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# CEO'S CORNER



I hope everyone had a good Easter period. I certainly did, what with the constant supply of figolli and kwarezimal from my mother-in-law who is a godsend. I am now in the post-Easter stage where I am invariably dragged to the routine health checks. As you might have guessed I am not very hot on needles, blood samples and diets.

## **BRND WGN University Ring Road Races 2018**

As anticipated in the last Newsletter, the 7th Edition of this event proved to be an unqualified success. Besides a record number of participants and Relay teams, we reached the highest ever level of fundraising for Hospice Malta helped somewhat by the best crowdfunding campaign to-date. We handed over a cheque of €4,500 to Hospice Malta at the BRND WGN Offices on the 6th April. My gratitude goes to all our sponsors, volunteers, participants and, of course, our own MUHC organising team ably led this year by Hannah Pace. I would also like to commend those support departments within the University of Malta without whose help we would be lost. The Estate & Works Directorate, Precincts Office and, of course, the Rectorate particularly come to mind.

I ran the 2km race accompanied by my son, Andrew. Considering that there was practically no training for it, I believe we did reasonably well.

Bring on the next one.

## **Who's Who - Coming and Going**

The personality in this edition is Matthew Galea, a lecturer, researcher and visual artist from the Department of Digital Arts. Matthew has worked with MUHC recently as a consultant audio specialist on projects that combine arts and technology. I am sure we will be collaborating with each other on other projects in the near future.

Congratulations to Johanna (Manager Entertainment and Merchandising) and her husband Dermot for their successful adoption of their child from India. After a lengthy process of application, waiting and travelling, two year old Gigi has finally started his life as a Maltese citizen. We have met him and, believe me, he is a cute bundle of energy who makes friends easily and distributes waves and kisses to whoever looks at him.

Unfortunately, Aeden Chetcuti from the Malta University Language School has resigned his post to pursue a different occupation. We will be missing Aeden's brand of "quiet competence" as a teacher and marketer. We wish him well and hope that our paths cross again in the future. We have already been joined by Andrew Schembri who I am positive will be doing an equally good job. Welcome on board Andrew.

### **NCFHE Quality Assurance Audit**

Our Training Unit has just undergone a rigorous Quality Assurance Audit by an NCFHE (National Commission for Further and Higher Education) independent Panel. Although the audit focused particularly on the current two MUHC courses accredited by the NCFHE - the Residential and Day Care Workers and the Pharmacognosy and Herbal Products - it also has ramifications on the current set up and capabilities of the Unit as well as the underlying processes and relative documentation. We are looking forward in earnest to the Panel's report and its recommendations so that we start taking full benefit therefrom.

I would like to thank the team - Maria, Alexia and Mario - for their professional approach towards and preparation for the Audit over the past months.

### **Business Development**

If you frequent the University Campus you will have noticed the first two billboards - in front of chapel and facing the central quadrangle - in place. We will soon have the third one in use as well - in front of the ICT Building.

The University Snack Bar at the 5-a-side Pitches Complex is finally open for customers. Our license from the Malta Tourism Authority is for a Class 2 Snack Bar which will serve hot and cold snacks and drinks all day, seven days a week including Public Holidays. A big screen will be transmitting live sports events, including football matches of course, in a safe and quiet environment. Oh, and the World Cup is coming up soon!

We are in the final stages of introducing massage armchairs at Students' House on Campus. They will probably be placed in front of our merchandise shop (just up the stairs and near the entrance to the canteen). Another initiative for the future is the possibility of installing sanitary towels dispensing machines in various restrooms around Campus. Discussions with University authorities are underway. Finally, following MUHC's successful handling of the hiring of Masters' Graduation gowns last November/December we are now also preparing to eventually hire out Bachelor Degree Graduation gowns

Never a dull moment.

Cheers

Joe

# Raising funds for Hospice Malta



Each year, Malta University Sports and Leisure tries to raise more and more funds for Hospice Malta through The BRND WGN & University Ring Road Races. In fact recently they have been coming up with various initiatives tied down to the races including the 'Murphy Runs' crowdfunding campaign to help increase donations.

We are proud to announce that the unit has raised their biggest sum yet - €4500! Thank you to everyone who was a part of this.

# SUMMER 2018 BY THE POOL

## YOUR SUMMER RETREAT

Join us at the University Residence, enjoy the sun and cool water of our pool while relaxing in the tranquil ambience of Lija.

Our Snack Bar will be offering Members a special low priced menu apart from the general selection of food already available.

Membership entitles you and your family to free access to our pool facilities.



University Residence  
Robert Mifsud Bonnici Street  
Lija - LJA 1405

2018



MALTA UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE



POOL MEMBERSHIP

SUMMER 2018

## MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS

Pool opening hours: 09:00—19:00

Membership valid from the 3rd of July till 20th of September

Children under 16 will not be allowed in unless accompanied by an adult.

No running or ball playing is allowed in the pool area.

No food is allowed into the premises.

Large blow up beach items are not allowed in the pool.

No diving or jumping is allowed in the pool.

Members are advised that management reserves the right to terminate the membership of persons and/or families that do not abide by the regulations.



## PRICE LIST 2018

ADULT	€ 200.00
FAMILY (max. 2 adults + 2 children)	€ 280.00
EXTRA CHILD (under 10 years)	€ 70.00
ADULT WITH ONE CHILD	€ 230.00
FAMILY (max. 3 children)	€ 320.00

To apply for membership, complete adjacent form cut and return together with one passport size photo of each member of the family.

Memberships are limited and on a first come first served basis. Management reserves the right to refuse any application at their own discretion.

Special Summer Menu Available to all Pool Members



## APPLICATION FORM

Sign up for: No. Price

- FAMILY MEMBERSHIP  
 EXTRA CHILD  
 ADULT WITH 1 CHILD  
 1 ADULT

TOTAL € \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ I.D. Card No: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment

- Cash  
 Check  
 Visa  
 MasterCard  
 American Express

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of family members

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_



## FOCUS ON PERSONNEL

### Matthew Galea

Matthew Galea is a researcher and visual artist based at the Department of Digital Arts where he is currently completing his PhD in software and sculpture. Matthew joined the Department of Digital Arts in 2013 as an MFA student and after graduating, has continued to conduct research in interactive sound sculpture. He also lectures in the Department of Digital Art, the Department of Media and Communications where he lectures in audio production and the School of Performing Arts as an Assistant Visiting Lecturer.

Under the Department Matthew has been involved in numerous innovative projects that combine the arts with technology. Through the nature of this research, Matthew has assisted in the creation of a number of cross-departmental collaborations that expand and augment the transfer of knowledge within the University.

As a sculptor, Matthew's primary medium is sound. Which he defines as an extension of touch. Through sound, Matthew creates artistic interventions that bridge between the digital and physical worlds. Matthew has exhibited his work extensively both locally as well as overseas and has represented the University on several occasions. As a researcher, Matthew has been part of a team that investigates the notion 3D and holographic audio without the use of headphones, and a number of other projects that range from monitoring the activity buildings in terms of sound, to machine consciousness and awareness. The relationship between sound and vision, the landscape and technology, as well as a number of other exciting forthcoming projects.

Matthew's relationship with MUHC started in 2017 where he has been providing consultancy as an audio specialist. His role as an artist also balances out the often-scientific approaches of his colleagues, which enables MUHC the capability to tackle a project from multiple angles simultaneously.



# THE BRND WGN & UNIVERSITY RING ROAD RACES

Sunday 11th March marked the 7th edition of the BRND WGN & University Ring Road Races and once again the event proved to be one for the books with almost 400 participants gathering at the University athletics track. For the third year running, the event has seen a collaboration between BRND WGN and race organizers, Malta University Holding Company – as title sponsors, to help the races reach new heights.

What makes this event so special, apart from providing an opportunity for University students and staff to integrate with the rest of the community, is the fact that half the proceeds are donated to Hospice Malta. “We’re extremely proud to be supporting this well organised event both for the sports and fun aspects but more so, to be of support to those who support others.” Said CEO and founder of BRND WGN, Peter-Jan Grech

The event kicked off with a 5km Race & Walk and with over 200 starters, live entertainment courtesy of Dj Mykill as well as being one of the warmest days of the year so far – spirits were sky high! This race saw some of Malta’s top distance runners compete head to head along the University Ring Road. Fresh from his recent success in the Malta Half Marathon, Charlton Debono went on to win the 5km, closely followed by Mellieha A.C. runners Andrew Grech and Philip Vella who came home in second and third place respectively. Josann Attard Pulis, one of Malta’s top female marathon runners, went on to take first place in the women’s section. Tara Abdilla and Carmen Vella, both no strangers to the local running scene, took second and third place respectively.





The 2km race was won by Duressa Mamma Kadu in a new course record of 6:08. Starmax team mate, Nicole Gatt emerged victorious in the female sector again establishing a new course record of 7:33. This year a change in route, saw the 5km relay, always a favourite amongst spectators and competitors alike, reach new heights. 22 team took to the starting line of the University Running and despite being a close fought battle for podiums, it was Team Altaro who took the win. An 800m fun run was also organized which proved to be a winner amongst young children; making it an ideal Sunday morning out for families.



Even though there can only be one winner, the event is suited to cater for all and what with the live entertainment, food and beverage stalls, face painting and bouncy castle, everyone really seemed to have a blast! Hannah Pace, one of the members of the organizing team behind the races was just as enthusiastic about how things panned out. "This is my third year helping with the coordination of The BRND WGN & University Ring Road Races and it has become an event extremely close to my heart. Each year we strive to work harder to make the event more fun for all and above all to help raise more funds for hospice. It is always great watching things come together after months of hard work. I am extremely grateful for the massive external support we receive yearly and in fact I would say that the actual day's success depends very much on a combined effort between the organising team, sponsors, other supporters and participants alike. The 7th edition has definitely been our biggest and most successful event yet and we are already looking forward to planning our next edition!"

# Malta University Language School

## AN INTERN'S EXPERIENCE

Hi, my name is Niklas, a German intern who is experiencing working at Malta University Language School.

I am from Berlin and I am a trainee at Deutscher Bundestag which is the German Parliament. As part of my traineeship, I have been given the great opportunity to spend two months abroad to work as an Office Intern at the School. Coming from one of the largest German authorities with more than 3000 employees, this was going to be a drastically different experience for me. With not as many colleagues to get to know, I quickly got used to the new environment and the way the language school works and after a short time, I even knew the names of most of the students.

The thing I liked most about working in such a small school is the family atmosphere. Teachers as well as students are being treated in a very cordial manner and are not just a number, as it would be inevitable in a larger school. All of the students are very kind, whether they would stay here for a year or just a week and it was always a pleasure helping them when they came into the office. Another thing I was not used to was the open door policy in the office. That is to be taken literally, you could not close the door if you wanted to because there is a huge photocopier standing in front of it but also metaphorically, as all students are welcome should they have anything to discuss. As someone who usually works in a rather spacious back office, it felt rather stressful at times to cope with the demands from students and occasionally from teachers who came in during their break time.

This helped me cope with working under pressure and the smaller scale of the company made it necessary to handle multiple things at once. This improved my ability to organize my work greatly. I also learned a lot about different cultures, as I was constantly in contact with students from all over the world, and not only at work. During my time in Malta, I stayed at the University Residence and shared an apartment with one other student. I had two Italians, a Korean and another German as my flatmates.

In conclusion, my internship in Malta is a very valuable experience on many different levels. I have learned many useful things and gained important work related knowledge, got to know some very interesting people, lived alone for the first time and improved my English in the process.

Truly, an experience I will never forget!!





# Malta University Consulting Ltd.

## Recent Projects



For the 4th consecutive year, TradeMalta and Malta University Consulting have organised a Training Course on 'SME internationalisation and export management' involving a number of academics from the University of Malta as trainers.

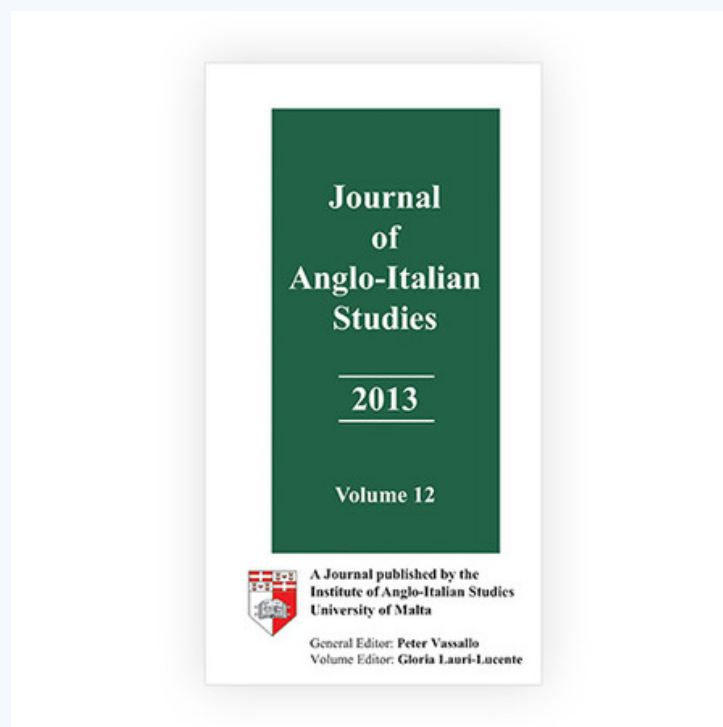
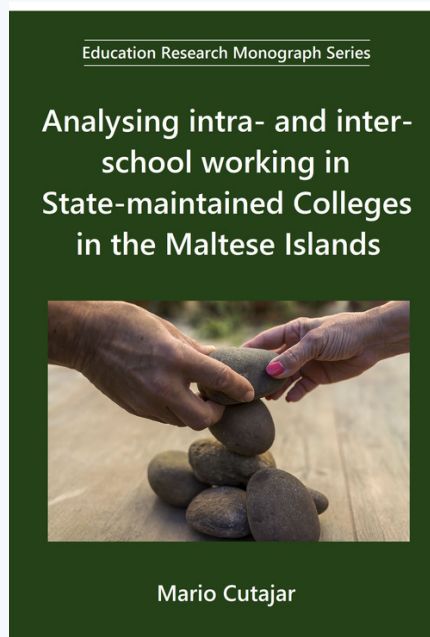
The course kicked-off on 24th January 2018 and was held every Wednesday between 4-7pm until 28th March 2018.



# Malta University Publishing


## RECENT PUBLICATIONS


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# Upcoming Courses

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

 MALTA UNIVERSITY CONSULTING



## Pharmacognosy and Herbal Products

**25th June—27th July 2018**  
**(28 hours)**




This course has been approved by the National Commission for Further & Higher Education as equivalent to Level 6

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

**Lecturer:** Prof. Everaldo Attard


**Course fee:** €350 (Cheques payable to Malta University Consulting Ltd)

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 MALTA UNIVERSITY CONSULTING

## 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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# *BUILDING BRIDGES*

MUHC & Keele University

Chris Schinas, Group Chief Operations Officer, and Marlon Grech, Assistant Operations Manager, were guests of the Accommodation Department of Keele University, Staffordshire, UK for three days in February.

Besides an exchange of information on the business models of the two organisations Chris and Marlon also had the opportunity to meet a number of University administrators whilst on a detailed tour around campus.

The visit also served for Keele University to be given a detailed presentation on the various MUHC services which could interest Keele especially our all inclusive packages for groups of University students visiting Malta.



# UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM (MARCH 2018)

Environmental Management/Science Field Study  
Trip



Left: Students taking down notes while visiting a strawberry farm in Dingli.

Right: The group braving the strong winds during a full day visit in Gozo (Xlendi).



Left: Mr Avertano Role, University of Malta together with the group leaders Dr Steven Emery and Dr Rosie Day. (Dwejra, Gozo).