

FOREWORD MESSAGE

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Hey, welcome to SCORP's 2024 edition of Mind Maps! This journal is dedicated to exploring topics that tend to be unrepresented in our medical curriculum. This includes mental health, neuroscience, bioethics and sociology of health and illness.

This year we are happy to publish two articles, both targeting different aspects of what our journal "Mind Maps" represents. These articles have been under the supervision of academics from the University of Malta as well as under our Editor, Dr. Claude Bajada. With his help, this allows us to give students the opportunity to write an article on their own initiative and obtain the skills and experience that are required to take on research independently in the future.

This journal would not be complete, without the work of Dylan Farrugia. In the MMSA term of 2023-2024, Dylan has served as SCORP's Mind Maps coordinator. His hard work and dedication have been essential in the creation of this journal as well as his innovative ideas for the research conference and the future of academic journal writing in MMSA.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of my assistant Timothy Francis Borg, as he has taken an active role in this sector of SCORP, and I am excited to see how it flourishes in the next term. Additionally, MMSA's PRO, Denise Galdes and our PR Coordinator Keith Calleja without their help, we wouldn't be able to present to you today this cohesive design that reflects our author's hard work.

Lastly, I want to express my appreciation to the authors for their commitment and valuable contributions. Their hard work in crafting and submitting articles has significantly contributed to the advancement of our publication.

As we embark on this journey together, may "Mind Maps" continue to inspire curiosity, foster collaboration, and allow students to create their own understanding of the key concepts of vast overlap between neuroscience and human action and outcome.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved,

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