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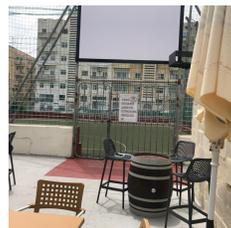
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Some pictures of the newly designed shop layout.



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Check out the recently opened University Snack Bar located at the University Football Pitches

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# CEO'S CORNER

We are now in Autumn. Looking back at Summer one cannot help but compare the hustle and bustle at the University Residence (caused by numerous Summer Groups and Language School activity) with the relative lull on Campus at Tal-Qroqq. The new academic year has started and we are over the hectic few days in September when our new resident students arrive and take some time to settle down at the Residence whilst looking forward to one or two semesters at the University.

## Comings and Goings

Over the Summer we were hard at work trying to bolster our ranks especially in the Training/ Consultancy Units and the Language School. Sure enough over the past days we have welcomed on board Dr Michelle Vella Wood as Training and Consultancy Executive Assistant (she features in this edition's Personality Section) and are actively seeking a new Marketing, Sales and Administration Coordinator within the Malta University Language School. Moreover, the School will soon be issuing a Call for an Assistant Director of Studies.

## Battle of the Brains

Everything was set for a lovely evening at the Quiz Night on the 5th October at Saracino's Restaurant, Attard. We had a record booked attendance (almost a hundred participants) spread over 12 teams. The weather, however, had other ideas. Heavy rain forecasts forced us to postpone the event to the 9th November.

## Graduations 2018

With the new academic year we start preparing in earnest for the graduation ceremonies and the provision of related services. Besides the coordination of the customary services of photography, videography and the selling of merchandise, the Group also provides hire of graduation gowns for successful students at both undergraduate and Masters' level. This year's novelty is in the hiring of the undergraduate gowns and the live streaming of the Masters' graduation ceremonies.

## Important Tax Ruling

As from 2019 full-time UM academics working on training or consultancy assignments with MUHC will be able to benefit from the 15% part-time tax rate. This is now possible following a written ruling by the Inland Revenue Department accepting that MUHC and the University of Malta are not to be deemed as being the same employer. This is a very welcome development which augurs well for the training and consultancy business of the Group.

## Personally

We pulled down our Summer Camp a week ago (started leaking water with every shower) and the kids are now focused on school. It is an important year for both Martina (who sits for her A levels) and Andrew (O levels).

Football wise, I was pleasantly surprised with how Marcelo Bielsa has turned around the fortunes of Leeds United with basically the same underperforming players of last year. Just goes to show what a difference a good experienced manager does in a short span of time.

Lazio, on the other hand, are currently a disaster. Even when managing to grind out wins their football is more often than not atrocious. Keeping your best players without investing further is not good enough anymore (especially if key players are well over their 30s).

Standing still is a fast way of moving backwards in a rapidly changing world (Lauren Bacall). Lotito please note.

Cheers

Joe



**QUIZ NIGHT**

SUPPORTING  
RESEARCH  
IN ALS  
THROUGH



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& DEVELOPMENT TRUST

**SARACINO'S  
RESTAURANT ATTARD**



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**DOORS OPEN AT 7PM**



**BATTLE OF THE BRAINS**

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# Malta University Consulting Ltd.

## In-house Training

Malta University Consulting Ltd organised an in-house training course on Statistics during the month of August 2018 for engineers working at STMicroelectronics.

Thirty engineers attended this course spread over two days. The course coordinator and tutor was Prof Liberato Camilleri, University of Malta.



Participants during one of the sessions



# Malta University Consulting Ltd.

## Residential & Day Care Work Course

The Certificate Giving Ceremony for the Residential & Day Care Work Course was held on Tuesday 3rd July 2018 at the University Residence, Lija. Seventeen students successfully completed this one year intensive course and were awarded the award in Residential & Day Care Work.

This course is organized by Malta University Consulting Ltd. in collaboration with the Department of Social Policy & Social Work, Faculty for Social Wellbeing, University of Malta.

Group photo of the graduates together with Prof Andrew Azzopardi, Dean Faculty for Social Wellbeing, University of Malta, Mr Joe Azzopardi, Group CEO, MUHC, Ms Frances Mallia, Course Co-ordinator, Ms Maria Bugeja, Administrative Co-ordinator, MUC.



Graduate Anne Schembri McIntyre receiving her certificate from Prof Andrew Azzopardi.



## FOCUS ON PERSONNEL

### Michelle Vella Wood

'There I was grinding away on my thesis corrections, when on an absolute whim I sent an email about an interesting position advertised on the MUHC facebook page. Which brings me to the present, where I find myself joining MUC as a Training and Consultancy Executive Assistant. I'm incredibly excited about the varied work that this position involves and the opportunity to work with people of different backgrounds. I suspect I'll be learning truckloads about anything and everything.

A little bit about me. My background involves a B.Sc (Hons) in Chemistry and Biology, an MBA and now a PhD focused on the biomechanics of tendons from a materials science perspective. Other than that, I worked for 10 years in the pharmaceutical industry and another eye-opening year teaching science to 11 and 12 year olds. I've been a keen athlete for 27 years and have competed in cycling, triathlon, ironman, running, open-water swimming and indoor rowing with a few titles won here and there. To keep me on my toes, I have a 7 year old cheeky monkey and another on the way.'

Michelle



# INCOME

A CONSULTANCY PROJECT



As part of the “Innovative Cooperation Business-HEI Learning Model for Tourism” 3 year project that Malta University Consulting Ltd in collaboration with Malta Business Bureau have been awarded, a Focus Group was organised on 4th September 2018 at Dar Guzeppi Zahra, University of Malta. The topic identified and discussed was the narrowing of the existing gap in Soft Skills in graduate staff employed in the Tourism & Hospitality Industry. Representatives from the tourism & hospitality business sectors and academics from the Institute of Tourism, Travel & Culture of the University of Malta (the project associate partner) were brought together to work on an exercise highlighting the most important soft skills needed for this sector and how to improve upon the current student placements to exploit better the learning model.



Focus Group Presentation



Participants of the Focus Group

Related to the same project, Dr Ing. Alexia Pace Kiomall, representing MUC, attended a partner meeting in Croatia between 11th and 12th September where she met with the other 11 partners from the other 6 countries involved in this project to discuss the outcomes from the focus groups carried out in each country and understand the similarities and differences with the intention of developing a harmonized model and objectives for teaching soft skills to undergraduate students.



Meeting at the University of Split, Croatia

# Upcoming Courses

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

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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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## Blockchain, Distributed Ledger Technologies and Regulation (3 hours)



**Date:** 23rd October, 2018

**Time:** 1.30pm–4.30pm

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

**Course Tutors:** Dr Joshua Ellul & Dr Wayne Pisani

**Registration Fee:** €37

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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 (Lanes),  
M. Res. (Lanes), M.A. (Merit)

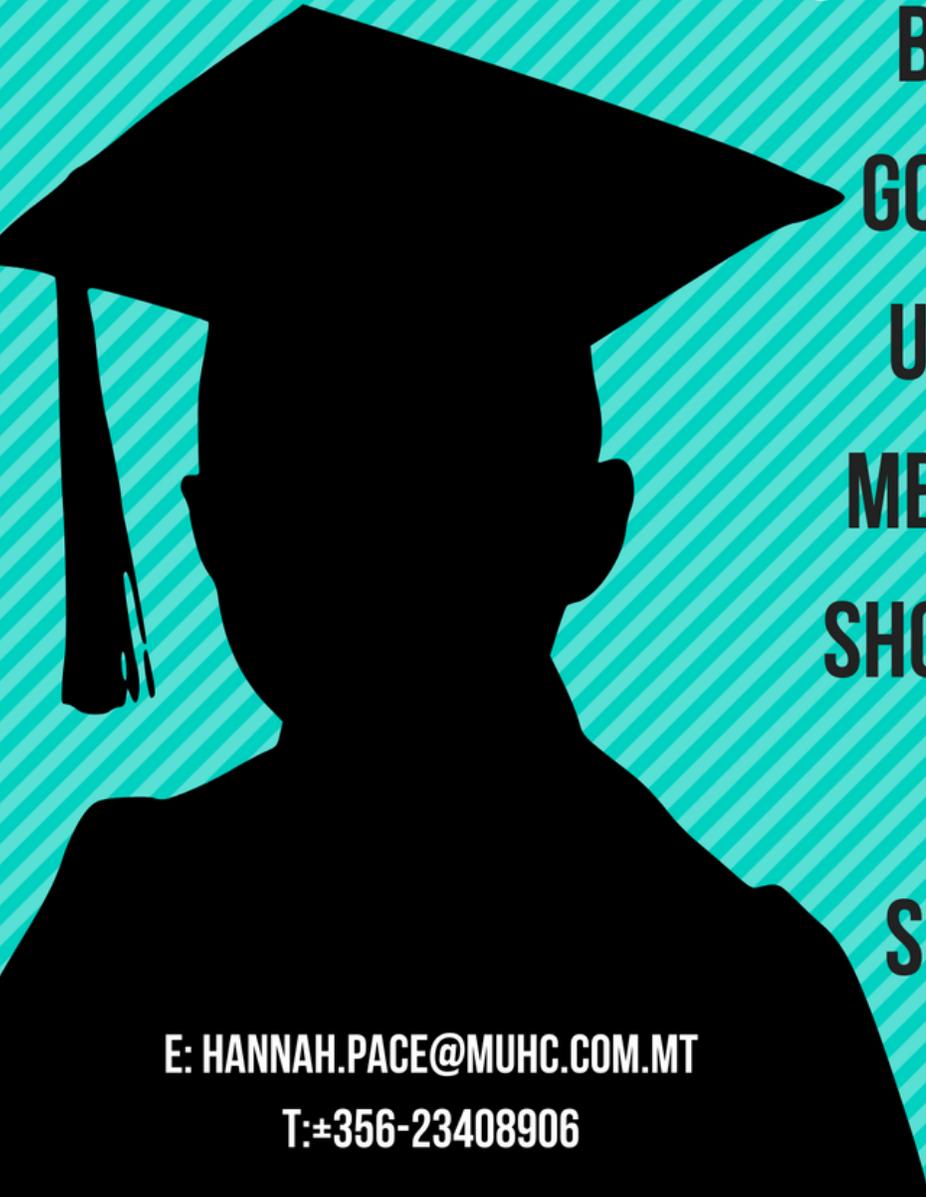
**Fee:** €155/students €130

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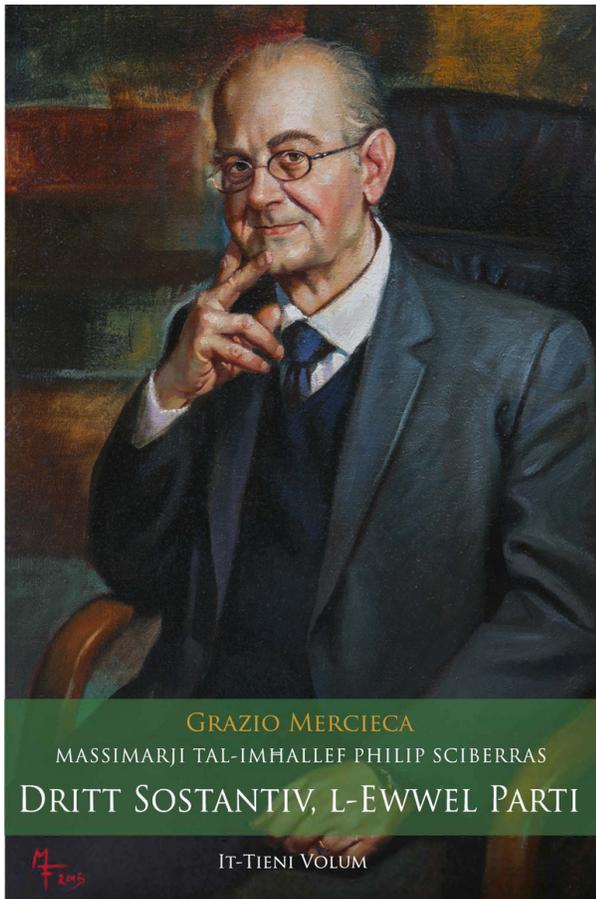
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# Recent Publications

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



# Team Building Activities

Check out what some of our groups got up to over the summer



Archery at the University Residence



Treasure Hunt in Valletta



Beach Games at Golden Bay



there's always time for a selfie...

# The University Merchandise Shop gets a Make-over.



In line with the start of the new semester, the University Merchandise Shop set on Campus just outside the canteen, was given a new look.

