

EDITORIAL:**FINAL ISSUE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN JOURNAL
OF HUMAN RIGHTS****KEVIN AQUILINA**

The Mediterranean Journal of Human Rights has been in print since 1996. The Journal has been an initiative of the Faculty of Laws at the University of Malta which has attracted international readers from the very beginning. Recently the University of Malta has teamed up with the University of Enna to produce it.

The Faculty Board of Laws decided in one of its latest meetings to publish the last issue of the Mediterranean Journal of Human Rights during this current year and then discontinue its publication so as to move on to new pastures. This decision was motivated by various reasons, including the small number of subscriptions, the intensive effort involved in producing two issues per year, the lack of human resources to work on the Journal and the fact that the Journal did not have sufficient funds to enable it to continue running, without the Faculty of Laws having to make good for its upkeep from its own limited financial resources. The Faculty of Laws has decided to publish instead a Mediterranean Yearbook on Human Rights which will be issued only on an annual basis; thereby making it feasible for the Faculty to produce it in a timely fashion. I am aware that a new Editorial Board still needs to be appointed which will in turn advise the Faculty Board on the contents of the Yearbook. Hopefully by the end of 2014 everything will be in place to see the new Yearbook

launched in 2015. In the meantime, the Faculty Board of Laws had proposed to the University to establish a Human Rights Programme and it is with pleasure that I announce that the Human Rights Programme has been established and that the Programme is now looking into the matter of establishing the Yearbook.

It is my duty as Dean of the Faculty of Laws to thank all those persons who have made the Mediterranean Journal of Human Rights a success. Although it is not possible to mention all the persons who, in one way or another, have made this dream come true, I must single out for praise Dr David E. Zammit, the Journal's Executive Editor, who was responsible for the day to day running of the Journal and Mrs. Paula Muscat, the Journal's Administrative Secretary. I also wish to thank Professor Ian Refalo and Professor Salvo' Ando, the General Editors of the Journal as well as the members of the Editorial Board, reviewers and contributors.

The Faculty Board of Laws is very satisfied and proud at the academic standard that the Journal has kept over the years of its publication and I look forward eagerly to the new publication which the Faculty of Laws will be publishing in its stead – the Mediterranean Yearbook of Human Rights.

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