



EDITORIAL

## RELOADING SOCIETY

Innovation breeds change, and with the current state of affairs change is in the pipeline. The tricky part is determining the right alterations for society—with research playing a huge role.

We start with our cover story, introducing a new and innovative way to raise funds for charity while urging altruistic runners to perform better. Dr Franco Curmi and a diverse team (pg. 32) have designed a baton connected to social media that is carried by the jogger. A community of online supporters can contribute to the cause by logging in to the platform and donate to cheer the runner on.

Helping children get through tough times is a team led by Prof. Carmel Cefai (pg. 20). Together, they have created manuals for students, teachers, and parents to help build resilience in younger generations. Investing in children means investing in our future.

Moving on to clean energy. At the Faculty of Engineering, wind and waves are being combined in a system that will work to both cool and power buildings (pg. 42). On a related green note, alumni are working to ensure cleaner food for us all (pg. 56).

Looking inwardly, this edition also re-addresses history. Two stories talk about Malta's past—one relates to the lost knowledge of the neolithic Kordin III site (pg. 24), while the other tries to uncover the facts from several myths surrounding The Great Siege of Malta (pg. 15).

But perhaps the most important part of being human is leaving this world a better place. And this is what the RIDT are trying to do, having just launched a new initiative to encourage people to leave legacy gifts for research (pg. 54)—a chance to leave a mark on Malta's future.

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