

## Speakers Bio



### **Prof. Godfrey Baldacchino**

Godfrey Baldacchino is Professor of Sociology and Pro Rector for International Development and Quality Assurance at the University of Malta, UNESCO co-Chair (Island Studies & Sustainability) at the University of Prince Edward Island, Canada; President of the International Small Islands Studies Association; author or editor of some 40 books and monographs and author of some 130 peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters.



### **Dr. Ing. Richard Blundell**

Dr. Ing. Richard Blundell graduated in 1993 with bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Malta. Following a brief period working in industry he furthered his studies and obtained his Ph.D., also from the University of Malta, in Electrical Engineering in 2001. Dr. Blundell has extensive experience in practicing his profession mainly in industry and held several posts. In 2016, he joined the Malta Council for Science and Technology as a Strategy and Policy Executive, where he is responsible for a number of dossiers, including the Open Science and Innovation. Dr. Blundell is the lead delegate on the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC) Standing Working Group on Open Science and Innovation



### **Prof. Victor Grech**

Prof. Victor Grech is a consultant paediatrician with a special interest in paediatric cardiology. He has a PhD in this field and another in science fiction. He is the editor of the journals *Images in Paediatric Cardiology*, the *Malta Medical Journal* and the *Malta Medical School Gazette*, and co-chairs HUMS, the Humanities, Medicine and Sciences Programme at the University of Malta. He is also the creator and coordinator for the Write a Scientific Paper (WASP) course <http://www.ithams.com/wasp/> His presentation, Open Access: An Editor's Perspective



### **Dr Marjan Jeannette Grootveld**

A computational linguist by training, Dr Marjan Grootveld is senior policy officer at Data Archiving and Networked Services (DANS). DANS is the Netherlands institute for permanent access to digital research resources. Enabling the re-use of knowledge, information, and data is the common element in Marjans career, ranging from corporate knowledge management via red tape reduction in eGovernment to sustainable data management in academia. She advises knowledge institutes and research funders on data management policies, reviews data management plans, and provides data management support and training in national and international projects, including OpenAIRE and EUDAT.



#### **Mr Pedro Principe**

Pedro Príncipe is Head of Division at University of Minho Documentation Services. Coordinates the Open Science Projects Office, on OpenAIRE2020, FOSTER and RCAAP projects. In OpenAIRE2020 project he is working as support and helpdesk manager and participating in the guidelines team and other technical tasks, as the usage statistics and the funder information services. He also had participation in several FP7 projects related with Open Access and repositories: NECOBELAC, OpenAIRE, MedOANET, OpenAIREplus, and PASTEUR4OA, and also in related new H2020 projects, as FIT4RRI and FOSTERplus. Graduated in New Communication Technologies and with training in information science and documentation, he previously worked during ten years as librarian and web content manager at University of Aveiro. He has been involved in COAR Working Group on Repository Interoperability, and acting as member of the COAR Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Board. He was member of the National Executive Council of the Portuguese Association of Librarians, Archivists and documentalists (BAD) from 2011 to 2016 and in BAD is also Coordinator of the Academic Libraries working Group since 2014. He was recently appointed by the Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education to integrate the national working group on Portuguese Open Science Policy.



#### **Mr Ryan Scicluna**

Mr Ryan Scicluna is an Assistant Librarian at the University of Malta Library. He has 6 years of professional experience in the academic library environment. He is involved in the implementation and dissemination of an Open Access Institutional Repository at the University of Malta – OAR@UM. Ryan is one of the administrators of the repository and he gives regular training and awareness sessions, trying to engage the academic community in Malta to pursue publishing in Open Access. Ryan was also working in team to develop an Open Access Policy for the University of Malta. Ryan has an educational background in library and information science and is currently reading for a masters of science in management of library and information services with the University of Aberystwyth.



#### **Ms Kaja Slonina**

Ms Kaja Slonina is the Head of the Open Science Department at the University of Malta Library. Her work focuses on managing the Institutional Repository OAR@UM, liaising with local journal publishers and promoting Open Access in Maltese academic community. She is also a member of the interdisciplinary team responsible for developing the UM's Open Access Policy. Ms Slonina has an extensive experience in the field, having previously worked in university libraries in Poland and Spain, and holds a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science obtained at Jagellonian University in Krakow and University of Borås in Sweden.