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Personal Profile

Alain is the son of Adrian and Rose Camilleri and has an elder sister called Karen. He grew up travelling all over the world since his father worked in diplomatic affairs. This helped him to be proficient in a number of languages (as did his PhD studies in Switzerland) and these skills no doubt helped him in his present career.

Alain feels that his sixth form biology teacher (Isabel Borg) and his BSc thesis supervisor (Prof Radmila Vujicic) particularly helped inspire him in science. He has been lucky enough during his career to have heard lectures by some famous scientists including Nobel laureates and these have enthused him no end as has regular scientific literature.

His favourite anecdotes include: -

"The significant problems we have cannot be solved at the same level of thinking with which we created them" (Albert Einstein)

"Political will is a renewable resource" (Al Gore)

Alain followed his studies with a post-doc job in neuroscience after which he became the first Maltese patent examiner in the European



Patent office. His language skills (English, Italian, German and French) were essential for this new job as was his continuing passion for science which he enjoyed passing on during the X lab filming.

Alain loves returning to Malta for holidays and misses Maltese food, in particular, fish.



Research Profile

Alain's present job involves assessing the development of new

therapies for treating diseases through the use of proteins, peptides, DNA, RNA. He particularly likes the fact that the protection of inventions coming out of research encourages the push of basic bench science to commercialization which translates this science into real treatments to benefit the man in the street.



Other interests

Alain is an outdoor person and enjoys a very active life – making the most of the relatively fixed hours of his employment (unlike the sometimes longer hours in lab work).

He likes tennis, running, hiking, snowboarding scuba diving, reading and travelling

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