

Editorial

1986 will be the 20th Anniversary of our Philatelic Society, and it is my desire to commemorate this event, as has been done in the past, with another special edition of the PSM Magazine. Our local and overseas members should participate by contributing interesting material and articles.

Our Society (as indeed all Philatelic Societies) was set up to educate through philately, to help members in research of unpublished and unknown material, and to foster love for Malta philatelic material.

These were the main reasons why I accepted being your Editor, an assignment which is very demanding but stimulating.

- We are not a profit making Organisation.
- We do not sell the magazine, but distribute it free of charge to all our members who pay a nominal yearly subscription. The overseas rates are slightly more than the local, for the simple reason that the magazine is sent three times a year by Air Mail.
- We do not have or ever had the intention to compete, upstage, or in any manner outshine anybody or other existing Philatelic Organisations, which are also doing, and have done in the past, sterling work in Philately. Nobody can be an island, and cooperation and mutual help and trust are our objectives.
- We in Malta are always very happy to welcome, and extend our hospitality to overseas Philatelic Societies and their members, and this comraderie feeling has been generously extended to us by the Malta Study Circle, whose members have always extended to us their help and expertise when requested, and always welcomed us, when we

visited them in the U.K.

• I would like to see all our Maltese members becoming members of the Malta Study Circle set up in 1956, whose members were the pioneers of Maltese Philatelic research, their masterpiece being the Hand Book, which should be in the library of every serious Malta Collector. I try and encourage members in Philatelic research and I would like to congratulate Mr Henri Tristant for his publication 'FrancoMaltese Postal Relations from their Origins to 1870' and Mr. Godwin Said, who translated it into English and published it in Malta through Messrs Emanuel Said. This English version won a Silver-Bronze Medal in Espana 84 and Ausipex 84.

• The December 1984 issue Vol. 13 No. 3, was our Special Number to commemorate the Centenary of the Statutory Establishment of the Malta Post Office 1885 - 1985. It was my intention to acknowledge the source of the various items published at the end. However when we were in a very advanced stage of setting I realised that this could not be done. So I am printing this separately so that members can insert it in the December issue.

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