

Foreword

The Junior College was set up in 1995 as part of the University of Malta. Since the very beginning, members of staff have felt the need, and sought the possibility to publish their research in an academic journal.

Following the setting up of an Editorial Board, work started on the publication of the first edition of Symposia Melitensia in 2004. Although this journal was published by the University of Malta Junior College, it has always been open to all researchers and academics. The journal has had a multi-disciplinary nature since its inception, and has been successfully published annually since its first edition 15 years ago.

Today is an opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to previous editors for their invaluable work, all the members of the Editorial Board who peer-reviewed the papers, as well as to all contributors.

Symposia Melitensia has undergone a number of changes over these years including the cover, the format, the editors and editorial team, as well as the shift from paper to online format.

This will be the last edition in its current layout. The next edition, which will be published in 2021, will be revamped in line with current needs. Symposia Melitensia will still be open to all, not least to the participants of the Annual International Multi-Disciplinary Conference organised by the Junior College. The journal will offer different publication typologies to cater for the different genres of research styles. More information about the new format of the journal can be found in this publication.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the publication of this prestigious journal and look forward to its future editions.



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