



**MaLIA CONFERENCE**

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**10<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

The Cavalieri Hotel St. Julian's

**A one day MaLIA Conference:  
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**Summary**

The aim of this one-day MaLIA Conference is to bring together all key players of the local library scene made up of library leaders, library staff and library users, and through the sharing of ideas and open discussion come up with common, general and effective strategies to enable us to confidently meet future challenges. During the morning session library leaders will present the progress they have recorded to date, the challenges they face and their plans to keep libraries relevant to current and future users. The audience can comment and ask questions from the floor after each of these presentations. After lunch, (which is included in the participation fee), the afternoon sessions kick off with a presentation by our keynote foreign speakers who will share with us their objective views of our local library scene and offer up some possible options for the way forward. This in turn will be followed by the final presentation by the Head of MEUSAC. Direct audience participation takes place in the next session. Participants are invited to choose any one of five different round table discussion groups. Each group will be assigned for discussion a particular sector of library theory and practice in relation to *type* of library. After each group has reported back their conclusions to the main assembly, MaLIA's Chairperson will bring the Conference to a close. It is MaLIA's intention to publish the proceedings of this important Conference.

**DRAFT Programme 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

08.30 to 09.00 Registration, welcome coffee and Sponsors' Exhibition

09.00 to 09.10 Welcome speeches: MaLIA Chairperson, Minister for Education,

09.10 to 11.00 Presentations I, each followed by questions and answers

1. Malta Libraries Council: the first year – Mr. Robert Mizzi
2. Malta Libraries: A new beginning for Libraries – Mr. Oliver Mamo
3. Malta Public Libraries: Facing the challenges and the way forward – Ms. Cheryl Falzon
4. The National Library of Malta: A Library in Evolution – Ms. Joanne Sciberras
5. The University of Malta Library: Knowledge, Support, Innovation ... – Mr. Kevin Ellul
6. The MCAST Library & LRC: Recent Past, Present, Future – Mr. Laurence Zerafa

**11.00 to 11.30 Coffee break and Sponsors' Exhibition**

11.30 to 12.30 Presentations II each followed by questions and answers

7. School Libraries, Teacher-librarians and the Schools Library Service - Ms. Marisa Calleja
8. School Libraries and the Malta Schools Library Association – Mr Patrick Decelis
9. Professional Library & Information Education in Malta: the way ahead – Dr. William Zammit

**12.00 to 13.45 Stand-up buffet lunch and Sponsors' Exhibition**

13.45 to 15.15 Keynote speaker, MEUSEC presentation and Round Table meetings

10. Maltese Libraries. What possible futures? – Dr. Milena Dobreva & Dr. Christine Urquhart
11. The EU, funds and libraries – Dr. Vanni Xuereb
12. Round Table Discussions on, and chaired by:
  - a. National Library – Ms. Maroma Camilleri
  - b. Academic Libraries - Ms. Joanna Felice
  - c. School libraries - Mr. Marcel Zammit Marmara'
  - d. Library Education - Dr. Konstantina Martzoukou
  - e. Public Libraries – Mr. Jeffry Sammut

**15.15 to 15.30 Coffee break and Sponsors' Exhibition**

15.30 to 16.30 Feedback and Conclusion

13. Plenary Session – Feedback from all 5 Round Table Groups
14. Comments from the floor
15. Concluding Speech – MaLIA Chairperson

**16:30 Conference comes to a close**

Further details and registration form

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