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## *The Annual Department Of Pharmacy Symposium*

The 2014 Annual Pharmacy Department Symposium was held between the 3rd and 8th March at the University of Malta Valletta campus. During this week thirty three Master of Pharmacy students, five Master of Science in Pharmacy students and three B.Sc. (Honors) in Pharmaceutical Technology students presented their work through an oral communication. Forty one fourth year Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honors) students presented their work through a poster presentation. This years' symposium was dedicated to Professor Bart Rombaut, former President of the European Association of Faculties of Pharmacy (EAfp), and Head of School of Pharmacy at Vrije Universiteit in Brussels (VUB) who passed away on the 22nd January 2014.

The Pharmacy Department Symposium opening speech was delivered by Professor Lilian M. Azzopardi, Head of the Pharmacy Department. During her opening speech she congratulated Danika Agius Decelis, a 2013 Master of Pharmacy graduate, who was awarded the EPSA Student Science Award for her research project entitled: 'Pharmacist Intervention in Pain Management in Heart Surgery'. Professor Lilian M. Azzopardi remarked that this highlights the high level of research achieved in the postgraduate studies carried out

by students at the Pharmacy department and this is achieved through the collaboration between the staff and students at the Pharmacy Department. Another milestone achieved by the Pharmacy department this year was the launch of the first professional Doctorate in Pharmacy, the PharmD course, a level 8 postgraduate course developed in collaboration with the College of Pharmacy at the University of Illinois in Chicago. During this years' Pharmacy Symposium, the first group of Bachelor of Science (Honors) in Pharmaceutical Technology students presented their dissertation work. In the supplement one can find interviews conducted with three students following the BSc. Pharm. Tech (Hons.) Course and an interview conducted with Danika Agius Decelis.

Amongst the distinguished guests present during the opening ceremony were Hon. Dr. Evarest Bartolo, Minister of Education and Employment, Dr. Godfrey Farrugia, Minister of Health at the time, Hon. Claudio Grech, shadow Minister for Health and Dr. Joe Cassar, shadow Minister of Education and Employment.

Hon. Dr. Evarest Bartolo stated the Ministry of Education and Employment intention to help and support the Department of Pharmacy in their



Professor Lilian M. Azzopardi, opening the Pharmacy Symposium



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