

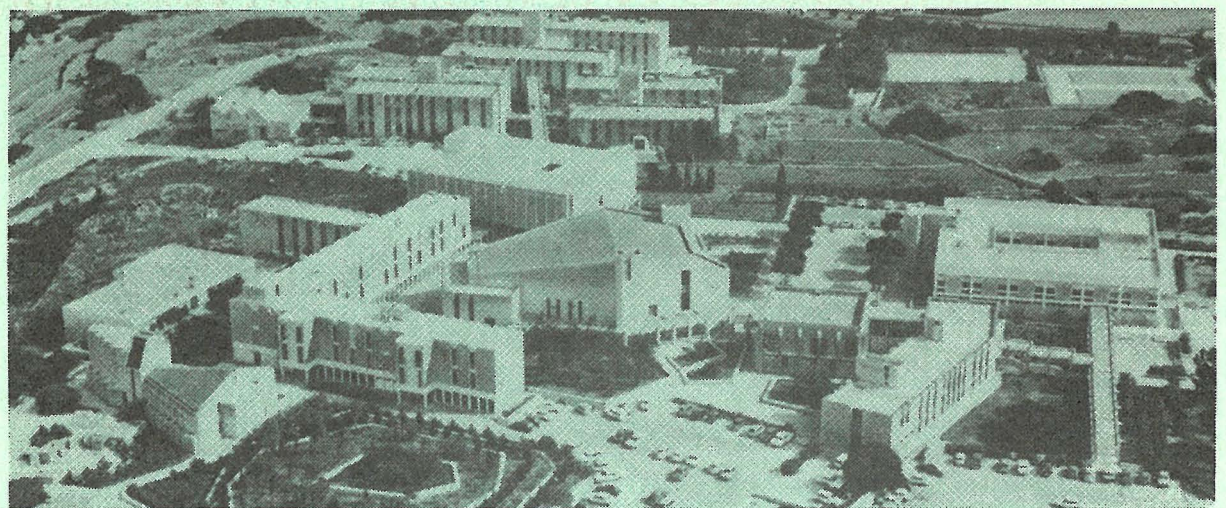
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## GRADUATION CEREMONY

On Friday, 29th April 1988, the Rector, Rev. Professor Peter Serracino Inglott conferred three hundred and six degrees at the Graduation Ceremony held under Mediterranean skies in the Main Quadrangle.

The ceremony was presided by the Chancellor of the University H.E. Mr. Paul Xuereb, Acting President of the Republic and honoured by the presence of the Minister of Education, Dr. Ugo Mifsud Bonnici.

This year's Ceremony had several innovations. It included a presentation of poems and music entitled *Il-Mewg u l-Wasla* by a group of students; a tribute to Emeritus Professor Mgr. Edward Coleiro by Dr. Anthony Bonanno, Lecturer in the Faculty of Arts; an address by Mr. Jonathan Pace, a representative of the graduands; and the presentation of a Token of Appreciation to Mr. Carmel Calleja, Staff Representative on Council (1982-1987).

The graduands were:

**B.A.**

Victor AGIUS	Carmen GALEA
Godfrey AQUILINA	Maria GRECH
Josette ATTARD	Pauline GRECH
Mary E. AZZOPARDI	Therese GRIMA
Rita BRIFFA	Joseph LIA
Agnes M. CAMILLERI	Raymond MANGION
Maria Carmela CAMILLERI	Frank MUSCAT
Philip CARUANA	Oliver P. PACE
Anna CATANIA	Anna Maria TEUMA
Stephen CRAUS	Anthony VELLA
Dominic CUTAJAR	Stephen ZAMMIT
Simone de BRINCAT	Mary Doris ZARB*
Stephen A. DEGIORGIO	

**B.Ed.(Hons.)**

Innocent AQUILINA	Maria GOVE
Natalie AQUILINA	Alfred GRECH
Nicolette AQUILINA	Anna R. GRECH
Stephanie AQUILINA	Pauline GRECH
Marie T. ATTARD-MONTALTO	Saviour IDUNGafa
David BARTOLO	John MANGION
Clarissa BLAKE	Joseph MICALLEF*
Pauline BORG	Maria MICALLEF
Suzanne BORG	Jonathan MIFSUD
Silvana BUONTEMPO	Lorenzo MULE STAGNO*
Emilienne BUSIETTA	Monica MUSCAT
Marie Louise BUTTIGIEG	Patrick PADOVANI
Suzanne BUTTIGIEG	Simonette PANZAVECCHIA
Antoinette CACHIA	Mary PORTELLI
Gaetan CALLEJA	Rose M. PRIVITELLI BATTISTINO
Josette CAMILLERI	Joseph SALIBA
Paul CAMILLERI	Helena SAMMUT
Rita CATANIA	Marceline SAMMUT
Suzanne CATANIA	Marthese SAMMUT
Nathalie CHETCUTI	Yvonne SAMMUT
Saviour CUTAJAR	Marion SAMUT
Catherine DAMATO	Gerald SCERRI
Alfred DEBATTISTA	Louis SCERRI
Antonia DEBATTISTA	David SPITERI

**B.Ed.(Hons.) Contd.**

Sylvana DEBONO	Joseph SPITERI
Maria Carmela FAVA	Michelina SPITERI
Lucienne FENECH	Raymond SPITERI
Rosanne FENECH	Margaret SULTANA
Anita FERRO	John UNGARO
Josette FIOTT	Margaret VASSALLO
Alexander FRANCALANZA	Anne Marie VELLA
Maria FREUDO	Marisa VELLA
Anthony GAFFIERO*	Joseph XERRI
Karen GATT	John XUEREB
Joseph GIORDMAINA	Nadya ZAMMIT

**B.A.(Hons.) Accountancy**

Raymond ABELA	Stellina GALEA
Michelina AGIUS	Steven GALEA
Henry ATTARD	Elvia GEORGE
Carmel AZZOPARDI	Tonio HILI
Edmond BARTOLO	Elizabeth MICALLEF
Peter BORG	Maria MICALLEF
Emmanuel CALLUS	Mario MIFSUD
Raymond CAMILLERI	Noel MIZZI
David CARUANA	Paul MUSCAT
Patrick CARUANA	Godfrey SAMMUT
Francis CASSAR	Joseph SAMMUT
Saviour CAUCHI	Peter SAMMUT BRIFFA
Marthese DEBONO	George SCERRI
Mary Grace DIMECH	Brian TONNA
Aldo FARRUGIA	Reno ZAMMIT
Simon FLYNN	

**B.A.(Hons.) Business Management**

Norman BUHAGIAR	Paul FARRUGIA
Natalie Ann CALLEJA	Joseph GALEA
Bruno CASSAR	Antoinette MICALLEF
Maria S. CASSAR	Carmelo MICALLEF
Herman CIAPPARA	George MIZZI*
Romeo CUTAJAR	Johanna SPITERI
Dawn FARRUGIA	Dionisio VELLA
Eugenio FARRUGIA	Emanuel VELLA
Martin FARRUGIA	Franco XUEREB

**B.A.(Hons.) Public Administration**

Miriam AXISA	Antoine PACE
Victoria AZZOPARDI	Jonathan PACE
Bernard BUGEJA	Cecilia PIROTTA
Henry CACHIA	Stephen SPITERI
Mariosa CASSAR	Lucienne VASSALLO
Christine GALEA	Philip VON BROCKDORFF
Marie Louise GAUCI	Peter Paul ZAMMIT
Mario MAGRO CONTI	

**B.E. & A.(Hons.)**

Jean Pierre ATTARD	Joseph FENECH CONTI
Mario P. BALZAN	Emanuel GALEA
Stephen BONELLO	David MALLIA
Alex BUONTEMPO	Paul MICALLEF
Robert CACHIA	Saviour MICALLEF
Joseph CACHIA FEARNE	Mario SCICLUNA
Althea CAMENZULI	Alexander SOLER
Joseph CASSAR	Christopher C. SPITERI
Peter Paul CEFAI	Shirley Ann TANTI
Frank CORTIS	Conrad THAKE
Fabian DEBATTISTA	David URPANI
Oliver DEBONO	Joseph ZAMMIT
John EBEJER	

**B.Elec.Eng.(Hons.)**

Felicità ABELA	Joseph FARRUGIA
Therese M. AQUILINA	Mark FARRUGIA
Alan ATTARD	Mario GALEA
Victor BONELLO	Joseph GATT
Andrew BORG	Edward MAGRO
Igino CALLEJA	Raphael MICALLEF TRIGONA
Frankie CARUANA	Arthur PACE
George CASSAR	Patrick SPITERI STAINES
Joseph CHIRCOP	Mario VASSALLO
Gerald DEGAETANO	Alfred ZAMMIT
Mary Grace DELIA	Christopher ZAMMIT

**B.Mech.Eng.(Hons.)**

Alan ABELA	Michael CASSAR
Saviour ABELA	Andrew FORTE
Adrian AGIUS	Paul GATT
Edwin AQUILINA	Martin GAUCI
Daniel AZZOPARDI	Daniel MUSCAT
Anthony BARTOLO	Martin PICCININO
James BARTOLO	Joseph RESTALL
Joseph BARTOLO	Jesmond TONNA
Rudolph BORG MYATT	Alexander TRANTER
Christopher BRINCAT	Pierre VELLA
Patrick CAMILLERI MERCIECA	

**B.Pharm.(Hons.)**

Monica ABDILLA	Angele GIGLIO
David M. ATTARD	Josef GRECH
Nicholas BONANNO	Isabella GRIMA
Joseph BONDIN	Joseph P. GRIMA
Antoinette BORG	Lauren HOLLAND
Clare BORG	Miriam KERR
Marvic BORG BUSUTTIL	Marco MANARA
Massimo BORG MILLO	Anna McELHATTON
Caroline BUHAGIAR	Mario MIFSUD
Marie Therese CAMILLERI	Marthese MONREAL
Eugenio CARUANA	Victoria NAUDI
Robert CARUANA	Joelle PULLICINO

**B.Pharm.(Hons.) Contd.**

Stefan CASSAR	Emmanuel SAID
Bernardette CATANIA	Stephanie M. SCERRI
Michael DALMAS	John SCICLUNA
Maria ELLUL	Anton SPITERI
Claire FALZON	Damian STELLINI
Thelma FARRUGIA	Alan TONNA
Pierre FAVA	Simone VELLA
Beniamino FENECH	Alison ZAMMIT
Mark Anthony GALEA	Miriam ZAMMIT
Greta GATT	Margot ZAMMIT MONTEBELLO

**M.D.**

Doreen AQUILINA	Joseph GALEA
Mary C. ATTARD	David GATT
Andrew BALDACCHINO	Sandra GAUCI
Shirley BHARWANI	Alison GERA
Isabella BORG	Victor GRECH
Angela BORG CAUCHI	Mario GRISCTI
Victoria BUSUTTIL	Carmelo MALLIA
Ivan CAMILLERI	Lucia MARTINELLI
Timothy CAMILLERI	Jacqueline MELILLO
Charmaine CASSAR	Joseph M. PACE
Astrid CAUCHI DEPASQUALE	James POCOCK
Stanley CHETCUTI	Sharon RUFFINI
Valerie CONTI	Anthony SAMUEL
Victor CURMI	Mark SCHEMBRI WISMAYER
Joseph DEBONO	Margaret SPITERI
Connie FARRUGIA	Silvana TONNA
Joseph FARRUGIA	Joseph VELLA
Anna Maria GALEA	

**AWARD OF DIPLOMAS**

At a ceremony held on Thursday, 23rd June, 1988 at University House, the Rector, Rev. Professor P. Serracino Inglott awarded the following Diplomas:

**Diploma in Law and Administration; Business Law and Accounting (Higher Level)**

Francis AGIUS	Anthony MUSCAT BARON
Emanuel S. CAMILLERI	Vincent SAMMUT
John A. CONSIGLIO	

**Diploma in Business Law and Accounting**

Publio AGIUS	Mark A. FALZON
Josephine AQUILINA	Hercules FARRUGIA
Alexander ARENA	Saviour FARRUGIA
Reno ATTARD	Charles GAFÀ
Paul AZZOPARDI	John GALDES
Susan BELL	Christine GALEA
Joseph P. BONELLO	Natalie MEILAK BRUNETTI
John BONNICI	Pieter MICALLEF
Christopher BORG	Anthony MIFSUD
Victor BORG GRECH	John MUSCAT
Vittorio BRUNO	Dorianne PORTANIER

**Diploma in Business Law and Accounting *Contd.***

Anton BUHAGIAR	Nives SALIBA
Carmel BUHAGIAR	Ivan SAMMUT
Alexander CALLEJA	Rita SCERRI
Emily CAMILLERI	Jeanne SCICLUNA
John CAMILLERI	John B. SCICLUNA
Lawrence CAUCHI	Alessandra SPITERI
Johanna CEFAI	Godwin SPITERI
Carmel CIARLÒ	Eugene WARRINGTON
Christopher DEBONO	Francis X. XERRI
Paul DEBONO	

**Diploma in Environmental Science**

Alfred AGIUS	Joseph A. DOUBLET
Josephine Ann AQUILINA	Chantal FALZON
Christopher ATTARD	Victor FALZON
Alfred E. BALDACCHINO	Emmanuel FIORENTINO
Saviour BALZAN	Albert M. GAMBIN
Mario C. BORG	Joseph GAUCI
Vincent BORG	Josephine GRECH
Carmel BORG GALEA	Mario MALLIA
Carmel P. CAMILLERI	Raymond MANGION
Ray CAMILLERI	Michael MUSCAT
Carmel D. CARUANA	Anton PIZZUTO
Louis F. CASSAR	Andrew WARRINGTON
Desirée COLEIRO	

**Diploma in Communication Studies**

Raymond CINI	Anton PIZZUTO
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**Diploma in Computing Studies (Higher Level)**

Edwin SIRACUSA

**THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
COMMUNITY OF MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITIES (C.M.U.)**

Over 90 Rectors or their delegates from almost every country in the Mediterranean region attended the Third General Assembly of the Community of Mediterranean Universities (C.M.U.), which was held on 10th and 11th June, 1988 at the Assembly Hall of the University. The Chancellor of the University H.E. Mr. Paul Xuereb, Acting President of the Republic of Malta, opened the meeting.

The C.M.U. endeavours to promote scientific and cultural cooperation among the mediterranean universities and to establish permanent links amongst them.

During the Assembly the following papers were read:

Dr. Esin Atil: 'The Ottoman Empire and the Mediterranean from illustrated 16th Century Turkish Histories'.

Professor Manuel G. Doncel: 'Mediterranean Roots of our Physical Sciences'.

Rev. Professor Peter Serracino Inglott: 'The Mediterranean story-telling Sailor – Odysseus and Sinbad'.

Professors Giulio Relini and Angelo Tursi: 'The State of Research in Marine Biology in Italy within the Context of the Mediterranean' and 'University Training in Ecology'.

This year the Mediterranean Prize instituted by the C.M.U. was awarded to the Greek poet and Nobel prize winner, Odysseus Elytis.

A musical soirée under the direction of Maestro C. Camilleri was also held at the Assembly Hall.

## DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

The Faculty of Arts is holding a course of studies leading to the degree of Master of Arts (M.A.).

The course, which is due to commence on Monday, 3rd October, 1988, will be open to graduates holding the appropriate academic qualifications.

The duration of the Course is one year full-time study; or two years part-time study.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHERS

The Faculty of Education offered the following short evening courses in its Professional Development of Teachers Programme:

1. Mathematics Teaching in the Primary School
2. The Teaching of Religion
3. Principles of Test Construction  
(Knowledge of Educational Measurement Theory essential)
4. Early Childhood Education

These courses, which started at the end of May 1988, were of fifteen-hour duration and spread over five weeks.

## ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY THE POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL COMMITTEE

The Post-Graduate Medical Committee organized the following activities:

6th May	Management of Early Breast Cancer	Dr. Stephen Brincat M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., F.R.C.R.
13th May	Presentation by PROJECT ORBIS	
20th May	Insulin and the change over to Insulin 100	Dr. Joseph Azzopardi M.D., M.R.C.P.(U.K.)
17th June	Febrile Convulsions	Dr. Paul Vassallo Agius M.D., F.R.C.P.(Lond.), D.C.H.
23rd June	Management of Cardiac Arrhythmias	Dr. Jonathan Crick M.R.C.P.
24th June	Recent Advances in the Haematology and Immunology of Pregnancy and Pre-Natal Diagnosis	Dr. Maurice Cauchi M.D., M.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.C.P.A.

## PRESTIGIOUS PRIZE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW BOOK

At a special ceremony held at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, the prestigious Paul Guggenheim Foundation prize was presented on Dr. David Attard, who lectures at the University, for his book on *The Exclusive Economic Zone in International Law* published by the Clarendon Press of the University of Oxford.

The prize is awarded every two years to the author of a work on international law which is considered as the most outstanding over the period by an international panel of judges.

The prize was presented to Dr. Attard by Judge Sir Robert Jennings, who is a former Professor of International Law at Cambridge University and is now the British Judge at the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

Sir Robert was one of the panel which selected Dr. Attard to receive the prize consisting of a Guggenheim Laureate and a cash prize.

The panel also included Professor Dietrich Schindler, Professor of International Law at the University of Zurich, Professor Paul Reuter, Professor Emeritus of International Law at the University of Sorbonne and Professor Pastor Ridruejo, Professor of International Law at the University of Madrid.

## GENERAL

*Visit by Professor J. Lukaszewski*

On Thursday, 9th June, 1988, Professor Jerzy Lukaszewski, Rector of the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium, arrived in Malta to take part in the selection of Maltese graduates, who for the first time, will attend the College for the academic year 1988-89.

The scholarships for studies in European Community Law and European Political Institutions are being funded by the University and Mid-Med Bank Ltd.

*Student Representative on Council*

Ms. Judie Azzopardi, a First Year student in the B.A. Course, has been elected as student representative on Council up to 31st December, 1988 in terms of Section 32(2)(h) of the Education Act, 1974 (as amended).

*Book Donation*

On Tuesday, 10th May, 1988, the British High Commissioner, Mr. Brian Hitch donated £5,000 worth of books to the University Library. It included books on economy, law, philosophy and English literature as well as the Encyclopaedia of Religion by Mircea Eliade, the Encyclopaedia of Materials Science and Engineering and Stroud's Judicial Dictionary.

Amongst those attending the presentation ceremony, there were the University Librarian, Dr. Paul Xuereb, Dr. Peter Vassallo and Rev. Dr. E. Fenech.

*A Library Publication*

The University Library has just published the second revised edition of its 'Authority list of Maltese names for libraries using AACR2' edited by Deputy Librarian (Technical Services) Ms Lillian Sciberras. The aim of this publication is to standardise the form in which the names of Maltese authors, whether personal or institutional, are entered in catalogues and bibliographies.

*Maltese Poet's Exhibition at University Library*

In May, an exhibition on the life and works of the poet Karmenu Vassallo (1913-1987) was open at the University Library.

The exhibits included manuscripts, printed books, letters, photographs, diplomas and certificates, and medals. The manuscripts included a number of early poems (1932-1934), *Metrika Maltija* and the very moving *Il-Pupu*, written initially when his son Joe was born and completed a year later when the child died.

The printed books included two rareties: *Żwieg f'qiegh il-bahar u Mastru Rjus* which Vassallo published under the pseudonym V.E.K.A. in 1937, the year before *Nirien*, commonly regarded as his first published book.

The letters included important items written by Dun Karm, Ninu Cremona and Anton Buttigieg and a short letter from the Italian author Ada Negri.

Arrangements were made for groups of schoolchildren to visit this exhibition.

*Book Exhibition*

The University has again participated in the annual Progress Press Book Exhibition held at the Hotel Phoenicia between Monday, 6th June and Saturday, 11th June, 1988.

*Women and Social Development*

During April and May 1988, the Workers' Participation Development Centre (W.P.D.C.) of the University organised a course entitled 'Women and Men – Equal Partners in the Building of a New Society – An experiential programme based on Women's Writings'.

The programme focused on diverse aspects of women's writings. Education, the environment, art, psychology and social analysis were among the subjects included and the lecturers presented and discussed women's contributions towards a better society.

*Ghadira Nature Reserve*

The Department of Science in collaboration with the Environment Division (Ministry of Education), the Ornithological Society (MOS), and the Society for the Study and Conservation of Nature organized a one-day Seminar on 'The Biology of the Ghadira Nature Reserve' on Saturday, 23rd April, 1988.

*Lecture by Chev. Professor H. Gilles*

On Wednesday, 1st June, 1988, Chev. Professor Herbert Gilles, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.F.C.M., M.D.(Honoris Causa Karolinska), Professor of Tropical Medicine at the University of Liverpool delivered a lecture on 'Some Aspects of Management and Treatment of Malaria' in the Conference Hall of the Medical School, Guardamangia.

*Public Lectures*

On Monday, 2nd May, 1988, Professor Brian P. Hall, Professor of Counselling and Psychology



and Expert in Computer Aided Value Analysis at Santa Clara University, U.S.A. gave a public lecture on 'Leadership through Values'.

On Tuesday, 3rd May, 1988, Dr. Horatio Vella, Ph.D., Lecturer in Classics at the University of Zimbabwe delivered a public lecture on 'Longus and the Novel' at the Humanities Lecture Theatre of the University.

On Friday, 20th May, 1988, Professor Romano Prodi, President of the Institute for Industrial Reconstruction (I.R.I.) gave a public lecture on 'Il mercato unico europeo del 1992 e conseguenze per le imprese' at the Science Lecture Theatre of the University.

This lecture was made in collaboration with the Malta Development Corporation (M.D.C.) and the Embassy of Italy. The attendance at this lecture

was extraordinary and reflected the interest in the European Economic Community (EEC).

On Monday, 20th June, 1988, Mr. John Hinley, F.R.S.A., Senior Lecturer in Art History at the Nene College of Higher Education, Northampton, England, delivered a public lecture on 'Fine artists as stage designers: a kaleidoscope of the visual developments of stage design and costume as seen through the eyes and works of masters of fine art' at the Science Lecture Theatre. Mr. Hinley's talk, which was illustrated with slides, discussed designs by such artists as Fortuny, Bakst, Giorgio de Chirico, Picasso, Leger and Rex Whistler.

The lecture was presented by The University in collaboration with the Manoel Theatre Academy of Dramatic Art.

## STUDENT NUMBERS

### Diploma /Degree Evening Courses

Courses	No. of Students Total
Mathematics, Computing and Logic Higher Level (September 1984 – February 1989)	14
Computing Studies Degree Level (February 1983 – July 1988)	11
Bachelor of Arts (March 1987/January 1988 – July 1991)	129
Bachelor of Arts (September 1984/February 1989)	27
(February 1986/July 1990)	5
Bachelor of Science (March 1987 – July 1991)	97
Maths and Computing: (57)	
Physics, Chemistry, Biology: (40)	
Environmental Science (September 1986 – February 1988)	25
Applied Social Studies – Social Work (1985 – 1988)	5
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**RECENT PUBLICATION**

*Journal of Maltese Studies* Nos. 17-18

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pp. 210

This publication may be obtained from: The Publications Office, The University of Malta, Msida, Malta.

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**OBITUARY**

*We record with regret the death of  
Mr. Kevin Tonna, a Third Year Student in the Electrical Engineering Course*

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**UNIVERSITY GAZETTE**

*All matter for publication in the next issue of the Gazette should be sent to the Registrar  
not later than the 31st August, 1988*

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***At the Graduation Ceremony, Dr. Anthony Bonanno, Lecturer in the Faculty of Arts paid the following tribute to Professor Mgr. Edward Coleiro.***

Your Excellency, Honourable Minister, Rector, Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Ten years have passed since Professor Edward Coleiro retired from the Chair of Latin and Headship of the Classics Department in this University. No one can expect, therefore, all those present here to be acquainted with the man to whom we are paying tribute today. Certainly none of the graduands in this congregation have known him as a teacher. Consequently, I do not feel I can get away with the customary evasive statement that 'he needs no introduction'.

In the educational field Professor Coleiro will best be remembered by thousands of former students as a teacher whose love and enthusiasm for his subject constituted an engrossing experience in themselves. He spent the best forty years of his life initiating generation after another of young people to the logical precision of the Latin language and the enchanting splendours of the Greco-Roman civilization. He published his first book (an anthology of Latin poetry) in 1946, a year before he was appointed Professor of Latin at the then Royal University of Malta. Since then he has produced a steady stream of scholarly publications (monographs and articles in learned journals) and asserted himself as a leading authority in Latin studies, in particular of his favourite *maximus poetarum*, Vergil.

Those of my generation and others somewhat older are very familiar with many other feats of this man who has succeeded so well in combining the rare qualities of scholarship and organizational ability. Most of us remember the national celebrations of the Centenary of St. Paul's shipwreck on Malta, in 1960, of which he was the principal organiser, and his setting up of the Catholic Institute in Floriana, which was inaugurated in the same year. In the educational and cultural field I cannot omit mention of those two outstanding and living monuments of his enterprising and energetic personality: the Cathedral Museum and Archive of Mdina and the Museum of St. John's in Valletta, both of which he still indefatigably directs.

The tenth anniversary of his retirement from the University is a fitting occasion for presenting Professor Coleiro with a specially bound copy of the volume *Laurea Corona*, a collection of papers submitted in his honour by some of the most distinguished scholars in the field of Classics. I feel I would be in fault if I failed to make a special mention of thanks to Dr. Horatio Vella, another former student of Professor Coleiro now lecturing in Classics at the University of Harare, for assisting me in the initial stages of this venture, and to Mr. Joe Zammit Ciantar, the designer and producer of the book, for bearing up with me in what has turned out to be a demanding piece of editorial work.

This happens to be a significant occasion not only for Professor Coleiro but also for us, because it is the first graduation ceremony in which, after so many years of forced banishment, the Faculty of Arts, of which he was Dean for a number of years and with which he identified himself so closely, is performing again in its own right. We, the staff and students of that Faculty, look forward to the coming months and years, to the reconstruction, with inevitable toil but with commensurate determination, of what was pulled down by the stroke of a pen. I am confident that Professor Coleiro will not deny us his help and advice whenever it is asked for.

I have a feeling that what I have just made may be one of the poorest eulogies ever made to so meritorious a person. Today I have discovered for myself my despairing incompetence in oratory; this in spite of as many as five years of tutorship, which included in its curriculum Latin style and rhetoric, under a mentor who not only studied and published works on the principles of Latin eloquence but also practised them in his speeches. I have no reservation in admitting that this shortcoming reflects badly solely on the student and in no way on the master. After all, I left his lecture-room almost twenty years ago to come back to them, this time as a teacher, a few years later.

My apologies, therefore, Professor Coleiro, for this inadequate appreciation of your merits. If there has ever been an occasion when I wished that deeds were more eloquent than words, this is just that occasion. I sincerely hope that this book will demonstrate, in a concrete way, the deep respect and high esteem that I, as your former student, my colleagues and your former ones, some of whom are present here, and the University as a whole, still have for you, and shall continue to have as long as we can remember you.

## INDIRIZZ STUDENTESK MINN JONATHAN PACE

Eċċellenza, Onorevoli Ministru, Rettur, Membri tal-Korp Akkademiku, Sinjuri, Hbieb Gradwati u Studenti:

F'dan il-Jum tal-Gradwazzjoni tagħna mill-Università ahna kburin li sa fl-ahhar l-Università qed terġa' tirrikonoxxi li l-istudent huwa matur biżżejjed biex jesprimi l-idejat tiegħu. Għal hafna snin, il-Kunsill ta' l-Istudanti Universitarji (KSU) u r-rappreżentanti ta' l-istudenti fil-bordijiet ta' l-Università insistew sabiex isir dan l-indirizz studentesk. Madankollu, sena wara l-oħra din il-proposta ta' l-istudenti giet rifjutata.

F'din l-okkażjoni, li fiha jingħata rikonoxximent uffiċjali tal-isforzi tagħna matul iż-żmien li għamilna l-Università, għandna bir-raġun nifirhu bis-suċċess li ksibna fl-istudji tagħna. U dan minkejja d-diffikultajiet li kellna nhabbtu wiċċna magħhom. Diffikultajiet li bla dubju ta' xejn kienu ta' ostaklu fil-hajja universitarja tagħna.

F'dan il-kuntest, ahna nkunu qegħdin nonqsu jekk ma nesprimux l-idejat tagħna dwar kif nixtiequ naraw din l-Università, li fi ftit ta' żmien iehor tiċċelebra l-erba' mitt sena mit-twaqqif tagħha. Nixtiequ naraw l-Università awtonoma u hielsa li tiżviluppa skond il-bżonnijiet edukattivi, soċjali u ekonomiċi tal-pajjiż b'mod li d-dritt ta' aċċess għall-edukazzjoni terzjarja ta' kull min għandu l-kwalifiki meħtieġa jkun salvagwardjat. Irridu Università hielsa kemm minn irbit politiku kif ukoll minn ċentralizzazzjoni eċċessiva fl-amministrazzjoni tagħha. Dan ifisser li l-istudenti, l-għalliema u l-haddiema ta' l-Università jkollhom sehem shiħ fit-tmexxija ta' l-Università. Irridu naraw Università għas-servizz tal-komunità kollha, lesta biex taqdi mhux biss il-htigijiet ta' dawk li huma direttament involuti magħha iżda wkoll l-interess pubbliku; Università li tifrex it-tagħlim fost il-poplu u tkun l-għajn ta' idejat godda għall-iżvilupp shiħ tal-pajjiż. Fuq kollox, irridu naraw Università li ssawwar nies kritiċi u li jahsbu b'moħħhom flok ma jhallu lil haddiehor jahseb għalihom.

Hawnhekk ta' min ninnotaw l-isforzi li diġà saru u qed isiru biex l-Università tkun tista' taqdi aħjar l-interessi tas-soċjetà Maltija. It-tneħħija ta' l-ostakli għad-dhul fl-Università u t-twaqqif mill-ġdid tal-Fakultajiet ta' l-Arti u x-Xjenza huma l-ewwel passi fid-direzzjoni t-tajba. Madankollu, dan irid ikun komplimentat, fost l-oħrajn, b'aktar židiet fil-flus allokati għall-Università, b'espansjoni fl-infrastruttura ta' l-Università, bil-preżenza immedjata tal-istudenti tat-Tejologija, bl-introduzzjoni mill-ġdid ta' korsijiet 'postgraduate' u, fuq kollox, bi pjan nazzjonali dwar l-edukazzjoni terzjarja.

Ahna nafu li dan il-jum ma jfissirx biss it-tmiem tal-hajja studenteska tagħna. Ifisser ukoll it-tiġdid ta' l-impenn soċjali tagħna bhala ċittadini u haddiema Maltin. U għax konxji minn dan kollu, lesti li naqdu dmirna fil-bini tas-soċjetà Maltija. Irridukom biss tagħtuna ċ-ċans u l-kundizzjonijiet xierqa biex nagħmlu dan.