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# CEO'S CORNER

At the time of writing of this piece we are in the midst of the peak Summer season with our two accommodation facilities full of life and diversity. To add further colour the town of Lija is donned for its annual feast which makes the approach to the Residence even more interesting.

## Comings and Goings/New MUHC Directors

After many years (nigh on two decades I have been informed) serving as Director on MUHC's Board, **Prof. Andrew Muscat** has resigned due to other professional commitments. I have known Prof Muscat personally for many years in a professional capacity as well as my lecturer on Company Law as part of the Masters for Financial Services. We will miss his expertise, experience and especially his amiable character.

Having said that, we welcome on board two new MUHC Directors in the form of **Dr David Fabri** and **Mr Charles Micallef**. Once again I have had the opportunity in the past to make acquaintance with these two gentlemen and in the case of Dr Fabri also as my lecturer. We look forward to work hand in hand with them and the rest of the Board in the best interests of the Group.

One other new face at MUHC is **Daniel Zammit** who has joined the Malta University Language School very recently to take the place vacated by Andrew Schembri. We wish Daniel the best of luck in his new job as Marketing, Sales and Administration Coordinator. Daniel features in the Personality Section in this Newsletter.

## World Cup

So it has come and gone and in the end one of the earlier declared favourites, France, won it on merit. It has to be said though that in many other respects this year's competition was full of surprises. The early withdrawals of the reigning champions Germany and Argentina were quickly followed by those of Portugal, Spain and Brazil. In the end the semi-finals saw unlikely teams such as England and Croatia and little Sweden went beyond their wildest expectations when they marched into the quarter finals.

Being held in the midst of Summer, the Competition came at a time when the Residence is full of students coming from all parts of the world. The day of the match Japan vs Columbia it so happened that we had quite a number of Japanese and Columbians studying English with us. It was nice to see many students donning their national team's football shirts and intermingling in the hours leading up to the match.

## **Business Development**

Whilst fully focused on the hectic Summer business especially at the Residence, Hotel Kappara and the Language School our work on the relatively new business initiatives continues. In the coming weeks we will hopefully see further progress in the areas of billboards, dispensing machines of hygienic products and general preparation for the coming graduation ceremonies. We are planning another of our popular Quiz Nights for the first week of October and our massage armchairs are finally up and running at Students' House on Campus (in front of our merchandise shop).

This year is proving to be one of our most successful yet. Long may it continue.

Cheers

Joe



# MUHC BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

In view of Joe Azzopardi - the group's CEO's, birthday, a get together was organized at the University Snack Bar on Friday 18th of May. The kiosk has only recently opened at the University Football pitches and has already stamped its mark amongst University Staff and Students as well as the general public. Set in a peaceful area surrounded by football pitches, it acts as an ideal setting to wind down with friends after a hard football match as well as a great lunch spot away from the hustle and bustle on Campus.

Due to MUHC staff working in different offices and venues, this was a great opportunity to spend a couple of hours together, catching up over some drinks and nibbles.

One thing that I have admired in the team at MUHC is their generosity and continuous support of charitable causes. The staff once again rose to the occasion and collected funds for research in ALS through RIDT. In fact, during the event a donation letter was presented to Mr. Azzopardi in lieu of his birthday gift. He even added a further donation to the same cause and we are pleased to announce that a total of €175 was collected from the event. In addition to this, Hospice Donation tins were also put out on the day to collect funds for another worthy cause.

All in all it was definitely an enjoyable afternoon and a great opportunity to try out the new Snack Bar. I for one will definitely be returning for a drink or two after work...



# Malta University Consulting Ltd.

## Following Taste



In May, Ing. Mario Cachia attended the second transnational partners meeting of the Following Taste Project that was held in Marseille. This Erasmus+ project which is in the area of Gastronomy is led by the Spanish partner - CECE - and includes participants from ENAIP & UNINDUSTRIA SERVIZI E FORMAZIONE (Italy), ACADÉMIE NATIONALE DE CUISINE (France), FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE HOSTELERÍA (Spain) and Internationaler-bund (Germany).

During the meeting, each partner presented the good practices in gastronomy that were identified at local and / or European level. These skills were discussed with the objective of transferring them in initial or continuing professional training programs leading to the training of a Local Taste Guide.



A discussion was also held on the results of the on-line survey. This survey was used to establish the expected skills, knowledge, employment and education of a Local Taste Guide and was conducted with local businessmen, business entities, business associations and related professional associations in the area of gastronomy.

During the meeting a curriculum of the skills and competences required by a Taste guide was also created. This curriculum will be validated in the project's next phase through a SWOT analysis based on the outcome of the on-line survey for each participating partner.




# Upcoming Courses

<http://muhc.com.mt/category/consulting/current-courses/>



**Living in Silence:  
Addressing the Caring & Coping needs of people  
supporting individuals with Depression**

**8th November—6th December 2018  
5pm—7pm**




**Venue:** Malta University Residence,  
R. Mifsud Bonnici Street, Lija

**Course Co-ordinator:** Dr. Alexei Sammut

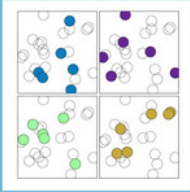
**Course fee:** €95  
*(Cheques payable to Malta University Consulting Ltd)*

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**Introductory Course on Statistics:  
Data Visualization and Analysis Using R  
(14 hours)**

**12th October—2nd November 2018  
5:30pm—7:30pm**



**Venue:** The University Residence,  
R. Mifsud Bonnici Street, Lija

**Course Tutors:** Dr Monique Borg Inguanez  
Dr Fiona Sammut  
Dr David Suda

**Registration Fee:** €175  
**University Student Fee:** €155  
*(Cheques payable to Malta University Consulting Ltd)*

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**Digital Marketing Strategy  
November 2018 (14 hours)**



**Venue:** The University Residence,  
R Mifsud Bonnici Street, Lija

**Time:** 17:30—19:30 hrs

**Tutor:** Dr Franco Curmi Ph.D (Lancs),  
M. Res. (Lancs), M.A. (Merit)

**Fee:** €155/students €130

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## A course for dementia caregiving in the community

9th – 30th January 2019



**Venue:** The University Residence,  
R Mifsud Bonnici Street, Lija  
(ample parking space available)

**Co-ordinator:** Prof. Charles Scerri

**Course fee:** €95


**Note:** Sessions will be delivered in English

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## The Art of Public Speaking

Monday 8th October – Monday 3rd December 2018  
17:30-20:00 hrs (20 hours)



**Venue:** The University Residence, R Mifsud Bonnici  
Street, Lija

**Lecturer:** Dr. Joseph G. Agius

**Course fee:** €200 (Cheques payable to Malta University Consulting Ltd)

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## Course for Residential & Day Care Workers

Introductory Module: (30 hrs €295)  
Intermediate Module: (36 hrs €345)  
Advanced Module: (60 hrs €395)

Introductory Module starts in **October 2018**



**Venue:** The Malta University Residence,  
R Mifsud Bonnici Street, Lija

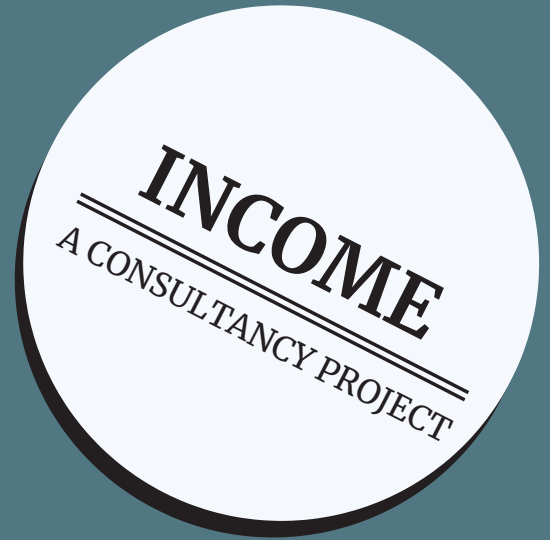
**Course Coordinator:** Ms. Frances Mallia

**Course Fees:** If the three modules are paid in advance a  
10% discount is applicable

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Booking now open!





MUC is participating in a 3-year Erasmus+ KA2 funded project named INCOME – an acronym for “Innovative Cooperation Business-HEI Learning Model for Tourism”.

This project aims at developing a new learning model to soft skills learning for the tourism industry based on an innovative cooperation learning model. INCOME will bring academia, students and industry together for soft skills training adapted to the real, evolving and demanding needs of this industry. Students, in-company tutors from the tourism industry and Higher Education Institutions (HEI) tutors – will also have the opportunity to experience the German dual model of tuition where partner companies collaborate with the HEIs to maximise the outcome of the learning process.

This project brings together thirteen Participants from seven countries namely six HEIs, two Social Partners, one Regional Public Body, two SMEs, an Editorial Activities and Planning Events Organisation and an International Organisation for Tourism and Leisure Education. These are Instituto Politécnico de Viana do Castelo (Project Leader), CEVAL – Business Confederation of the Alto Minho, CIM Alto Minho and PPLL Consult from Portugal, University of Girona and Larsa from Spain, University of Bergamo and Givi Srl from Italy, University of Split from Croatia, Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg Ravensburg from Germany, Association for Tourism and Leisure Education (ATLAS) from Netherlands and Malta Business Bureau and Malta University Consulting from Malta.



Dr Ing. Alexia Pace Kiomall and Ing. Mario Cachia, on behalf of Malta University Consulting Ltd attended the kick-off meeting in Viana do Castelo in Portugal.

On 22nd June Dr Ing. Alexia Pace Kiomall and Ing. Mario Cachia participated in the first local Thematic Discussion for this project.

This event was organised by the Malta Business Bureau and held at the Malta University Residence, Lija. The round table discussion was addressed by Mr Joe Azzopardi, MUHC CEO.



The main objective of this event was to bring together key industry stakeholders, coming from academia, private businesses, the public sector and business representatives to help elucidate the current gap between what is taught in tourism curricula at higher educational institutions in terms of soft skills and the requirements of the tourism industry. Furthermore, this discussion highlighted what is already being done, and what needs to be done to bridge this gap. Another aim of the event was to provide the opportunity for key stakeholders to come together and give their views on this project.

## FOCUS ON PERSONNEL

**Daniel Zammit**



Hi to everybody,

My name is Daniel Zammit and I am the new Marketing, Sales and Administration Coordinator at Malta University Language School. I have been working in English language schools for the past year. I've enjoyed working as an English teacher and am now ready to focus more on the marketing aspect of this industry. I'm excited to take on this new role and the responsibilities it carries.

I originally decided to start teaching English as a temporary job, however, I fell in love with it and enjoyed meeting people from different countries and cultures. This industry has also introduced me to my soon-to-be wife who is from Brazil, something I definitely was not planning when I started teaching.

I wish to thank the staff at MULS for their warm welcome as well as their patience while I gain traction within this new role. I look forward to meeting all the people within this organisation while also communicating with other people from different organisations. I look forward to the progress and experience gained during this career.