

## EDITORIAL



The complaint voiced in the **Editorial Note of Volume XV**, by the undersigned that it was proving to be increasingly hard to attract Maltese as well as foreign authors of a certain calibre to contribute to this **Law Journal** since “*all are notoriously busy with their legal profession*”, has not fallen on deaf ears! Indeed, a very quick glimpse at the **Contents** reveals that this **Edition of ID-DRITT** contains a record number of various contributions.

This **Editorship’s** goal to include at least one article written by a foreign author who is an authority in his particular field, has been realized once again.

In this Edition, one will find an article by **Professor D. Lasok**, who visited Malta in October 1990. He delivered a public talk, now being published, on “*The effect of the membership of the European Community upon the national legal systems*”. This talk was well attended by students reading law at the Faculty of Laws, University of Malta. Prof. D. Lasok, Emeritus Professor of European Law, University of Exeter is an internationally known authority in the **European Legal Studies’** field, and his publications are constantly referred to by students reading European Law.

One may also find another article by a foreign author who is currently the Director of the **Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies** at the University of Malta. Professor Dietrich Kappeler’s paper entitled, “*The Swiss experience with neutrality and its relevance for Malta*” was presented at the International Colloquium

on Neutrality and Non-Alignment in the Post-Cold Era held in Malta on November 4-8, 1991. In attendance were many authorities from various countries who discussed the concepts of 'Neutrality' and 'Non-Alignment' within the framework of the new international scenario as delineated in a **Report** being published in this **Edition**.

Trying to be innovative in presenting this law journal has proved to be the hallmark of a successful marketing exercise. Indeed, **Volume XIV** witnessed the introduction of a section in the law journal, dedicated to **who is who in the legal field**. This has been greatly appreciated since each interview enables us to get a much closer focus on a prominent figure in the Maltese legal field. This Edition carries an interview with Professor Renè Cremona LL.D. Dean of the Faculty of Laws, University of Malta as well as President of the Chambers of Advocates.

**Volume XVI** is yet again introducing a new section dealing with court cases. In this volume, one will find a summary of all the Constitutional Court Decisions of 1988 compiled by Professor Ian Refalo B.A. LL.D.. We are confident that this innovation will also prove to be successful with both law students and lawyers alike.

Last year, a group of University law students launched the **Human Rights Research Unit (Malta)** "*to promote, in complete autonomy, the protection and development of the Fundamental Human Rights...*". This group has managed to translate into English all local judgements in the field of human rights delivered since 1964. This was made possible under the guidance of Professor David J. Attard LL.D., D.Phil (Oxon.) In the near future, the Unit intends to publish all the translated judgements together with their Maltese version. The Editorial Board of this Law Journal encourages such a challenging exercise especially when one considers the lack of legal publications in Malta.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to convey my personal thanks to **Mid-Med Bank Ltd** for part-sponsoring this publication of **ID-DRITT Law Journal** once again.