

# **Daniel Vella B.Sc., M.Sc.**

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## **Personal Profile**

Daniel Vella was born in Malta to Alfred and Evelyn Vella and is the eldest of two children. After returning from the States where his father trained as a Petroleum Geochemist, Daniel was brought up in the village of Zejtun. He attended Zejtun primary school and then Guze Despott Boys Junior Lyceum in Cospicua. He continued his studies at G. F. Abela 6<sup>th</sup> form in Msida and in 1993 was admitted to University of Malta where he read for a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry and Biology.

Daniel is married to Elisa, a mechanical engineer by profession, and they have a young daughter named Michela.



## **Research Profile**

Daniel's research work has focused on the corrosion protection of historical steel artefacts, namely knight armour from the Palace Armoury in Valletta, Malta. He was recently involved in a major European project called PROMET. PROMET stands for PROtection of METals and is aimed at safeguarding historic and archaeological metal collections within the Mediterranean basin.

This has involved him travelling to present his work in Australia and across Europe.

Daniel currently lectures within the Bachelor's in Conservation and Restoration Studies (B. Cons.) degree course offered by the Institute for Conservation and Management of Cultural Heritage within the University of Malta. He is presently reading for a PhD at the department of Metallurgy and Materials Engineering within the faculty of Engineering, at the same university.



## **Other interests.**

Daniel is a keen cook with an extensive repertoire. He is also appreciates cycling and is an avid reader.

## **Relevant Links or info**

For further information about heritage Malta can look into the following site  
<http://www.heritagemalta.org/>

For more information of Heritage Malta's involvement in the PROMET project look to  
<http://www.promet.org.gr/Default.aspx?tabid=101>