HERITAGE Research Cluster
Seminar

6th November 2026
Oratory of the Onorati, Jesuits' Church, Valletta

Programme

08:00 – 08:45 Registration

08:45 – 09:00 Welcome

09:00 – 10:00 Prof. Lorenzo Appolonia, President of IGIIC (Gruppo Italiano dell'International Institute for Conservation - IIC)
Cultural Heritage in the context of environmental and intellectual shifts

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break and First Poster Session

10:30 – 10:50 Address by Prof. Ing. Simon Fabri – Pro-Rector for Research and Knowledge Transfer

10:50 – 11:10 *The Importation of Pozzolana to Malta in the Seventeenth Century: Its Journeys and Fortunes in the Documents of the National Library of Malta*
Dr Isabella Pascucci

11:10 – 11:25 *The Role of the Notarial Registers Archive and the Study of Material Culture*
Dr Joan Abela

11:25 – 11:40 *From the Ledger to the Fabric: Documentary Provenance for Maltese Heritage Materials – A case study of the Church of Santa Marija ta' Duna, Rabat (c. 1660–1772)*
Rev. Prof. Nicholas Joseph Doublet

11:40 – 11:55 *A Windmill for the Bailiff de Blacas:*
The Monopoly of Ciangatura in Eighteenth-Century Malta
Prof. Reuben Grima and Dr Isabella Pascucci

11:55 – 12:10 *Investigating Salt-Induced Deterioration in Globigerina Limestone*
Ms Rosangela Faieta

12:10 – 12:30 Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break and Second Poster Session

13:30 – 13:50 *Modelling Wind-Driven Erosion of Soft Limestone: A Quantitative Approach*
Ing. Zaineb Arous

13:50 – 14:05 *Tracing the Origins of the Cavalry Armour Collection Exhibited at the Palace Armoury in Valletta, Malta: A Materiographic Examination*
Prof. Daniel Vella

14:05 – 14:20 *A Multiscale Computational Fluid Dynamics Approach for Understanding Wind-Driven Environmental Processes at the Mnajdra Prehistoric Temples, Malta*
Prof. Ing. Daniel Micallef and Ing. Amani Mezzi

14:20 – 14:35 *Virtual Reconstruction of Archaeological Sites Post Excavation using 3D CAD Models (ViRASPEC)*
Dr Joseph Bonello

14:35 – 14:50 *Mining Institutional Repositories: A Generic AI Pipeline for Discovering Cross-Disciplinary Quantitative Data - the Globigerina Limestone Case Study*
Prof. Joel Azzopardi

14:50 - 15:10 Discussion

15:10 – 15:40 Coffee Break and Third Poster Session

15:40 – 16:40 Round Table and discussion

Theme: *Interdisciplinarity is always desirable where heritage is concerned - but how achievable is it? What are the challenges and opportunities in a heritage-rich small island like Malta?*

Chair*: Prof. JoAnn Cassar – HERITAGE Research Cluster Leader*

Participants*:*

- *Perit Mark Azzopardi - Restoration and Preservation Department, Cluster Stakeholder*
- *Dr Jonathan Borg - Superintendence of Cultural Heritage*
- *Mr Joseph Magro Conti - Ministry for Arts, Culture and National Heritage, Cluster Stakeholder*
- *Ms Zvetlana Pace Cassar – National Archives*
- *Ms Maria Elena Zammit - Heritage Malta*

16:40 – 17:00 Closing remarks