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MALTA UNIVERSITY HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED

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CEO'S CORNER



As I write this piece we are in the middle of preparations for the upcoming Ring Road Races of the 15th March, 2020. This year's event will see the Company adopt a pro-environment approach by reducing the use of plastic. The run up to the races has already started with a taster event in February in which our pink friend, Murphy, ran no less than 250 times around the roundabout in front of the Radisson Golden Sands Hotel. This also coincided with the start of our customary crowdfunding campaign on the *Zaar* platform in favour of Hospice Malta. Once again MUHC will put together a relay team. Bookings for the races are already at a very good point.

Comings and goings

We welcome on board a couple of new additions to our team at the Language School. Ms Karen Borg, our new Assistant Director of Studies, is also featured in the Personnel Section of this Newsletter. Daniel Fishwick Kelso is the new Administrative Executive at the school. Both Karen and Daniel joined us in January. I am sure they will do us proud.

Sadly, Fr Joseph Borg will be leaving his post as Station Manager at Campus FM Radio on the 29th February. Until a permanent full-time replacement is sourced this post will be manned on an interim basis by Mr Pierre Cassar, the University's Communications Director who has extensive experience in broadcasting and at Campus FM itself upon its inception. I sincerely thank Fr Borg for his dedicated service at the helm of the Station throughout these years and wish him well moving forward.

Finally, Johanna Galea's family continues to expand as princess Nina recently disembarked in Malta from India to be a welcome sister to Gigi (suddenly burdened by serious responsibilities). I have already met her and she seems to have acclimatised quite well to her new environment – my office included. Congrats to Johanna and Dermot.

Novel Coronavirus

Like the rest of the Maltese business community, MUHC is working very closely with all stakeholders, including the University, health authorities and business associations such as the MHRA, to ensure all reasonable and necessary measures are taken to safeguard the safety of both clients and staff. The various measures, amongst others, relate to protocols to be followed for incoming clients (including quarantine if necessary), sanitary measures taken on site, the provision to staff of protective gear and the issue of guidelines and other relevant information to clients and staff.

We will continue to monitor the situation and work hand in hand with all relevant authorities until the situation returns to normal.

Personally

I am very grateful to all our staff members who, sometimes under immense pressure, manage to ensure business as usual in the face of, sometimes, unexpected challenges. These trials take various forms and occasionally their timing is the worst possible. Staff turnover and unforeseen personal issues, force majeure instances sometimes on a national basis, changes to strategies sometimes on short term notice (I could be one of the actual culprits here) and sudden competition driven risks are all relevant examples. At times such challenges might even be positive in that they emanate from pursuing a new business opportunity. It is at such trying times that the mettle of the Company's managerial capability and business continuity contingency plans are really tested. After over 7 years in this post I can safely say that we are blessed in this sense.

I had made a new year's resolution to do more physical exercise. Yet, at the same time, I installed interactive TV at home complete with all the sports channels. So, as you might imagine, I am spending even more time in front of the TV usually watching someone else exercising (football). However, with the upcoming races I really need to pull up my socks and start moving. Otherwise, I risk making a fool of myself on the day.

At the moment, I am in seventh heaven. Lazio continue to defy the odds and after an 18 match unbeaten run sit second in the league one point off the top. They have also, in the meantime, won the Italian Super Cup. Following a rough two-month patch Leeds United still occupy the second automatic promotion slot in the English Championship. Finally, last I checked, my first love – Nadur Youngsters – are leading the First Division table in Gozo. Could be much worse!

Cheers

Joe



MALTA UNIVERSITY SPORTS AND LEISURE



Sunday 15th March, 2020, will mark the 9th edition of the Ring Road Races, now known as the BRND WGN and University Ring Road Races. University staff and students run or walk with others from the general community – there are four different races, starting off with the 5k, and the 2k, and there is a relay race for groups of four participants, and a fun run for children aged up to 14 years. All participants get a medal and a goody bag, and the winners also get prizes. Everybody is encouraged to come in fancy dress, especially the children.

The entertainment does not stop at the running, however. A bouncy castle and face painting will keep the children amused, and a DJ and a capoeira group will entertain the older visitors too. Murphy, BRND WGN's pink hero, will also be present, egging on the runners, and helping with livening the atmosphere.

MUHC is trying to make these races as environmentally friendly as possible, and taking steps to reduce the use of plastic, and using biodegradable paper cups. Participants are encouraged to re-use the cups, and also to bring their own in which they can be served water.

For the fifth year, BRND WGN and their Wagoneer in Chief, Murphy, are collaborating with Malta University Holding Company (MUHC), the organisers, as the title sponsors of this event, helping to widen its outreach and adding value and excitement to the cause supported by the Races. Half of the proceeds go to Hospice Malta. Garmin (Malta) is also a big sponsor and supporter to Murphy and his challenge, as well as to the Ring Road Races. Obviously, with the races other fantastic sponsors are involved, who all contribute to making a great event.

This year Murphy took on another challenge, a rather original one at that. On the 8th February, he ran a half marathon (21.1k) around a roundabout at the Radisson Golden Sands Hotel. This took him about 234 laps and total time of 1hr 39mins 31 seconds. At first he was running alone, changing direction every so often, and raising inquiring eyebrows from passers-by, as they saw this individual dressed in pink from head to toe, running around a roundabout. After all, it IS the first time this happened in Malta! Volunteers from Hospice Malta were present, to explain what the challenge was about and collect money in the donation tins. As the morning progressed, Murphy was joined by onlookers, including a little girl who encouraged him or asked him how he is doing every time he passed by her (she was also wondering why he looked like a pink gummy bear). Some people, including children, also joined him for a few laps, which undoubtedly helped Murphy and encouraged him in his quest to help Hospice Malta.



You can help Murphy by running or walking in one of the races: apply now on <https://www.universitysportsandleisure.com/product/the-brnd-wgn-university-ring-road-races/>

You can also help by donating, which can also be done via the website <http://www.zaar.com.mt/projects/murphy/>

Will you help us beat last year's record?

For more information go to

<https://www.universitysportsandleisure.com/university-races/race-rules/>

5km Race/Walk at 08:45 am (minimum age 11) – €12


2km Race/Walk at 09:15 am (any age but it is advisable for children to be accompanied by a paying adult) – €10

5km Relay at 09:45 am (any age but it is advisable for children to be accompanied by a paying adult) - €24 per team

for applications & fees received till 11th March

Children's Fun Run at 10:15 am (up to the age of 14) – €7 **for applications & fees received from the 16th February till 11th March**


Half the proceeds from each event will be donated to Hospice Malta.

RACE. WALK. RELAY.

RING ROAD RACES


MARCH 2020




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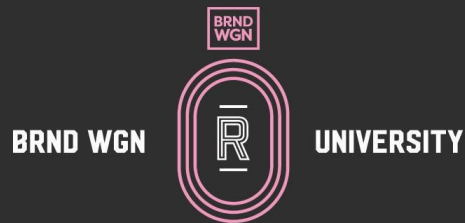




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FIRST 3 CORPORATE
RELAY TEAMS

**CHILDREN'S
FUN RUN** **800M**



**MEDAL AND GOODY BAG
FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS**

**RACES HAPPENING ON THE
15TH MARCH**

APPLY BY FOLLOWING THE LINK TO OUR WEBSITE
WWW.UNIVERSITYSPORTSANDLEISURE.COM/UNIVERSITY-RACES



SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMMES: January 27 – May 24, 2020

<p><u>Monday</u></p> <p>09.00 Analizi tal-gurnali 09.20 Foreign News/Culture news 09.30 Meta l-moħħ isir palk 10.00 Il-Politika u l-ekonomija 11.00 Classic FM 13.00 Analizi tal-gurnali 13.30 Emergenti - 3 14.00 BBC News Hour 15.00 Classic FM 19.30 ReThink 20.00 Melodiji u kuluri 21.00 BBC World Service</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p>09.00 Analizi tal-gurnali 09.20 Foreign News/Culture news 09.30 Emergenti - 3 10.00 BBC News Update 10.06 Sugġiera 11.00 Classic FM 13.00 Analizi tal-gurnali 13.30 Exporting Malta 14.00 BBC News Hour 15.00 Classic FM 19.30 Storja Ogġett - 2 20.00 Ludwig Van Beethoven 20.30 Pizzicato 21.00 BBC World Service</p>	<p><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p>08.30 Il-Balomba 09.00 Analizi tal-gurnali 09.20 Foreign News/Culture News 09.30 Storja Ogġett - 2 10.00 Ludwig Van Beethoven 10.30 ReThink 11.00 Classic FM 13.00 Analizi tal-gurnali 13.30 Meta l-moħħ isir palk 14.00 BBC News Hour 15.00 Classic FM 19.30 Koktejl Lingwistiku 20.00 Il-Politika u l-ekonomija 21.00 BBC World Service</p> <p><u>Thursday</u></p> <p>09.00 Analizi tal-gurnali 09.20 Foreign News/Culture News 09.30 Pizzicato 10.00 BBC News Update 10.06 Tmiem il-Kolonjaliżmu f'Malta - 20 11.00 Classic FM 13.00 Analizi tal-gurnali 13.30 Koktejl Lingwistiku 14.00 BBC News Hour 15.00 Classic FM 19.30 Platea 20.00 Putumayo Radio Show 21.00 BBC World Service</p>	<p><u>Friday</u></p> <p>09.00 Analizi tal-gurnali 09.20 Foreign News/Culture News 09.30 Platea 10.00 Bioneers 10.30 Koktejl Lingwistiku 11.00 Classic FM 13.00 Analizi tal-gurnali 13.30 ReThink 14.00 BBC News Hour 15.00 Classic FM 19.30 Exporting Malta 20.00 BBC News Update 20.06 Sugġiera 21.00 BBC World Service</p> <p><u>Saturday</u></p> <p>09.00 BBC News Update 09.06 Sugġiera 10.00 Il-Politika u l-ekonomija 11.00 BBC News Update 11.06 Tmiem il-Kolonjaliżmu f'Malta 12.00 Storja Ogġett - 2 12.30 Bioneers 13.00 Putumayo Radio Show 14.00 BBC World Service 21.00 Encore 23.00 BBC World Service</p> <p><u>Sunday</u></p> <p>09.00 Il-Balomba 09.30 Meta l-moħħ isir palk 10.00 Melodiji u kuluri 11.00 Classic FM 12.00 Encore 14.00 BBC World Service</p>
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TEACHER TRAINING COURSES



English for Teachers and Staff Working in Schools

This year Malta University Language School will be holding several teacher training courses for teachers and staff members working in education. These courses are for professionals from European countries who wish to improve their English language skills.

‘English for Teachers and Staff Working in Schools’ will be held on specific dates in 2020 with options of a one or two week course at A1/A2 or B1/B2 level of English. All of the tutors that will be delivering the courses are Cambridge CELTA and DELTA qualified and have many years of experience in their field.

Apart from the courses, we will also offer participants an opportunity to enjoy our beautiful island and discover its vast history.

These courses are eligible for Erasmus Plus funding and all the courses have been added on the course catalogue of the Erasmus+ online platform for school education (School Education Gateway).

To find out more about our Teacher Training Courses please visit our webpage <https://www.universitylanguageschool.com/courses/teacher-training/>

Or scan





MALTA UNIVERSITY CONSULTING

Course for HNS Ltd—in-house training course



On the 7th, 14th and 21st of November 2019, Malta University Consulting Ltd, in collaboration with the Department of Food Sciences and Nutrition from the Faculty of Healthy Sciences at UM and HNS Ltd, organised an intensive 18 hour, 3 day course to a number of employees from

HNS Ltd & Corinthia relating to 'Addressing Current Issues and Trends in the Area of Food Quality, Labelling and Fraud'.

The course trainers were Dr Claire Copperstone, Mr Sandro Sammut, Dr Petra Jones, Mr Jefferson de Oliveira Mallia and Prof Vasili Valdramidis. The course was well received with feedback showing that it was highly useful and pertinent to their line of work.





MALTA UNIVERSITY CONSULTING

Introductory Course on Statistics: Data Visualization and Analysis (Using R software)



The Introductory Course on Statistics: Data Visualization and Analysis (Using R software) was held between the 13th of November and 11th of December to a class of 15 participants. The course trainers were Dr Fiona Sammut, Dr Monique Borg Inguanetz and Dr David Suda. It focused on summarising important properties and relationships in a data set, Identifying a proper sample size to use for a study and measuring the uncertainty within a sample and Using R software to conduct popular statistical tests such as t-tests, Chi-Squared tests of association between two categorical variables, correlation analysis, and their non-parametric equivalents.



MALTA UNIVERSITY CONSULTING

Course for MSV Life —in-house training course

During the month of November, Malta University Consulting provided a number of seminars to insurance intermediaries at MSV Life, for the purpose of completing their Continuous Professional Development (CPD) requirement as part of the Insurance Distribution Directive (IDD).



The seminars given were
'Company Law Update'
by Dr David Fabri;
'Digital Marketing
Strategy' & 'Improving
Business Effectiveness'
by Dr Franco Curmi.



They were held at MSV Life's newly refurbished premises in Floriana. A survey held after the seminars were completed resulted in excellent feedback with the seminars being rated very satisfactory indeed.



MALTA UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE

Chris Schinas (Group Chief Operations Officer) and Marlon Grech (Assistant Operations Manager) visited Wolverhampton University in the UK in December.

The invitation to visit was extended to explore the possibility of our current relationship expanding to include, besides accommodation-related services at MUR, the possibility of short term job internships in various sectors of the local industry for Wolverhampton University students. The visit was quite successful and both parties are now already working on this initiative.

This visit is part of an overall outreach programme by MUHC with foreign universities (Chris and Marlon also visited Keele University two years ago) to try to entice groups of University students to come to Malta and use our services.





MALTA UNIVERSITY CONSULTING

INCOME Tourism Project

Dr Ing. Alexia Pace Kiomall and Ing. Mario Cachia attended the 5th Steering Committee of the INCOME Tourism Project together with representatives from the Malta Business Bureau (MBB) the other Maltese Partners in the Project.



The meeting was held in Girona on 12th, 13th and 14th November 2019 and was hosted by the University of Girona, Faculty of Tourism and including a field trip to Montserrat organised by one of the business partners participating in the project - and a live dissemination webinar. The meeting discussed the progress achieved to date taking into consideration the feedback following the submission of the interim report and discussed operation issues for the 2020 programme of works.

The Learning Trios Workshop was held on Wednesday 4th December at 10:30hrs at the Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry, Valletta which for the first time officially brought together MUC, MBB, the tutors from ITTC, the company tutors and the students participating in the piloting phase of the project.



Present to this event were three out of the four appointed HEI tutors, three out of the four in-company tutors, along with all eight of the University students on board this project. The meeting was led by representatives from both Malta University Consulting and the Malta Business Bureau.

Following a presentation delivered by MUC, participants (i.e. the Learning Trios) were requested to form separate groups comprised of a student, in-company tutor (from Excelsior, MHCS Ltd and Westin) and HEI tutor (from the Institute for Tourism, Travel and Culture of the University of Malta). The intention was to give the Learning Trios the opportunity to get to know each other better, clarify any queries (especially on the piloting phase of the project where students will be carrying out 240 hours of on the job soft skills training over two semesters) and agree on how the cooperation between the TRIO will function to ensure that the relationship is developing smoothly.





The next major milestone is the mobility phase of the project which will take place in Ravensburg.

UPCOMING COURSES



**Accountancy CPE Seminars -
Company Law Update - 28 February 2020**



**A course for dementia
caregiving in the community**

24th Feb — 9th March 2020



**DIGITAL MARKETING STRATEGY
- Planning & Implementation**
16 Hour Accredited Course



Dates: Mondays & Wednesdays,
25th May - 17th June 2020

Time: 17:30 - 19:30

Venue: Malta University Residence,
Robert Mifsud Bonnici Street,
Lija (ample parking available)

Registration Fee: €270/245 (UM Students)

Course Coordinator:
Dr Franco Curmi Ph.D (Lancs), M.Res. (Lancs),
M.A. (Melit)

This course has been approved by the National
Commission for Further & Higher Education as
equivalent to Level 5 (3 ECTS) - Licence No: 2013-
FHI-019; Further & Higher Education Institution

This course has been approved by Malta Enterprise
under the Get Qualified Scheme

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Pharmacognosy and Herbal Products



Dates: 16 June - 23 July 2020

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

Lecturer: Prof. Everaldo Attard

Course fee: €360/€345 UM student
(Cheques payable to Malta University Consulting Ltd)

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This course has been approved by the
National Commission for Further & Higher Education
as equivalent to Level 6 (5 ECTS)
(Licence No: 2013-FHI-019; Further & Higher Education Institution)



**The Art of Public
Speaking**



Mondays from 16th March to 25th May
A 25 hour course
Trainer: Dr Joseph Agius
European Fluency Specialist and
Speech Language Pathologist

This course has been approved by the
National Commission for Further & Higher
Education (NCFHE) as equivalent to Level 5
(4 ECTS) - Licence No: 2013-FHI 019; Further
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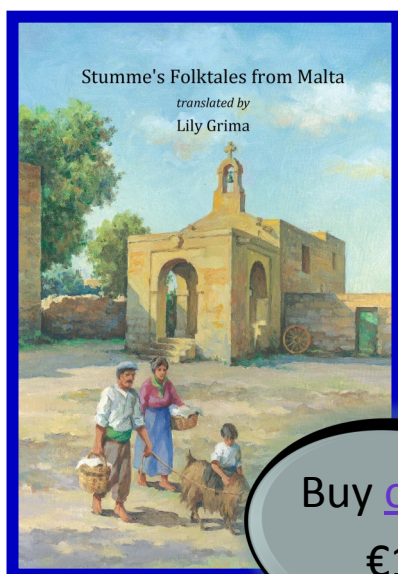
Course Registration fee:
€335/UM students €325

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Stumme's Folktales from Malta

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FOCUS ON PERSONNEL

Karen Borg

Assistant Director of Studies

Malta University Language School



Karen Borg has recently joined the Malta University Language School as Assistant Director of Studies.

She is really happy and excited about joining MULS and looking forward to being part of our team.

Many years ago, she began her EFL journey at Inlingua teaching General English, then after a few years she decided to take the Celta course to improve her teaching skills.

Karen then spent about 15 years working as a teacher and coordinator with NSTS during the busy summer season running the Summer school and TEFL sessions. Over the years, she gained experience in School Administration as well as teaching students from all around the world.

Outside of work, her greatest passion is football. She is a lifelong Chelsea supporter and loves watching them play. She says that this is often frustrating as Chelsea is not the most reliable team in the world to follow.