

## Christian Caruana BSc

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### Personal Profile

Chris graduated with a BSc in Chemistry and Physics at the University of Malta and then took up a position in Industry working in the Institute of Cellular Pharmacology, a small biotech start-up company in one of Malta's technoparks. The company primarily isolates extracts from a large variety of sources, mainly from prickly pear and from a particular seaweed found off the coast of Malta and sells these products to nutraceutical and cosmetic industries.

The prickly pear plant



Seaweed *padina pavonica*



### Research Profile

The plant products are dried and extracted by a number of solvent extraction methods.



Chris's main job is in the chemical quality control of these processes and the development of new production processes. Biologists within the company assess the biological activity to make sure that product batches are biologically active.



## Other interests

Apart from the diving that is occasionally part of his job, Chris enjoys biking on his motorcycle, playing football and enjoys learning about world history.



## Favourite quotes

For every real problem there is at least a real solution, for an imaginary problem the imaginary solutions are infinite.

## Relevant Links or info

Further information about the Institute of Cellular Pharmacology, view <http://www.icpconcepts.com/>