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Personal Profile

Mark was raised and educated largely in Malta, and studied Pharmacy at the University of Malta. Following graduation in 1986, he worked at the Malta Police's forensic labs and then in 1987 proceeded to read for a PhD in Medical Science in Japan aged 25.

He enjoyed the level of research there, stayed on and married his Japanese wife, Naomi. They now live in Ibaraki, Japan with their two young sons and daughter, but are regular visitors to Malta for the festive seasons. Mark still visits to teach at the department of pharmacology and therapeutics at the University of Malta.

Mark obviously misses the Maltese sea and sun, and the local food but also appreciates many elements of Japanese culture and education, and is now well settled over there.

Below, Fort St Angelo in Malta and left,



Research Profile

Mark has studied many diverse aspects of medical biology over the years.

He spent a large part of his research career studying cancer and during this time characterized a number of important biologically active molecules and registered two patents regarding these discoveries. Since the last few years, he has been more involved in the development of medicinal products for the animal health industry. He presently heads Intervet's R&D site in Japan

Mark with his family at Marsaxlokk in Malta, August 2008.



His favourite scientist is Sir Alexander Flemming, any other scientist would have thrown the spoilt Petri dish away without a second thought.

His favourite phrase is
"Chance favours the prepared mind".

Mark's main influences in life were his close family, especially my mother and father, without whose support and stimulation he would never have achieved what he has , and his teachers who have shown me the way to achieve success. Last but definitely not least, my wife who never says no to any new proposal.

Mark would advise all students to never give up and consider every day like it was your last on this Earth. Enjoy each day to the full and don't leave things for tomorrow.



Above, Mark practicing Aikido with his son James and with colleagues at the dojo.

Other interests.

Mark enjoys many pastimes including diving and fishing, but his long time love is Aikido, a Japanese martial art he has practiced for about 22 years. He is a 3rd Dan black belt.