1991)*

Held at the Chequers' Inn, Qawra, to conclude credit units in Industrial Sociology and Labour & Trade Union History. The thirty registered participants carried out individual and group presentations relating to the courses' subject matter. This seminar was organised in collaboration with the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation.

### *Skills and Manpower Survey for Maltese Industry (December 1991)*

Assisting the Employment & Training Corporation in the formulation of a questionnaire to be administered to a sample of 1000 companies currently operating in Malta. The survey seeks to probe the personnel and skill shortages and mismatches experienced by local employers.



*Study Visit to Rome (January 1992)*

A study visit to Rome, co-sponsored by a UNESCO travel grant, hosted by the *Unione Italiana del Lavoro* (UIL) in collaboration with CGIL and CISL, the three main Italian confederations of labour. A team of 18 Maltese trade unionists drawn from the General Workers Union (GWU) and the Confederation of Malta Trade Unions (CMTU) took part in a 5-day visit exploring issues relating to health and safety at work.

*Public Lecture on Current Trends in Co-Determination (January 1992)*

The organisation, in collaboration with the Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung, of a public lecture on the theme: "Co-Determination in Germany: Current Trends and Future Prospects" by Dr Detler Perner of the Research Institute of the German Confederation of Labour (DGB)

*Effective Cooperative Management (January-April 1992)*

A customised evening course offered to current and would-be cooperative workers and members in collaboration with Malta University Services Ltd. The course, which is being financed by the Central Cooperative Fund, has 36 regular participants.

### COURSE OF LECTURES ON THE ICONS

During February, Rev Professor Edward Farrugia, S.J. gave a series of lectures on the "Theology of the Icon" and "The Meaning of the Icon", under the auspices of the Faculty of Theology.

Professor Farrugia, who was born in Malta in 1947, obtained his Ph.D. in Philosophy from St Louis University, USA. He studied theology in Innsbruck, Austria, where Karl Rahner was his teacher, continuing his doctoral studies under Professor (now Bishop) Walter Kasper at Tübingen University in Germany.

Since 1981, Professor Farrugia has been teaching at the Pontifical Institute of Oriental Studies in Rome. Among his most important works are 'Did Bergson's Moral Thinking Undergo Radical Development?' and, with Gerald O'Collins, 'A Concise Dictionary of Theology'.

### ACTIVITIES IN HONOUR OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

On Wednesday, 12th February, 1992, the Faculty of Theology and the Theology Students' Association organised an Academic Evening in honour of Sir Thomas Aquinas, at the Aula Magna of the Foundation for International Studies, Valletta. Rev. Professor Gerald O'Collins S.J., Professor of Fundamental Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, delivered a lecture on "Catholic Theology for the Nineties". The University Vocal Ensemble under the direction of Mro Dion Buhagiar also participated at this Academic Evening.

On Friday, 14th February, Professor O'Collins delivered two lectures entitled "Interpreting Jesus" and "God's Self Revelation: Some New Insights".

## GENERAL

**Participation in the Commonwealth Arts Festival**

In March, Professor Mro. Charles Camilleri, who is on the executive board of the Commonwealth Music Association, visited London to represent Malta and the Maltese participants in this year's International Symposium and Commonwealth Arts Festival.

The theme of this year's festival was "The New Intercultural Music". Professor Mro. Camilleri read a paper on "Improvisation and Ethnic Contemporary Music", while Mro. Dion Buhagiar, Lecturer in the Department of Music, gave a talk on some aspects of Maltese Music.

During the Symposium, Professor Mro. Camilleri was elected President of the Commonwealth Music Association for the next two years.

The two Maltese artists taking part in this year's festival were Ms Laura Falzon, flautist, and Mr Simon Schembri, guitarist.

**Cardiology 1992 Update**

In March, the Postgraduate Medical Committee of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery and the Department of Medicine held a "Cardiology 1992 Update" at the Temi Zammit Hall.

Besides members of the Department of Medicine, contributors included Professor D. DeBono (University of Leicester); Professor J. Muscat Baron (Dubai), Dr D. Brennand-Roper (Guy's, London); Dr J. DeGiovanni (Birmingham), Dr A. Fenech (Brook Hospital, London); and Dr R. Foale (St. Mary's Hospital, London).

The meeting was opened by Professor F.F.Fenech, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and

Surgery, and closed by the Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Professor J. Rizzo Naudi.

**Lectures by Dr J. Haldane**

On Friday, 20th March, 1992, Dr John Haldane from the Department of Moral Philosophy, University of St Andrews, Scotland gave a talk to the Philosophy Society on "MacIntyre's Thomist Revival: What next?" at the Mediterranean Institute.

On Monday, 30th March, 1992, Dr Haldane gave a lecture on "Liberalism and Catholicism" at the Aula Magna of the Old University, Valletta.

**Philosophy Forum**

On Friday, 24th January, 1992, Dr Nimal-Pan Parawahera spoke on "Linguistic Tradition in Eastern Philosophy" in a forum organized by the Philosophy Society at the Senior Common Room. The reply was delivered by Mr Michael Zammit.

On Friday, 6th March, 1992, the Philosophy Society held a forum on "The Political Failure of Rorty's Post-Philosophical Society", where interesting questions of political compatibility arising from the book by the philosopher Richard Rorty entitled "Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature" were considered.

The speaker was Professor Kenneth Wain, from the Faculty of Education while Professor Joe Friggieri, from the Department of Philosophy delivered the reply.

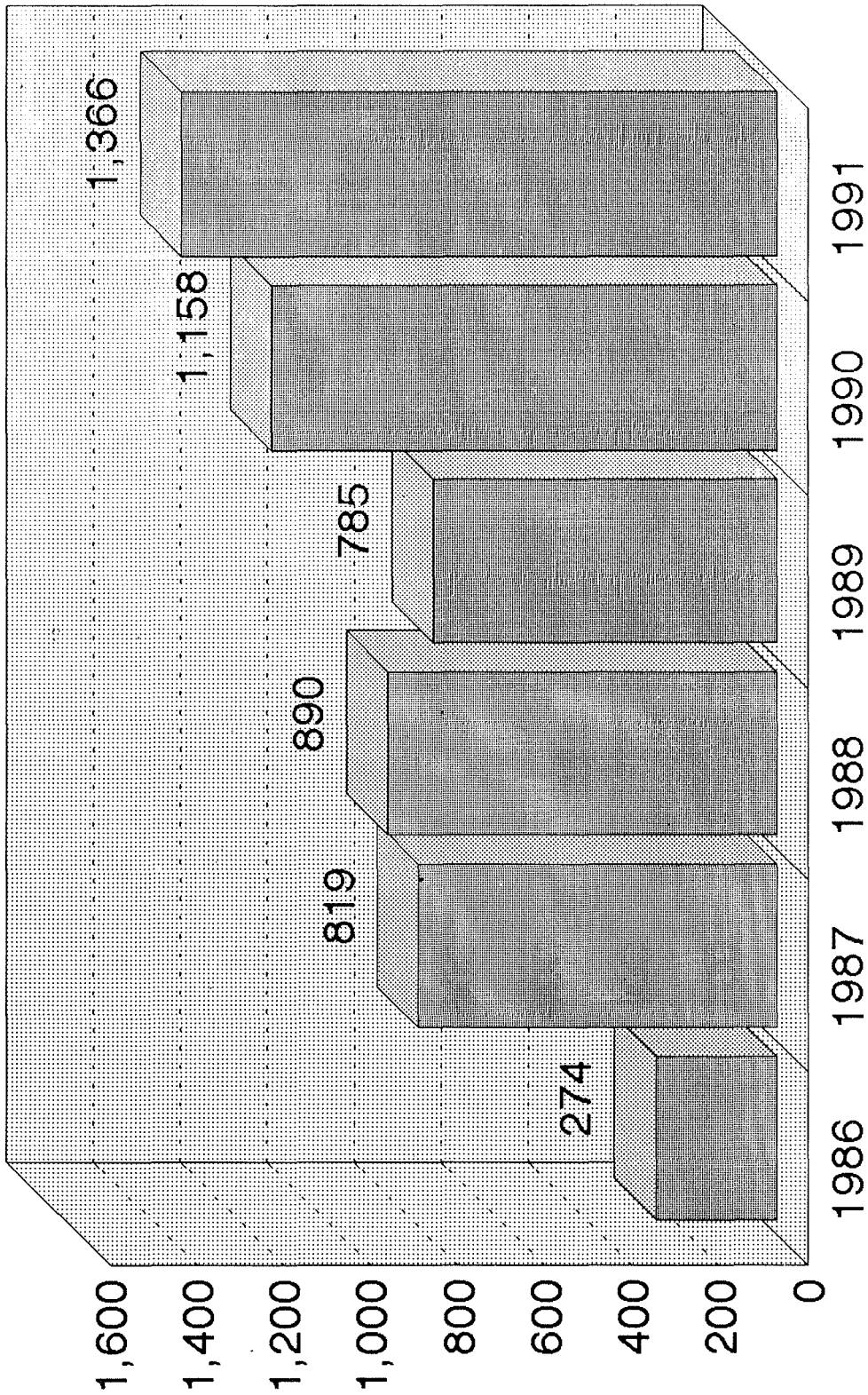
**Obituary**

Professor Sir Robert Bradlaw (1905-1992) passed away on 12th February 1992. He was an honorary graduand of this University, being awarded a D.Sc. in October 1965 as he was a great benefactor to the Faculty of Dental Surgery.

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## ID-DISKORS TAL-PRIM MINISTRU DR. EDDIE FENECH ADAMI FL-OKKAŻJONI TAL-FTUH TAL-BINI L-ĠDID FL-UNIVERSITÀ

Minn hawn u ftit iehor sejr in naghmlu att li jimmarka ufficjalment il-bidu ta' fazi ġdida fl-iżvilupp ta' l-Università tagħna, u għalhekk tal-kultura ta' pajjiżna. Sejr in nibdew paġna ġdida fi ktieb li beda jinkiteb sewwa sew erba' mitt sena ilu. Ft it wara l-Assedju l-Kbir, il-Kavallieri qatgħuha li jibnu Belt ġdida fl-imkejjen li kienu jsejhu x-Xaghriet Mewwija, u li llum insejthulhom "Valletta".

Ma setax jonqos li fil-Belt l-Ġdida jahsbu għal centru dedikat għall-istudji. Hasbu għall-Kulleġġ li kellu bi skop ewlieni l-edukazzjoni taż-żgħażaġh li b'mod jew iehor kienu jingħaqdu ma' l-Ordni tagħhom, imma kellu jkun ukoll miftuħ għall-Maltin, prinċipalment għas-saċerdoti futuri.

Fdawn f'idejn is-soċjetà reliġjuża li, dak iż-żmien, kienet għadha fil-bidu tagħha, il-Ġizwiti. Ilkoll nafu li l-bini li beda tiela' fl-1592 baqa' jservi, minkejja tibdil, tiġrif u rikostruzzjoni ta' partijiet minnu, bħala parrn fis-sistema kulturali ta' pajjiżna sa llum.

Imma m'hemm ebda siġra hajja li ma jasilhiex il-waqt meta tagħmel il-frott; u miz-zokk li jkun kiber twaddab iż-żerriegħa 'l hinn minnha biex hajjitha tissokta tikber band'ohra. Hekk gara lill-Università tagħna.

L-Indipendenza ta' pajjiżna kienet l-okkażjoni li fiha l-ambjent ewlieni ta' l-Università beda jittrasferixxi ruħu minn dak storiku u sugġestiv tal-belt Valletta għal fejn minsabu llum - ambjent aktar miftuħ u wiesa', bil-veduta tal-Belt dejjem quddiemu fuq naha, dik tas-sbuhija naturali ta' Wied Għolliqqa, fuq ohra, arterja tat-traffiku u zona industrijali aktar 'il hemm fuq għnub ohra.

Nistgħu nġhidu li din il-faży ta' l-iżvilupp ta' l-Università kienet taqbel mal-faży tat-twelid u tat-fulija ta' Malta bħala stat sovrān, tal-kisba ta' l-Indipendenza tal-poplu Malti.

Bħal kull haġa hajja, l-Università ġarrbet burraxki. Ġarrbet theddid li seta' jisfiguraha. Ġarrbet feriti li għadha ma helsitx għal kollox mis-sinjali koroh tagħhom. Il-libertà tar-riċerka u l-awtonomija organizzattiva huma ż-żewġ karatteristiċi ta' l-Università bħala istituzzjoni. U meta pajjiż kollu jgħaddi minn kriżi tas-sistema demokratika żaġhżuġha tiegħu, kif seta' jonqos li l-Università ma ssibx l-ixkiel fl-iżvilupp tagħha?

Fl-1988 l-Università kellha tiġi rifondata. Kellha mill-ġdid issib lil ruħha. Lil eġhruqha. Din qatt m'hi operazzjoni ta' sempliċi restawr. Mhix sempliċi ritorn għall-imghoddi. Għax l-Università, filwaqt li jehtigilha żżomm sod mal-qofol tat-tradizzjoni, daqstant iehor jehtigilha żżomm widnejha miftuħa għall-ilhna ta' l-istorja, ta' dinja li dejjem tinbidel. Jehtieg li tilqa' d-dawl mhux biss mill-imghoddi, iżda fuq kollox mill-uċuħ friski taż-żgħażaġh li mill-ġdid bdew jiffullaw fi hdanha.

Jekk il-miġja ta' l-Università f'dan l-ambjent fis-snin tal-kisba ta' l-Indipendenza kien fisser il-bidu ta' faży ġdida fil-hajja ta' l-Università, li hekk setgħet tiehu bixra li tixraq lill-oghla istituzzjoni ta' l-istudji ta' stat sovrān, illum il-bini l-ġdid li ser ninawguraw huwa s-sinjal ta' żewġ bidliet ohra kbar li jimmarkaw il-bidu ta' faży ġdida fl-istorja ta' pajjiżna.

L-ewwelnett, din hija s-sieġha ta' l-Ewropa. F'dawn l-aħħar snin konna aħna x-xhieda tal-ħruġ ta' l-Ewropa mill-firda li qasmita bi gwerer imdemma jew bierda. L-Ewropa għaddejja mill-uġiħ tal-hlas ta' twelid ġdid. U f'dan il-proċess l-Universitajiet għandhom sehem importanti.

L-Universitajiet iridu jgħorru parti kbira mill-piż tat-tiswir mill-ġdid tal-wirt tal-valuri li mingħajrhom ma tistax twarrad tabilhaqq l-Ewropa magħquda, l-Ewropa li trid mhux taħkem lill-ohrajn, iżda taħdem għall-iżvilupp ta' dinja ġdida.

It-tieni bidla hija dik li fl-Università tagħna ma jidhlux biss dawk il-ftit żgħażaġh iffortunati li kienu jidhlu meta kont student jiena. Fil-faży ġdida ta' hajjitha l-Università qed tiftaħ il-bibien mhux biss għall-kotra kbira mill-generazzjoni li tielgħa, imma wkoll għal numru dejjem jizdied ta' dawk li sa ftit ilu f'żgħozithom kienu mcaħhda minn din il-possibbiltà.

Illum, biex il-pajjiż jimxi 'l quddiem bil-pass imghaġġel li titlob is-siegha ta' l-Ewropa, jehtieg li jsir aġġornament kontinwu tat-tagħlim. Hadd ma jista' jibqa' jistrieħ għal għomru fuq dak li tghalliem fi tfulitu. L-Università, barra minn holqa bejn in-nazzjonijiet, għandha dejjem aktar il-missjoni li tkun holqa ta' solidarjetà bejn il-generazzjonijiet.

L-ewwel wiehed mill-bini l-ġdid li se ninawguraw illum huwa dedikat għall-istudju umanistiċi. Huwa sinjal tat-tiġdid tat-tradizzjoni. Nibqgħu nqiegħdu l-Bniedem fiċ-ċentru ta' l-attenzjoni. Illum nistudjawh fl-eżerċizzju ta' hidmiet li qabel ma konniex nagħtuhom l-istess importanza – per eżempju, bħala manager ta' impriżi – u mhux biss fl-eżerċizzju tal-professjonijiet tradizzjonali. Imma dejjem il-hsieb hu l-iżvilupp tal-bniedem shiħ.

Dan il-bini se jissemma għall-aqwa filosofu li pproduċiet l-Università ta' Malta – Dun Mikiel Xerri, li wara li għadda snin twal jistharreg u jgħarbel l-ideat li hargu mir-Rivoluzzjoni Franċiża fi żmien, temm haġtu bħala martri għall-valuri li kien jemmen fihom.

It-tieni bini huwa dedikat l-ewwelnett għax-xjenza ġdida tal-kompjuteristika. Din hija l-ghodda li, permezz tagħha, żmienna jista' tassew jisthoqqlu l-isem ta' era tal-komunikazzjoni, għax aktar milli magni għal kalkoli, huma strumenti li jippermettu nisġiet ġodda, relazzjonijiet ġodda, rabtiet ġodda bejn il-bnedmin.

Dan il-bini se jissemma għall-aqwa fost l-istudjużi tal-matematika li hareg mill-Kulleġġ tal-Ġiżwiti, il-predeċessur ta' l-Università ta' Malta, Ġuzeppi Zahra. Dan ukoll safa' tturufnat minn pajjiżu u ismu għamlu bir-riċerka u t-tagħlim l-ewwel ir-Russja, imbagħad Sqallija, minhabba sehmu fir-rewwixta ta' Mannarino għall-ġustizzja soċjali mal-foqra.

It-tielet bini mhuwiex ġdid għal kollox, imma huwa l-konverżjoni ta' razzett żgħir mid-diversi li kienu jinsabu fuq l-artijiet ta' l-Università. Dan se jservi bħala s-sede ta' l-Istitut Mediterranju, iddedikat għall-istharriġ tar-relazzjonijiet bejn il-kulturi li n-nieqa tagħhom hija magħmula mix-xtut tal-baħar li ismu jfisser "f'nofs id-dinja". Barra minn hidmiet fl-oqsma tal-mużika u tat-teatru, ta' l-antropologija u tal-ġeografija, dan l-Istitut irid jipromwovi l-għarfien ta' l-aħjar mezzi għad-djalogu u għall-koperazzjoni internazzjonali fir-reġjun tagħna.

Ir-raba' bini se jospita fih provviżorjament żewġ attivitajiet. L-ewwel hija l-Akkademja Mediterranja għad-Diplomazija, fejn qegħdin jitharrġu għadd ta' diplomatiċi mill-pajjiżi tal-Mediterran, fosthom Malta, bi programm ta' studji mhux nieqsa mill-originalità. Innovazzjoni li fih hija, per eżempju, il-kattedra, ifffinanzjata mill-Programm għall-Ambjent tal-Ġnus Magħquda, tad-Diplomazija ta' l-Ambjent, *Environmental Diplomacy*.

L-attività l-oħra hija dik tat-thejjija għas-sistema ġdida tal-Matrikola. B'din is-sistema, barra milli l-eżamijiet ikunu tagħna, se niżguraw li jkun hemm ċertifikati li jkunu prova ta' dak li tassew inkiseb matul l-iskola sekondarja minn kull student. Se niżguraw ukoll li l-edukazzjoni li thejji mill-viċin għall-Università tkun ta' sura u ta' siwi bħal m'hi fil-Komunità ta' l-Ewropa.

Il-bini huwa importanti fih innifsu. Għaliex l-ambjent fejn tistudja jikkondizzjona l-frott li tiehu mill-istudju. Izda l-bini jitla' sewwasew biex iservi għall-iskopijiet ta' l-attivitajiet li jsiru fih. Għalhekk jiena ridt insemmi, għallinqas fuq fuq, dawn l-iskopijiet. Il-bini l-ġdid li se niftaħ il-bibien tiegħu għandu jgħin fit-triq tat-twettiq taż-żewġ miri li semmejt fil-bidu.

Fihom għadhom jidwu l-ilhna mhux biss tal-mijiet u ta' l-eluf ta' studenti Maltin, imma wkoll jilma l-wirt tal-kultura ta' l-Ewropa, fis-servizz ta' l-umanità. Permezz tagħhom, għandhom jiżdiedu r-relazzjonijiet ġa eżistenti ma' l-Universitajiet barranin, ma' Bolonja u Pariġi, ma' Oxford u Krakovja, ma' Praga u ma' Louvain, kif ukoll jintisġu oħrajn ġodda.

Il-bini l-ġdid ha jkun is-sinjal li l-Università ta' Malta qed tiehu sura li tixraq lill-Alma Mater Studiorum, l-Omm hanina ta' l-Istudji, lejlet iż-żerniq tas-seklu wiehed u ghoxrin, fil-bidu taż-żmien meta l-istudju universitarju qed isir ix-xorti ta' kull min f'pajjiżna jixtiequ u lest biex jagħmel hiltu biex il-mohħ u l-qalb tal-Maltin ma jagħmlux għajb lill-Ewropa u jservu għat-tishih tas-solidarjetà fost il-bnedmin kollha.