



EU High Representative Federica Mogherini visits the University of Malta	1/2
MEDAC honours Prof. David Attard	2
Hon. Minister Dr. George Vella visits MEDAC/ Prof. Calleya addresses EU State Secretaries	3
Ambassadorial Visits/ MEDAC participates in OSCE workshop	4
MEDAC at the Anna Lindh Foundation MEDFORUM 2016	5
Honorary Doctorates to MEDAC Chairman Dr. Joe Borg and Joint M.A. Degree Co-ordinator Prof. Richard Rubenstein	6/7
Calendar	8/9
MEDAC Alumni News	10/11
Day of Franco-German Friendship celebrated at MEDAC	12

EU High Representative **Federica Mogherini** visits University of Malta

On 2nd November 2016, H. E. Ms. Federica Mogherini, EU High Representative for European Foreign and Security Policy delivered a keynote address at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC),

University of Malta, on the theme ‘The Mediterranean in the EU Global Strategy’.

Pro-Rector for Students and Staff Affairs Outreach, Dr. Carmen Sammut, introduced the session. The Hon. Dr.

*Below left: Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC. Director moderating the Q&A session.
Below right: H. E. Ms. Mogherini delivering her address.*

(continues on page 2)



MEDAC honours Professor David Attard

for his contribution in the establishment of MEDAC

On 8th February 2017, MEDAC unveiled a plaque in honour of Chancellor Professor David Attard commemorating the initiative which he led and which resulted in the

establishment of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies in 1990.

During his address Prof. Attard reflected upon his instrumental role at a

diplomatic level that culminated in the Governments of Malta and Switzerland setting up the Academy. Prof. Attard expressed his gratitude to MEDAC for this recognition. Since the launching of its post-graduate programmes in 1990 more than 700 alumni from countries in the Mediterranean and beyond have benefitted from the Mediterranean-centric Masters course in Diplomatic Studies and are today members of the MEDAC Alumni Network.

Director of the Academy Prof. Stephen Calleya expressed his appreciation to Prof. Attard for his support through the years and for inspiring MEDAC in its activities through his leadership and wisdom. MEDAC and International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) academic staff as well as students of the diploma in Diplomatic Studies attended the event.



Left: Prof. Stephen Calleya welcoming Prof. David Attard at MEDAC.

EU High Representative **Ms. Federica Mogherini** visits University

(Continues from Page 1)

George Vella, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta, delivered the Introductory Speech.

During the lecture H. E. Ms. Mogherini highlighted numerous security challenges in the Mediterranean that the EU

is currently seeking to manage in a more effective manner. Ms. Mogherini highlighted the numerous initiatives the EU is taking on human trafficking and discussed ways forward to counter the instability in Libya and the tragic conflict in Syria. The High Representative also discussed ongoing diplomatic initiatives related to the situation in Cyprus and the Middle East.

The lecture was followed by a Q&A session with the students of the University of Malta, moderated by Prof. Stephen Calleya, Director of MEDAC.

Approximately 200 students and academics attended this memorable occasion which was also broadcast live on <https://twitter.com/ecrepmalta/status/793824330270466048>.

The text of the lecture is also available on the MEDAC website at https://www.um.edu.mt/__data/assets/pdf_file/0016/303163/MedAgenda25-FedericaMogherini.pdf

Below: H.E. Ms. Mogherini addressing the gathering.



Hon. Minister Dr. George Vella visits MEDAC

Hon. Minister Dr. George Vella delivered a keynote address at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) on Friday 18th November 2016. Dr. Vella provided an overview of the foreign policy priorities that Malta is currently addressing including the numerous security challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean area. Dr. Vella also referred to the EU Council Presidency that Malta is hosting in 2017 and referred to the main themes that are Migration, Maritime Affairs and the Mediterranean.

The post-graduate students pursuing their Masters degree at MEDAC were able to benefit from this unique occasion during the extensive Question and Answer session that followed.

*Right: The Hon. Minister, Dr. George Vella signing the MEDAC visitors book.
Below: The Hon. Minister, Dr. George Vella with MEDAC staff and students.*



Prof. Stephen Calleya delivers a keynote address at the Meeting of EU State Secretaries and Secretaries-General

On 25th November 2016, Professor Stephen Calleya, Director of MEDAC, delivered a keynote address on the theme of 'What Prospects for the EU Neighbourhood Policy? The Southern Dimension'. The address formed part of a one day seminar which brought together EU State Secretaries and Secretaries-General from the twenty-

eight EU member states. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Malta EU Council Presidency of 2017.

Right: Prof. Stephen Calleya delivers the keynote address at the Meeting of EU State Secretaries and Secretaries-General.



Ambassadorial visits to MEDAC

German Ambassador to Malta visits MEDAC

The German Ambassador to Malta, H.E. Gudrun Sräga, met with MEDAC students on 1st December 2016 as part of the Ambassadorial lecture series of the Academy. Ambassador Sräga addressed MEDAC students on German foreign policy from a personal perspective, and participated in a Q and A session on the subject. MEDAC students will be travelling to Germany for a study visit, supported by the German Foreign Office, in April 2017. The German Foreign Office is a stake-holder of the Academy

and in 2009 established the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at MEDAC. Students can also benefit from a German language course as part of their Masters course.

Below left: H.E. Gudrun Sräga, addressing MEDAC staff and students. Below: Ambassador Sräga (centre) next to Dr. Ralf Heimrath, lecturer in German and Dr. Monika Wohlfeld (on the right) together with MEDAC students.



U.S. Ambassador to Malta visits MEDAC

On Thursday 20th October 2016, H. E. Ambassador G. Kathleen Hill, the Ambassador of the United States of America, addressed the post-graduate students of MEDAC on the theme of 'Diplomacy during Political Transitions'.



During the keynote address Amb. Hill highlighted the main features of the diplomatic process which is set in motion once a new president is elected in the United States and which allows for a smooth transition between the election of the new President and the new President's inauguration. Elections in the United States are held on the first Tuesday following 1st November every four years while inauguration day falls always on the following 20th January. Formal mechanisms to facilitate transitions are codified in law. MEDAC students benefitted from an opportunity to interact with Ambassador Hill during the Q&A session that followed.

MEDAC participates in OSCE workshop

MEDAC staff and students participated in an OSCE workshop held in Malta on 15th November 2016. The event brought together 80 experts from national authorities and international organizations from OSCE Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation countries and OSCE participating States.

The workshop aimed to explore new avenues for advancing OSCE engagement with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation in the area of border security and management.



The event was held under the auspices of Germany's 2016 OSCE Chairmanship.

Links:

www.osce.org/cio/282481
www.valletta.diplo.de/Vertretung/valletta/en/04Politik/OSZE_Workshop.html

Left: Group photo of the participants at the OSCE workshop.

MEDAC at the Anna Lindh Foundation MEDFORUM 2016



MEDAC staff and students participated in the 3rd Mediterranean Forum of the Anna Lindh Foundation for Intercultural Dialogue which took place at the historic Mediterranean Conference Centre in Valletta between the 23 to 25 October. The Forum has been acknowledged as a “landmark event” in addressing how intercultural dialogue can counteract the unprecedented challenges of the region.

The Forum, which was partnered and had the extensive support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta, built on a far-reaching process including a Preparatory Meeting in Valletta on 4 and 5 March 2016. The Forum was timed to take place on the eve of the first Maltese Presidency of the European Council.

The Forum in October brought together 680 delegates, mostly civil society leaders, from 50 countries. It was also attended by international media, policy makers, parliamentarians, and high officials of the Foundation’s main institutional partners, among them the United Nations, EU institutions, the OSCE and the Arab League. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon and EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs, Federica Mogherini sent messages to the Forum while OSCE Secretary General Lamberto Zannier addressed the opening session. The Foreign Minister of Malta, Hon. George Vella, inaugurated the Forum with Elisabeth Guigou, President of the Anna Lindh Foundation. The Forum had global outreach through Forum live debates as well as unprecedented media outreach through Facebook and Twitter.

The programme of the Forum included

plenary sessions for each of the two days, followed by simultaneous strategic debates on the identified priority areas and actors. The latter included debates on “Shifting the focus to Intercultural Cities”, “Rethinking Learning”, “Youth: Moving Public Voices into Policy Action” and “Media: Communicating for Cross-Cultural Understanding”. Dr. Omar Grech, Human Rights Dimension Co-ordinator at MEDAC was one of the keynote speakers on Rethinking Learning while Ms. Lourdes Pullicino, lecturer at MEDAC, wrote the background paper on Media for Intercultural Dialogue. The afternoon was dedicated to networking where participants were encouraged to develop

initiatives and actions to follow-up on the Forum’s key themes.

MEDAC was also involved in the Press Conference that was held in Malta in November 2016 to publicise the preliminary conclusions of the MED FORUM.

Link for photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/annalindh/30461035702/in/album-72157672115881793/>

*Top left: Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. George Vella, opens the ALF MEDFORUM.
Top right: MEDAC staff and students participating in the ALF MEDFORUM.
Below: Dr. Omar Grech, one of the speakers in the strategic debate on Rethinking Learning.*



Dr. Mark Harwood

Excerpts from Oration

That we, a small state, find ourselves at the helm of a key institution at the heart of the world's biggest economic bloc is quite staggering when compared to the Malta of the 1950s. EU membership is the most significant event in recent Maltese history and it is fitting that we should honour Dr. Borg in this context, as a central player in our road to EU membership and the consolidation of our position within the institutions post membership.

Under Dr. Borg as Minister for Foreign Affairs, the structures to oversee Malta's negotiations for accession were established, in particular the Malta-EU Steering and Action Committee which oversaw the process of involving stakeholders from across the Maltese socio-economic spectrum in formulating the Government's negotiating position. This process involved almost constant interaction between MEUSAC and hundreds of stakeholders from 1999 to 2003, a process chaired by Dr. Borg, and represented the most comprehensive and ambitious consultation exercise in Maltese political history.

When Dr. Borg was assigned the portfolio for fisheries and maritime policy in the 2004, Dr. Borg showed himself, and Malta, to be more than equal to the task assigned to him by the Commission. In speaking to those who worked closest with Dr. Borg, it was consistently noted that he is that rare kind of species, someone who listens, a man of dialogue, someone who "likes to co-create with those around him". The are not common skills but they have proven pivotal at two key junctures, namely during the search for a consensus on Maltese EU membership and during the search for a way forward on the reform of the EU's fisheries policy (CFP) and the launching of the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP).

MEDAC Chairman Dr. Joe Borg and Joint D Rubenstein awarded honora



UNIVERSITY OF MALTA
L-Università ta' Malta

Dr. Joe Borg

Excerpts from Acceptance Speech

Although I am the first to acknowledge that not all is perfect within the European Union, I am also convinced that there is much more that is good than that which is not. We should do our utmost to maximise what is good and to remedy what is bad. Malta can do its part during the coming six months.

Public opinion on the European Union within the different Member States needs to be addressed. The prevailing perception that decisions are taken in Brussels by unelected officials without an appreciation of the citizen who will be affected by them is far from reality. This misconception has not been tackled strongly enough and needs to be done sooner rather than later if we want to avoid the risk that the European Union starts slipping down the road to disintegration.

I believe firmly that the EU needs to proceed towards an even closer union. If the EU is not strengthened further, if the Member States and their component regions do not become more closely knit together, I am afraid that we can begin witnessing a process of breaking up. If this were to come about, no one of the Member States would be quite big enough to be able to withstand the challenge already being offered by China and, probably, by India and Brazil, in the years to come.

On 2nd December 2016, the University of Malta awarded honorary doctorates to two distinguished personalities closely linked to MEDAC.

MEDAC Chairman Dr. Joe Borg was awarded an honorary doctorate degree in recognition of his leadership during the negotiations leading to Malta's accession to the European Union and as the first Maltese member of the European Commission. Prof. Richard Rubenstein was conferred with an honorary doctorate for his tireless efforts to promote the peaceful and enduring resolution of conflict throughout the world and for his unstinting promotion of the University of Malta as a centre of excellence for the teaching and practice of conflict resolution. Prof. Rubenstein is the United States Course Coordinator of the Joint M.A. degree programme between MEDAC and the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR) at George Mason University, a programme which is now in



degree M.A. Co-ordinator Professor Richard y doctorates by the University of Malta

its eight year. The ceremony was held at the Jesuit Church of the University in Valletta and amongst the attendees were the staff and students of MEDAC.

Dr. Mark Harwood, Director of the Institute for European Studies delivered the oration for Dr. Borg while MEDAC Director Stephen Calleya was sponsor. As for Professor Rubenstein, the oration was delivered by Dr. Omar Grech while Professor Kevin Aquilina, Dean of the Faculty of Laws acted as sponsor.

MEDAC congratulates Dr. Borg and Prof. Rubenstein on this prestigious and well-deserved recognition.

Below centre: Rector of the University Prof. Alfred Vella together with honorary doctorates (from left: Prof. Richard Rubenstein, Prof. Richard England and Dr. Joe Borg).

Below left: Dr. Omar Grech with Prof. Richard Rubenstein.

Below right: Prof. Stephen Calleya, MEDAC Director with Dr. Joe Borg, MEDAC Chairman.



MEDAC

Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies
University of Malta

Professor Richard Rubenstein

Excerpts from Acceptance Speech

I first came to this island in 1994 to teach conflict resolution at the University and discovered that Malta and international peace were intimately connected subjects, with a history ranging from negotiation of the Law of the Sea Treaty to the Bush-Gorbachev summit that ended the Cold War. Almost immediately, I began to dream of working with MEDAC to establish a graduate-level conflict resolution program at the University and a Malta Peace Centre that could supply mediation and consulting services to conflicting parties in the Euro-Med region. A Peace Centre associated with the University would also be in a position to conduct research on the underlying causes of conflict and to mobilise scholars and activists to mitigate those causes.

Real estate agents here sell what they call “houses of character”. But what Malta produces, above all, are people of character. The American philosopher, Henry David Thoreau, once wrote about such people: “Oh for a man who is a man, and, as my neighbour says, has a bone in his back which you cannot pass your hand through!” Malta seems to specialise in generating this kind of man - and this kind of woman. I am more than honoured to be a graduate of this great University and to be associated with such men and women of character.

Dr. Omar Grech

Excerpts from Oration

This is a time when the world is going through many social, political and economic convulsions. A time when the public sphere is witnessing a retreat from the politics of persuasion, dialogue and kindness in favour of the politics of rancour, division and spite. At such a time the decision by the University of Malta to confer an honorary doctorate on Professor Richard Rubenstein is particularly apposite. Professor Rubenstein has stood for the values of peace, persuasion, equality and decency throughout his distinguished academic career.

Professor Rubenstein’s belief in Malta’s vocation as a peace-maker and optimism in Malta’s manifold capacities twinned with the vision of our university as an ideal locus to practice conflict resolution, led Professor Rubenstein to propose a partnership between S-CAR and the University of Malta. Professor Rubenstein’s proposal centred on Malta’s potential as a location where the intersection of history and geopolitics created an ideal context for the practice of conflict resolution to the benefit of the Mediterranean region. This proposal led to the creation of the joint MA degree in Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security which combines S-CAR’s faculty with the faculty of MEDAC.

The work of Professor Rubenstein and of all who promote conflict resolution matters. It is work which allows more people to “live lives they have reason to value” and which asks of us why so many people still do not lead such lives. Few vocations are more pertinent to our lived experience than conflict resolution and few disciplines have more devoted servants than Rich Rubenstein.

CALENDAR

29 September 2016

MEDAC Academic Year opening address for the Master in Conflict Resolution & Mediterranean Security students.

3 October 2016

University of Malta Opening Ceremony Academic Year 2016/2017.

3 October 2016

MEDAC Academic Year opening address for the Master of Diplomacy, Master of Arts in Diplomatic Studies and Diploma in Diplomatic Studies students.

6 & 10 October, 9 & 10 November 2016

Diplomacy Module with H.E. Olaph Terribile, Malta's Permanent Representative of the UN in Geneva.

12 & 26 October, 23 & 30 November, 7 & 14 December 2016

A series of lectures on 'Mediterranean States in the EU' by Mr. Patrick Tabone.

13 October 2016

H.E. Mr. Patrick Mifsud, Maltese Ambassador to France and MEDAC alumnus visits MEDAC.



13, 20 & 27 October 2016

Module by Ambassador Saviour Borg on International Organisations.

14 October 2016

Cultural Visit to Valletta, the Grand Harbour & Birgu.



17 October 2016

MEDAC students and academic staff hold a Student Debate on 'Counter-terrorism after Paris'.

20 October 2016

Ambassadorial Lecture on 'Diplomacy during Political Transitions' by H.E. Ms. G. Kathleen Hill, the US Ambassador to Malta.

24 - 25 October 2016

MEDAC participates in the 3rd Mediterranean Forum of the Anna Lindh Foundation for Intercultural Dialogue held at the Mediterranean Conference Centre in Valletta.

2 November 2016

Lecture by EU High Representative Federica Mogherini on 'The Mediterranean in the EU Global Strategy'.

10 - 11 November 2016

Lectures on 'The Restructuring of the Middle East since 1990' by Prof. Jochen Hippler, Institute for Development and Peace (INEP) of the University of Duisburg-Essen.

14 & 16 November 2016

Diplomacy Module with Mr. Thomas McGrath, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels.

15 November 2016

MEDAC staff and students participate in a workshop on ways to strengthen border security co-operation between OSCE Mediterranean Partners and participating States, held at the Corinthia Hotel.

15 November 2016

Graduation Ceremony for Class 2015/2016.

18 November 2016

Keynote address by the Hon. Dr. George Vella, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta.

21 - 23 November 2016

Lectures about 'Euro-Mediterranean Relations' by Prof. Bichara Khader, Director of the Arab Study and Research Centre (C.E.R.M.A.C.), DVLP and Professor of Politics, Economics & Social Sciences at Louvain University (UCL), Belgium.



24 November 2016

Visit by H.E. Amb. Hatem Atallah, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation to MEDAC.



24 November 2016

Graduation Ceremony for Class 2015/2016.

25 November 2016

MEDAC staff and students attend an official exchange with the Hon. Dr. George Vella, Foreign Minister of Malta and H.E. Amb. Hatem Atallah, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the recent Anna Lindh Forum.

25 November 2016

MEDAC International Cultural Night.

28 November & 12 December 2016

Diplomacy Module with Dr. Carm Mifsud Bonnici.

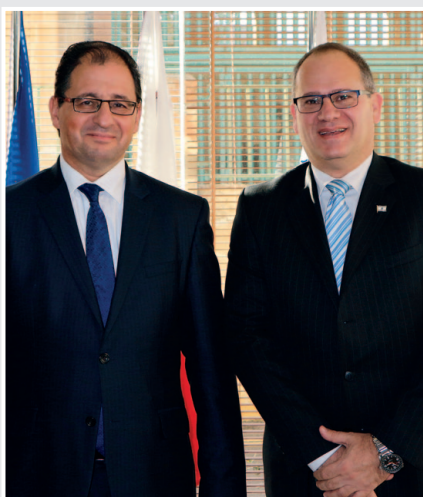
30 November 2016

MEDAC students' company visit to Farsons, Malta, as part of their International Economics module.



30 November 2016

H.E. Eyal Sela, the Israeli Ambassador to Malta, paid a courtesy visit to MEDAC.



1 December 2016

Ambassadorial Lecture on 'German Foreign Policy from a Personal Perspective' by H.E. Gudrun Sräga, German Ambassador to Malta.

2 December 2016

Honorary doctorates awarded by the University of Malta to Dr Joe Borg, MEDAC Chairman and Prof. Richard Rubenstein, US co-ordinator of the joint degree programme between MEDAC and George Mason University.

15 December 2016

H.E. Mrs. Chryssoula Karykopoulou, Ambassador of Greece to Malta pays a courtesy visit to MEDAC.

9 to 11 January 2017

Prof. Ludger Keuhnhardt from ZEI, University of Bonn, delivers a module on Regional Integration.

23 January 2017

German and French State Ministers for Europe, H.E. Michael Roth and H.E. Harlem Desir discuss European Integration with MEDAC staff and students.

6 February 2017

H.E. Julienne Hince, Australian High Commissioner to Malta pays a courtesy visit to MEDAC.



8 February 2017

MEDAC honours Chancellor Prof. David Attard for his initiative in the setting up of MEDAC.

16 February 2017

Dr. Canan Atilgan, Director of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Regional Programme Political Dialogue and Regional Integration South Mediterranean (PolDiMed) visited MEDAC.

20 to 24 February 2017

Amb. M. Hefny and Mr. A. Hamdy deliver a module on Water Diplomacy.



Morgan Cloud

*MEDAC Alumnus
from USA
2015 - 2016*

Taking part in the dual masters program allowed me to immerse myself in some of the most intellectually stimulating and rewarding experiences. Coming into the program from a Bachelors in Anthropology, I wasn't sure where I could fit into the important debates being had at most every level of our society. I knew I wanted the chance to contribute to these discussions, and this rigorous course gave me the opportunity to do that.

The 2015-16 class was a diverse

and brilliant group, whose backgrounds varied from English and diplomacy to law enforcement and international affairs. Each two-week class saw the introduction of new ideas and concepts, and through debate the cohort learned from one another's unique experiences. We worked with some of the best faculty of two great institutions, whose commitment to our success was always clear. In the small classes, we were expected to be fully engaged, and while the material was challenging, engagement came naturally and we could constantly count on classmates or lecturers to challenge us and dig deeper into what we put forward. Group projects and simulations gave us opportunities to use the skills we learned to put forward ideas and approaches in order to solve complex issues.

Security in the Mediterranean is increasingly becoming more relevant to our global systems, and in the classroom we learned how to approach it at all levels, from legal and intergovernmental structures to individual and social

systems. Completing this program entirely in Malta had many advantages in this way. The course was located in the connecting point between three significant regions and allowed us to really explore what was going on in the region and feel how it impacted those around us.

Moving abroad was an invaluable part of this course, and the travel opportunities of the last year were some of my most cherished experiences, helping to build my perspectives in class discussions, as well as my ability to contribute professionally. My relationship with professors and colleagues continue to push me to pursue meaningful work, and the ideas we engaged with in class have prepared me to be able to analyze and understand events and trends in the world. I am proud of the work I completed in this program and am so grateful to those who were part of my time in Malta. I'm confident that it has given me the tools to continue learning and contribute to the field in a tangible way.



Ahmad Alshourbagy

*MEDAC Alumnus
from Egypt
2013 - 2014*

My experience at MEDAC in 2014 was a unique life experience. MEDAC is a renowned academy which offers academic and practical experience in the field of diplomacy. One

of its unique features is having excellent professors (both permanent and visiting ones) from all over the world which enriches our student experience. Having around 30 students from more than 15 countries gives the experience a multi cultural and diverse dimension, where you get to meet, study and live with people from many diverse backgrounds.

The diversity and relevance of the subjects studied during the course is also important. In particular gaining knowledge in international law, international economics, international history, international relations, security studies, diplomacy, media,

languages, presentation skills and more is crucially important for any career diplomat. The dedicated professors that give you the chance to understand and discuss the subjects as well as an equipped library for further research enhance the experience.

For me personally MEDAC was an amazing opportunity and a big step forward in my life and career. In my current work as a career diplomat, everything I learnt at MEDAC has proved very useful. I sincerely value MEDAC's contribution to my knowledge and experiences, aiding me to boost my goals and achievements.

MEDAC RECRUITMENT 2017-2018

MASTER OF ARTS IN DIPLOMATIC STUDIES	Full-time - 3 Semesters
MASTER OF DIPLOMACY	Full-time - 2 Semesters Open to Junior Diplomats (by invitation)
MASTER OF ARTS IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY	Full-time - 3 Semesters
*Dual Programme with George Mason University	www.um.edu.mt/icp/MSc-Conflict-Analysis-Resolution

For further information contact: simon.bajada@um.edu.mt

The MEDAC class of 2016/17 and the MEDAC Alumni Association organised the Annual International Cultural night on 25th November 2016. The event, which was held the day after the graduation of the class of 2015/16, is firmly established as one of the highlights of the MEDAC alumni calendar.

This year's event was very well attended with the most recent graduates of MEDAC celebrating their achievement together with the MEDAC academic and administrative staff as well as alumni from various years. The current students from the M.Dip, MA Diplomatic Studies and MA Conflict Resolution cohorts as well as the MEDAC diploma programme all contribute to make a success of this event.

At the beginning of the event, Dr Omar Grech, on behalf of the MEDAC Alumni Association welcomed all the attendees and congratulated the recent graduates. Dr. Grech also highlighted the role of the



MEDAC Alumni Association in maintaining the MEDAC family spirit. Everyone present greatly enjoyed the variety of national dishes prepared by the students.

Above: Dr. Omar Grech delivers the welcoming speech.

Below left: MEDAC students showcasing their traditional dresses.

Below right: MEDAC students and Alumni.



GRADUATING CLASS OF 2015/2016

Master of Diplomacy

Azerbaijan	Mr. Asgar Asgarov
China	Ms. Shengnan Ning
Egypt	Mr. Ahmed Raafat Hanafy
Georgia	Mr. Khuta Salia
Libya	Ms. Eman Albakoush
Malta	Mr. Matthew Grima
Moldova	Mr. Vilen Murzac
Palestine	Mr. Dirar Samih Hassan
Palestine	Mr. Ahmed Amin Abu-Alrob
Somalia	Mr. Mohamed Issak Ibrahim
Tanzania	Ms. Upendo Peniel Mwashwa
The Gambia	Mr. Abou Cole
Tunisia	Ms. Hayfa Limem
Ukraine	Ms. Serafyma Bugakova

Master of Arts in Diplomatic Studies

Iceland	Ms. Snaefridur Grimsdottir
Malta	Ms. Christine Said
Malta	Mr. Andrew Rizzo Naudi
Malta	Mr. Alfred Tabone
Malta	Mr. Adam Vella
Malta	Mr. Vincent Martin Mifsud

MA Conflict Resolution & Mediterranean Security

Belgium	Mr. Chadi Asli
France	Ms. Delphi Robert
Germany	Ms. Mouna Keune
Germany	Mr. Ali Tobias Albrecht
Malta	Mr. Charles Calleja
Malta	Mr. Mark Miceli Farrugia

Netherlands	Mr. Foeke Johan Postma
USA	Ms. Morgan Brae Cloud
USA	Ms. Monika Lauren Fallon
USA	Ms. Brenna Fitzpatrick
USA	Mr. David Lanigan
USA	Ms. Amanda Rauch
USA	Ms. Ava Stone
USA	Mr. Frank Talbot

Diploma in Diplomatic Studies

Malta	Mr. Martin Dominic Camilleri
Malta	Ms. Jennifer Cefai
Malta	Mr. Adriano Stefano Farrugia
Malta	Mr. Ivan Mallia
Malta	Mr. Nicholai Spiteri
Malta	Mr. Mario Vincent Vella

German and French Ministers of State for Europe visit MEDAC on the Day of Franco-German Friendship



H.E. Harlem Désir, Minister of State for European Affairs at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development and H.E. Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe at the German Federal Foreign Office visited MEDAC on 23rd January 2017 on the occasion of the Day of Franco-German Friendship. The distinguished Ministers from France and Germany addressed MEDAC students and staff on the current state of European integration, contemporary challenges and ways forward for Europe.

The guests were welcomed by the Chairman of the Academy, Dr. Joe Borg. The holder of the German Chair for

Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at MEDAC, Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, moderated the event.

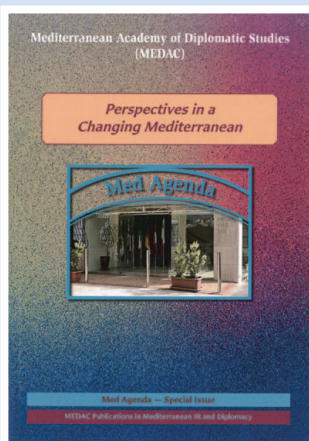
Ministers Désir and Roth emphasised that while the German-Franco reconciliation model cannot be seen as a blueprint for others, it does show that a history of conflict can be overcome. France and Germany support reconciliation processes in numerous parts of the world. The two ministers addressed a wide-ranging set of questions from MEDAC students and staff.

The Day of Franco-German Friendship is marked each year on the 22nd January and provides an opportunity for both countries to celebrate their friendship.

The symbolic date was chosen in 2003 on the 40th anniversary of the Elysée Treaty - signed on 22nd January 1963 which set the seal on reconciliation between France and Germany.

The German Foreign Office is a stakeholder of the Academy and in 2009 established a German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at MEDAC.

*Above left: French and German Ministers of State Harlem Désir and Michael Roth in discussion with students at MEDAC.
Above right: MEDAC Chairman Dr. Joe Borg introducing the session moderated by Dr. Monika Wohlfeld.*



Perspectives in a Changing Mediterranean: Essays in honour of Dr. Joe Borg Med Agenda - Special Issue

Recent Publications

The publication was conceptualised as a tribute to Dr. Joe Borg, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta and former Commissioner of the European Union and current Chairman of MEDAC.

Through this publication, contributing Board members and academic staff at MEDAC express their gratitude to Dr. Borg for sharing his wisdom and expertise on diplomacy and on Euro-Mediterranean relations on a regular basis and for contributing to MEDAC's academic programme through his teaching and research supervision.

The publication consists of a number

of essays by MEDAC Board members and members of the academic staff and engages with some of the major challenges that the Mediterranean is facing today. Dr. Borg's introductory essay is a personal reflection on Euro-Mediterranean relations at the moment Malta assumes the EU Council Presidency in the first six months of 2017. The contributors to this publication include Professor Stephen Calleya, Professor Jürg Martin Gabriel, Professor Patricia Mallia and Ms. Felicity Attard, Dr. Derek Lutterbeck, Dr. Monika Wohlfeld, Dr. Omar Grech and Ms. Lourdes Pullicino.