

News Article

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lecturer's Mini-Symposium

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### 1 Introduction

Academic staff from 18 different departments and institutes gathered for a forum to present and discuss their research interests. The research disciplines spanned science, art, entrepreneurship, social studies and engineering. The symposium was held on January 30th, 2014 in the Conference Room at University House, Msida campus, University of Malta from 3:00 to 5:30 pm. The meeting consisted of two sessions of 11 speakers each presenting a brief 4 minute overview of their research and professional interests with an intermission for socialising and networking between colleagues. A kaleidoscope of topics were presented including the design of intelligent transport systems, lanthanide crystal engineering, youth and social well-being studies, surface coatings for mechanical gears and historic artifacts, dance studies, genetically modified fruit flies for studying neuromuscular disease, creativity and entrepreneurship, fluorescent intelligent molecules, input-output economic analysis, antioxidants, auxetic materials, gender studies, blood disorders and food safety. The symposium promoted multi-disciplinary collaborations while developing new friendships. Participants were invited based on contributions to research, society and gender balance. The symposium was financially supported by the Malta Chamber of Scientists.

#### List of Participants and Order of Presentations

L1: **David Magri** - Department of Chemistry  
L2: **Giuseppe Di Giovanni** - Editor-in-Chief of Xjenza/Department of Physiology & Biochemistry  
L3: **Joanne Cassar** - Department of Youth & Community Studies

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Figure 1: The poster is compiled from figures from the various presentations given at the Lecturer's Mini-Symposium on January 30th, 2014 in the Conference Room at University House, Msida campus, University of Malta.

L4: **Ruben Cauchi** - Department of Physiology & Biochemistry

L5: **Daniel Vella** - Department of Metallurgy & Materials Engineering

L6: **Joanne Butterworth** - Department of Dance Studies, School of Performing Arts

L7: **Vasilis Valdramidis** - Department of Food Studies & Environmental Health

L8: **Maria Attard** - Department of Geography/Institute of Climate Change & Sustainable

L9: **Joseph Borg** - Department of Applied Biomedical Science

L10: **Bridget Ellul** - Department of Pathology

L11: **Edward Duca** - Editor of Think

*Networking Break*

L12: **Alex Felice** - President of the Malta Chamber of Scientists/Department of Physiology & Biochemistry

L13: **JosAnn Cutajar** - Department of Gender Studies/Cottonera Research Centre

L14: **Ulrich Baisch** - Department of Chemistry

L15: **Leonie Baldacchino** - Edward de Bono Institute for the Design and Development of Thinking

L16: **Neville Vassallo** - Department of Physiology & Biochemistry

L17: **Ann Zammit** - Department of Metallurgy & Materials Engineering

L18: **Ian Cassar** - Department of Economics

L19: **Daphne Attard** - Metamaterials Unit

L20: **Kenneth Scerri** - Department of Systems & Control Engineering

L21: **Claire Shoemake** - Department of Pharmacy

L22: **Richard Muscat** - Pro-Rector of Research & Innovation/ Department of Physiology & Biochemistry