

Biographical Data

MR MICHAEL C BONELLO

A graduate of the universities of Malta and Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar, Michael C Bonello served as Governor of the Central Bank of Malta from October 1999 to June 2011. During his tenure, Mr Bonello was a member of the Governing and General Councils of the European Central Bank (ECB) and of the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) as well as of the Board of Governors of the Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA). Previous to his appointment as Governor, Mr Bonello was a senior official of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva. He has also served as President of the Malta Branch of the Chartered Institute of Bankers and on the Councils of the Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Industry. Mr. Bonello is a Fellow of the Institute of Financial Services, a *Grande Ufficiale nell'Ordine Al Merito della Repubblica Italiana* and an *Officier de la Légion d'Honneur*.

PROF J J CREMONA, *Chief Justice Emeritus*

A graduate of the universities of Malta, Rome and London, Professor J. J. Cremona has had a distinguished national and international career mainly

in the field of jurisprudence and constitutional history; he is also a poet and served as Vice-President of the International Poetry Society. From 1957 he was Attorney-General; after 1965 Judge Cremona became Chief Justice as well as a judge of the European Court of Human Rights. A Companion of the National Order of Merit, Knight of Malta and onetime PBS chairman, among other positions held, he is still active in the humanitarian field. In consultation with the Prime Minister during 1963-1964, he drafted Malta's Independence Constitution. His books include *The Maltese Constitution and Constitutional History since 1813* (2nd ed., Peg, 1997).

PROF HENRY J FRENDO

Henry J Frendo (b. 1948) is the senior working historian at the University of Malta having been a full-rank professor of modern history since 1992. A doctoral graduate of Oxford and an elected Life Member of Clare Hall, Cambridge, he has been a Fellow or Visiting Professor in Austria, Germany, Italy, Britain and the U.S.A. At La Trobe University, Australia, he taught European Politics, Commonwealth Affairs and Ethnic Studies for three academic years. In the 1970s and 1980s he served with and represented UNHCR in Europe, Africa and Asia. The author of many books, chapters and peer-reviewed international journal articles, he is published - mainly but not only about Malta in the 19th and 20th century - in several countries and in different languages. Some of his more recent works have included *The Origins of Maltese Statehood: A Case Study of Decolonization in the Mediterranean* (Peg, 1999, 2nd ed. 2000); *Storja ta' Malta - Żmien l-Ingliżi: Is-Seklu Dsatax* (KKM, 2004); *Patrijott Liberali Malti: Biografija ta' Gorg Borg Olivier 1911-1980* (Pin, 2005); *Colonialismo e nazionalismo nel Mediterraneo: la lotta partitica a Malta durante l'occupazione inglese; tra assimilazione e resistenza* (Universita' di Studi di Urbino, 2009); *The European Mind: Narrative and Identity* (Ed., Malta University Press, 2010, 2 Vols); and *Malta in Europe and Empire: Culture, Politics and Identity 1912-1946* (Midsea, 2012).

A pioneer of local government in Malta and in the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities during the 1990s, Professor Frendo has chaired Malta's Refugee Appeals Board and served as Vice-President of the Council of Europe's committee of experts on local government since their inception in 2001. He is Director of the Institute of Maltese Studies, chairman of the University of Malta's Editorial Board, and a governor of the Asia-Europe Foundation. In 2010 Professor Frendo was invested as an Officer of Malta's Order of Merit.

DR ALBERT GANADO

A founder member and past President of the Malta Historical Society, as well as chairman of the National Archives Advisory Committee (1990-2002), Dr Albert Ganado, a lawyer, is a leading collector of Melitensia, well known for his expertise in cartography and art. A onetime politician, he has been since 1955 a contributor to the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* on Maltese affairs and since 1957 to the *Britannica Book of the Year*. The author of numerous journal articles ranging from the 16th to the 20th century, his books include (with Chev. J.C.Sammut) *Malta in French and British Caricature 1798-1815* (1989) and *Malta in World War II: Contemporary Watercolours* (2005). Dr Ganado is a member of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (1987) and of the National Order of Merit (1998).

DR UGO MIFSUD BONNICI, *President Emeritus*

Dr Ugo Mifsud Bonnici, a lawyer, has had a distinguished political career since 1966, serving as Minister of Education between 1987 and 1994, when he was elected President of Malta, serving as Head of State until 1999. As Minister, Dr Mifsud Bonnici set up Malta's national archives and was responsible for legislation to protect the environment, as well as a new Education Act (1988). In 1996 the Sorbonne conferred on him a doctorate *honoris causa*. A well-known columnist respected for his erudition,

President Emeritus Mifsud Bonnici was editor of *Malta Letteraria* (1952-1962) and has published *An Introduction to Cultural Heritage Law* (2004). He recorded his direct experiences of Malta's transition from monarchical to republican status during the early 1970s in *Kif Sirna Repubblica* (1999).

PROF JOSEPH M PIROTTA

A graduate of the universities of Malta and Reading, Professor J.M.Pirotta is chairman of the PBS Editorial Board and a regular contributor to Campus FM. A former Head of the Department of English in state secondary schools and of International Relations at the University, as well as a past chairman of the Malta Broadcasting Authority, he is the author of *Fortress Colony: The Final Act* (Studia, 1987-2001, 3 Vols, covering so far the period 1945-1961) and of *L-Istorja Kostituzzjonali u l-Isfond Storiku 1800-2004* (Pin, 2005, 2 Vols) wherein a number of chapters especially in Vol. 1 deal with the 1921 constitution and its workings.

DR SERGIO PORTELLI

A Senior Lecturer in Translation and Interpretation Studies at the University of Malta, Dr Portelli obtained his PhD in Italian in 2001 with a thesis on the Italian-language press in Malta, which comprised a focus on Malta in the 1840s at the time of the Italian Risorgimento and a new constitutional status from 1849 onwards. In addition to various international conference papers and journal articles, he is the author of *La stampa periodica in italiano a Malta* (Malta University Press, 2010).