

## EDITORIAL

Another year is over and another edition of the ELSA Malta Law Review is upon us. Indeed, the year 2016 marks the publication of the sixth edition of the ELSA Malta Law Review, one of the two books published by ELSA Malta. Six years down the line from its inception, the journal still boasts of peer-reviewed law articles and free online accessibility, making this review a true gold mine for students and professionals alike.

The sixth edition of the ELSA Malta Law Review presents a vast array of contributions, sixteen in total, ranging from articles, essays, and a book review. The works, penned down by students, lawyers, and academics, feature a multitude of contemporary and topical issues including intellectual property rights law, the smuggling of persons by sea, revenge pornography, and the Anti-Money Laundering Fourth Directive. In conjunction with the office of MEP Dr Roberta Metsola, this year ELSA Malta organised an essay competition, offering the winner not only the possibility of a funded trip to Brussels, but also the chance to have their work published in the ELSA Malta Law Review.

At a time when the prospect of legal writing and publishing seemingly continues to plummet down amongst law students, this year the Editorial Board tried to appeal to aspiring lawyers by teaming up with the office of the Attorney General to hold another writing competition, this time offering a six-month internship at this office to the winning author. I would hereby like to extend my appreciation towards Dr Andria Buhagiar, Dr Peter Grech, and Mr Adrian Tonna from the office of the Attorney General as well as Dr Ivan Sammut for providing constant assistance, reviewing these articles, as well as for offering such a valuable opportunity to two students. This competition, along with the Partnership in Research Programme which was once again organised this year, are crucial initiatives necessitated to promote the importance of legal writing and which I hope will retain their presence in future editions of the Law Review.

The ELSA Malta Law Review maintained its quality once again this year through the assistance of the Dean of the Faculty of Laws, Professor Kevin Aquilina, to whom I am tremendously indebted. Indeed, Professor Aquilina was always keen to offer his constant support by ensuring that each contribution was compliant to the plagiarism rules in the Editorial Policy, and never failing to reply to incessant threads of emails, whilst still finding the time to provide a contribution to the Review. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude towards the Deputy Dean Professor Simone Borg, who was kind enough to present us with the foreword to this book. The participation of a large number of academics and

professionals for the peer-reviewing of this edition is testimony to the Editorial Board's efforts to uphold the high standards achieved by past editions of the ELSA Malta Law Review.

This publication would not have been possible without a dedicated and keen Editorial Board. Indeed, I have been lucky enough to have four enthusiastic and hardworking editors who bore with my tight deadlines and last-minute requests. Chantelle, Michelle, Nicole, and Luca: thank you for always being ready to lend a helping hand and for your support throughout these past nine months! My appreciation also goes out to the ELSA Malta Executive Board 2016/2017 and incumbent President, Bernice Saliba. I would also like to thank James Debono, former Vice President for Academic Activities for ELSA Malta, for encouraging me to commence this journey two years ago when I joined the Editorial Board, as well as for his continuous advice and inspiration.

The opportunities bestowed by the ELSA Malta Law Review to those who seek to get published in the legal sphere should be commended and recognised. Even more so, praise should be attributed to the fact that through this journal, students have the invaluable possibility to publish their work alongside that of experts in different fields, with their contribution being peer-reviewed by a professional, and reaching international audiences. Hence, I profoundly encourage future Editorial Boards, along with the assistance of Executive Boards of ELSA Malta, to recognise the significance of this publication and work to ensure that it retains its standard of quality and reputation.

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