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Comment from the Dean

December is possibly the nicest month of the year, in the sense that after two extremely hectic months, every year the Faculty of Laws holds a number of meaningful and highly enjoyable activities before breaking up for recess.

We have since welcomed in 2024, and look forward to another busy, eventful year, this being the year in which amongst other things we intend to conclude negotiations concerning our planned journal and hopefully even publish Issue Number One; we also hope to do well in the Periodic Programme Review this being an exercise from which we can learn a lot and obtain a number of ideas which will lead to better offerings from our Faculty; we are also initiating new collaborations with other entities including overseas universities; I am also confident that over the next twelve months we will have more PhD graduates within our ranks and more new publications which I know for a fact that my colleagues within our Faculty are currently working on.

All in all, an eventful year lies ahead, which I am really looking forward to making my way through.

Best wishes to all for 2024.

Trip to Brussels

The Faculty of Laws held its annual visit to an overseas institution; this year we visited the European Parliament in Brussels. Amongst other things, we were given an official tour of the building including the interactive museum, the plenary hall and the EP President Roberta Metsola's office; MEP candidate Peter Agius also delivered a very insightful and informative presentation on the European Parliament, its processes and mechanism in general.



Needless to say, we also found time for some excellent food and for a visit to the Christmas markets including in Bruges.

Overall this extremely intensive forty-eight hour trip proved a hit; we look forward to the next one in twelve months' time and actively encourage those who did not join us this year, to try and join us in future.

Dean's Awards Ceremony

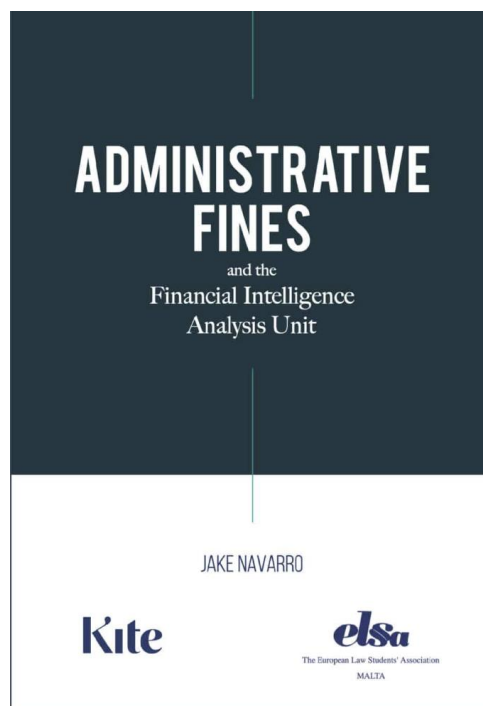
This year's event was held on the 6th of December; eight students received prizes these being Rebekah Ann Borg (Best Performing Student in LL.B. Hons), Valentina Cassar (Best Performing Student in M.Adv.), Katrina Cini (Best Performing Student in M.Not.St.), Maria Mompalao (Prof. David Attard Best Bachelor of Laws Hons Course Dissertation), Benoit Azzopardi (The Attorney General Prize for the Best Dissertation on a Criminal Law related subject), Francesca Mangion (Best Dissertation MAFS), Sean Azzopardi (The State Advocate Prize for the Best Performing Student in Constitutional Law) and Michael Gatt (GM Group Prize for the Best Performing Student in MAFS course).



Special thanks are due to Dr Tiziana Filletti and Faculty Admin Staff for working so hard to organise the event; also to our sponsors Chancellor Prof. David Attard, Dr Jean Pie' Gauci-Maistre (GM Group), State Advocate Dr Christopher Soler and Attorney General Dr Victoria Buttigieg.

Student book launches

On 19th December ELSA (Malta) launched its study on *Administrative Fines ad the FIAU* at Sala Antoine de Paule, San Anton Palace, Attard.



Jake Navarro, who undertook the study, with some guidance from Prof. Tonio Borg and Prof. Kevin Aquilina and some further help from ELSA's own academic board, proudly described his academic journey and findings to a very enthusiastic

audience, while further presentations were made by Prof. Tonio Borg, Dr Robert Attard and Dr Ivan Mifsud.

The ELSA (Malta) book launch occurred just weeks after GhSL organised a discussion on the Judicial Review Bill which they prepared earlier in 2023.

The Faculty of Laws takes the opportunity to congratulate the students involved for their excellent initiatives.

Student and Other Feedback

During the month of December meetings were held with representatives of student organisations, during which we received feedback on the courses, on what students consider to work and that which in their eyes works less, and even on how certain academics rank in their eyes. These meetings are set to continue in January.

Annual Staff Christmas Lunch

This year our Christmas lunch was held at Ferretti in B'bugia. As in past years, it was a well attended, enjoyable opportunity to mingle with colleagues in a leisurely environment. A big thank you to those who attended; the more of you who attend, the merrier!

Have you got any news to share? If you have any item of relevance to this newsletter, feel free to inform us about it. You may contact any member of the editorial board, these being Prof Tonio Borg, Prof Ivan Sammut, Ms Rowena Leontijevic and Dr Ivan Mifsud. The Board reserves the right to refuse to publish an item submitted to it for its consideration.