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A **NEW ERA** in the **MEDITERRANEAN**

Address by the new
MEDAC Chairman
DR. JOE BORG

I am honoured to be the new Chairman of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC). Together with the MEDAC Board and MEDAC academic staff I look forward to building upon the legacy of my predecessors.

I would also like to pay tribute to President Emeritus Professor Guido de Marco. Just as I had the

wonderful opportunity of following in his footsteps as Foreign Minister of Malta, I am also relishing the prospect of seeking to further his achievements at the Academy.

At this historic moment in the Mediterranean it is essential that the process of civil societal reform receives all the support possible to sustain what is certain to be a

long-term endeavour. Geographic proximity and geopolitical common interests dictate that the European Union introduce a Mediterranean policy framework that truly demonstrates its serious commitment to a more open and free Mediterranean area. The mission statement outlined in the Barcelona Declaration of November 1995 that focuses on the political and security, economic and financial, and socio-cultural and human dimension of relations is a framework upon which future comprehensive relations can be mapped out.

Through its academic training of diplomats and its confidence building seminars, MEDAC's vocation has always been to influence regional relations in the Mediterranean in a positive manner.

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MEDAC Board, from left to right: Prof. Stephen Calleya, Dr. Chris Soler, Dr. Joe Borg, Amb. Alfred Zarb, Prof. Jürg Martin Gabriel and Amb. Carl Andreas v. Stenglin. (Not in photo: Dr. Patricia Cassar Torreggiani)

STUDY VISIT by MEDAC

Students to GERMANY

16th - 19th January, 2011

Following last year's successful academic exchange with the Centre for European Integration Studies (ZEI) of the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University in Bonn, MEDAC's students pursuing a Master's Degree in Diplomacy travelled to Bonn, Germany 15-19 January 2011. They were accompanied by the Director of the Academy, Prof. Calleya, and the holder of the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at MEDAC, Dr. Monika Wohlfeld. This annual academic exchange with the theme of 'Germany in the EU and the Mediterranean' is funded by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the German Academic Exchange Service as part of a grant agreement establishing the German Chair in Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention at MEDAC.

The State Secretary in the Ministry for Federal Affairs, Europe and the Media of the Federal State of North-Rhine-Westphalia, Mr. Marc Jan Eumann opened the workshop as a key note speaker in the presence of students and staff of ZEI and MEDAC, as well as a representative of the DAAD and the Maltese Ambassador to Germany, H.E. Mr. Karl Xuereb. Mr Eumann spoke about the current challenges for Germany in the EU, focusing in particular on the economic situation in Europe, the rescue packages for Greece and

Ireland, and the consequences of these developments for both the EU and Germany.

The following panel focused on the Union for the Mediterranean, with Dr. Marchetti from ZEI giving a balanced assessment of progress to date and challenges to the young framework for co-operation with and among EU and Mediterranean countries. The Ambassador of Malta, Karl Xuereb, provided an account of Malta's policies aimed at enhancing Euro-Med co-operation, including its interest in strengthening the Union for the Mediterranean.

Students also participated in an event at Deutsche Welle, organized by ZEI and the EC delegation in Bonn, which focused on the EU's external policy after the Lisbon Treaty and featured a discussion with Dr Gerhard Sabathil, Director for Strategy, Co-ordination and Analysis, Directorate-General External Relations at the European Commission. Dr. Sabathil explained the aims, structure and funding of the new External Action Service, which started operating recently, and the internal and global dynamic that the establishment of the service has created.



The German security and defense policy, especially Bundeswehr missions/operations abroad, was the subject of a presentation by a representative of the German Ministry of Defense. The structure and changing roles of the German military as well as its involvement in NATO, especially in the Afghanistan context, were discussed. Participants showed great interest in issues such as streamlining and reforming the German military, and domestic public perception of German military engagement abroad.

MEDAC students also visited the United Nations Campus and the House of German History. Moreover, the MEDAC group visited the European Central Bank (ECB), where experts briefed participants on the role and functions of the ECB, including its relations with neighbouring regions, and relations with the EU and international institutions and fora.

Above: Dr. Monika Wohlfeld addressing one of the lectures for MEDAC students at ZEI.

Left: Dr. Monika Wohlfeld with MEDAC students in Bonn.



Highest Tribute **AWARDED**

to MEDAC Director **Prof. Stephen Calleya**

On 2 February, 2011, Professor Stephen Calleya was awarded the German Order of Merit. The official ceremony was held at the residence of German Ambassador Bernd Braun, who bestowed the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany on behalf of the German Federal President.

Ambassador Braun paid tribute to the work of Professor Calleya, saying that he was an essential and altruistic promoter of bilateral relations between Malta and Germany, the smallest and largest members of the European Union, particularly in the fields of politics and education.

The persistent and continuous efforts of Professor Calleya, working in tandem with the German Embassy in Malta, led to the establishment of the German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution at MEDAC in 2009, currently held by security expert Dr Monika Wohlfeld, and to close institutional links between MEDAC and German academic institutions. MEDAC students travel regularly on study-visits to Germany.

During the directorship of Professor Calleya, "MEDAC became an

internationally recognised educational institution, a centre for an open, inter-cultural dialogue, with the Mediterranean as its focus" said Ambassador Braun.

With this award, the Federal President of Germany recognises the sterling work of Professor Calleya regarding bilateral relations between Malta and Germany but also his continuous efforts to promote more understanding within the Mediterranean region. Throughout his career, Professor Calleya has championed regional cooperation and integration through academic



Above: Prof. Stephen Calleya (right) receiving the German Order of Merit from Amb. Bernd Braun.

and policy-oriented programmes and initiatives.

ON THE ORDER OF MERIT

The Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany was instituted in 1951 by Federal President Theodor Heuss. It is the only honour that may be awarded in all fields of endeavour and is the highest tribute the Federal Republic of Germany can pay to individuals for services to the nation. The Order of Merit may be awarded to Germans as well as foreigners for achievements in the political, economic, social or intellectual realm and for all kinds of outstanding services to the nation in the field of social, charitable or philanthropic work (8 ranks available). Since the Order of Merit was instituted in 1951 awards have been bestowed to some 210,000 outstanding personalities. In 2009 only a total of 2173 persons received this honour.

MEDAC **FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR** at the School of **CONFLICT ANALYSIS** and **RESOLUTION**

Omar Grech, MEDAC lecturer and Coordinator of the collaborative MA programme in Conflict Resolution with George Mason University's School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR), recently returned from a 3 month stint as a Fulbright Scholar at S-CAR. During his stay in the USA, Dr. Grech conducted research on the role of human rights principles, processes and practice in relation to conflict resolution and peace-building as well as delivering some lectures to S-CAR graduate students and

to undergraduate students within the Justice Studies Department at James Madison University. He also addressed an event organized by S-CAR's graduate students on Human Rights Education. As a result of the assistance of the Embassy of the USA in Malta Dr. Grech had the opportunity to meet a number of State Department officials to discuss human rights issues and other matters while in Washington DC. Further to these activities Dr. Grech also had the opportunity to work closely with the Coordinator of the

dual degree programme on the S-CAR side: Professor Richard Rubenstein as well as other S-CAR Faculty members. This Fulbright experience was thus very useful in cementing the ties between MEDAC and S-CAR and in reinforcing the commitment of both institutions to furthering their cooperation in delivering the collaborative MA programme in Conflict Resolution. The Embassy of the USA in Malta as well as the University of Malta were instrumental in rendering possible this Fulbright experience.

Euro-Mediterranean Policy Conference: Towards a New Mediterranean Reality

10th - 11th
March, 2011



MEDAC in cooperation with the International Policy and Leadership Institute (IPLI), an institution based in Paris, and the Institute for Public Administration and Management (IPAM) at the University of Malta, organized a conference focusing on current events in the Euro-Mediterranean region. This exclusive international event focused on recent developments in the region and sought to analyze the driving forces that are rapidly shaping a new Mediterranean reality.

A global audience of academics, students and policy makers came together for two days in Malta to discuss and debate the pressing challenges that have gripped the region in recent months and which are forcing Euro Med countries to

reassess their current policies. Apart from MEDAC students, the conference was attended by graduate scholars of public policy studies from SciencesPo Paris, London School of Economics, Hertie School of Governance Berlin, Columbia University and Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Singapore.

Keynote speakers were drawn from all over the Euro-Med area; they included Dr. Ahmed Driss, Director of the Centre of Mediterranean and International Studies (CEMI) in Tunis; Dr. Salam Kawakibi, associate of the Arab Reform Initiative; Mr. Joost Lagendijk, former EU Parliamentarian, and Professor Sadik Unay from Yildiz University in Istanbul. Topics covered at the conference included current pro-democracy protest movements in

the Middle East and North Africa, the geopolitics of energy, migration issues in the Mediterranean region, as well as EU-Turkey relations.

IPLI specifically chose Malta as the ideal venue for this conference, given its significant central geostrategic position in the Mediterranean. MEDAC was an obvious local partner for the event, given its strong ties with institutions and individuals in positions of influence throughout the Mediterranean region.

Above: Participants at the Euro-Mediterranean Policy Conference.

Bottom Left: Prof. Stephen Calleya and Prof. Godfrey Pirota (IPAM).

Below: Mr. Timothy Reno, IPLI Director and Dr. Derek Lutterbeck holder of the Swiss Chair at MEDAC.



Parliamentary Diplomacy Seminar for MEDAC Students and DIPLO Commonwealth Participants

8th March,
2011

MEDAC students and Commonwealth participants of a workshop in Modern Diplomacy at DiploFoundation took part in a one-day seminar on “Parliamentary Diplomacy” at the House of Representatives.

The workshop was organized jointly by the House of Representatives, DiploFoundation and MEDAC. Participants were privileged to have access to the extensive experiences of parliamentarians.

The opening speech was delivered by the Hon. Speaker Michael Frendo followed by introductions by Prof. Stephen Calleya (MEDAC) and Dr. Jovan Kurbalija (Diplo). Aspects of Multilateral Parliamentary Diplomacy were discussed by the Hon. Francis Agius and the Hon. George Vella who focused on the Council of Europe and the Mediterranean respectively. The Hon. Francis Zammit Dimech and the Hon. Leo Brincat focused on Bilateral Parliamentary Diplomacy. Dr. Roseanne Cortis, a MEDAC graduate, facilitated the discussion.

The afternoon session on the theme of “Parliamentarians and Conflict Prevention” kicked off with a video conference from Strasbourg by Euro Parliamentarian the Hon. Simon Busuttil who spoke of his recent mission as part of a European Parliament group to Tunisia. The Hon. Anglu Farrugia also shared his experiences of electoral monitoring in many countries. The session was also addressed by the Hon. Censu Galea whilst an academic perspective on the theme was provided by the holder of the German chair at MEDAC, Dr. Monika Wohlfeld.

Top: Participants with the Hon. Speaker Dr. Michael Frendo

Centre: Speakers from left to right: Dr. Roseanne Cortis, Hon. Frans Aguis, Hon. George Vella, Hon. Leo Brincat, Hon. Francis Zammit Dimech, Hon. Simon Busuttil, Hon. Censu Galea and Hon. Anglu Farrugia.

Bottom Right: Professor Stephen Calleya, Hon. Dr. Michael Frendo and Dr. Jovan Kurbalija during the opening session.



Launch of the **Dual Masters Programme** with **George Mason University**

The launch of the collaborative Masters degree in Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security was a landmark in the history of both the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) and the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR). It also came at a time when these two institutions were celebrating important mile-stones in their own development.

In the case of MEDAC the launch of the collaborative Masters programme came soon after it celebrated its 20th anniversary whereas S-CAR recently became a School within the George Mason University system, having previously been an Institute.

The MEDAC / S-CAR partnership is a complementary one on a number of levels. MEDAC has, since its inception, formulated a regional approach to its mission building strong partnerships with institutions in the region and beyond. S-CAR has also, given the nature of its mandate worked at an international level. At the same time the University of Malta and George Mason University are both pursuing strong policies of internationalization. In this context the University of Malta's initiative of launching collaborative Masters programmes with prestigious North American universities was the coagulant that brought our two institutions together in the exciting new venture of the



Masters in Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security.

Bringing together two universities with their own administrative and academic structures, mechanisms and traditions was not simple. However the goodwill on both sides of this transatlantic collaboration meant that the obstacles were overcome and a mutual learning experience was created. The time spent designing and coordinating the collaborative degree programme was amply justified when the first cohort of students started their academic studies in late September 2010. The students have been extremely motivated and hardworking. They are all taking full advantage of the opportunities offered by this unique partnership as well by Malta's strategic position. Studying Mediterranean security and conflict resolution issues in the heart of the Mediterranean as the dramatic changes in the southern Mediterranean unfolded provided a special insight to these events.

All told, as co-coordinators of this programme, it has been both challenging and exciting to bring the process commenced three years ago to fruition. The cooperation we received from the Faculty members on both sides has been excellent and we look forward to continue this experience in the same spirit of partnership and friendship we have witnessed so far.

**Dr. Omar Grech &
Professor Richard Rubenstein**
*Co-coordinators - MA Conflict
Resolution & Mediterranean Security*

Left: MEDAC and S-CAR students during lectures at the Valletta Campus.



Mediterranean Diplomacy Forum

“A New Dynamic in the Arab World”

In April this year, MEDAC students had the privilege to participate in the Mediterranean Diplomacy Forum, which has become an annual event organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta. The theme of the Forum held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Valletta on 1st April was “A New Dynamic in the Arab world”.

The keynote speech was delivered by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Tonio Borg who said he considered this annual encounter a unique opportunity in which to exchange views with young diplomats.

The Minister spoke on the current developments in North Africa, insisting that Europe cannot impose its model of democracy on the Arab world but advocated tangible support for the Arab people. He counseled against ostracizing political parties inspired by Islamic values and advised Europe to assist these countries financially in their transition to democracy. With regards to Libya, he spoke of the role of “Nurse of the Mediterranean” which Malta played in the evacuation of more than 15000 persons and advocated a wider role for the European Commission-League of Arab States Liaison Office set up in Malta last year.

The Forum brought together a number of leading professionals dealing with Mediterranean Affairs. Ms. Celine Cervi, director for Assembly Affairs at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean spoke on the role of parliamentary diplomacy in the political transformation around the Mediterranean while Amb. Cecilia Attard Pirota, Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean focused on the role the UfM should play in the current circumstances. MEDAC students were also privileged to be addressed by Amb. Talal Shubailat, Executive Director of the EC-LAS Liaison Office, while Ms. Helga Mizzi, director of External Relations and Mediterranean Affairs spoke on EU-North Africa



relations. The Forum was brought to a conclusion by a MEDAC alumni, Ms. Francesca Gatt, First Secretary and Desk Officer on Mediterranean Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta who spoke of the valuable experience MEDAC had provided during her studies.

Top: Participants with Deputy PM and Minister of Foreign Affairs Tonio Borg.

Above left: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Tonio Borg with Professor Stephen Calleya, Ms. Celine Cervi and Amb. Cecilia Attard Pirota.

Above right: Amb. Talal Shubailat and Ms. Helga Mizzi.

MEDAC **AMBASSADORIAL** Lectures

MEDAC has continued its tradition of close interaction with the diplomatic community in Malta with its Ambassadorial lectures series. This lecture series allows MEDAC students, who are current or aspiring diplomats, to discuss and interact with Ambassadors to Malta on selected topics, and benefit from their personal experience and knowledge.



On 4 March 2011, Ambassador Robbert J. Gabriëlse (below), the Ambassador of the Netherlands to Malta, addressed MEDAC students on "Peace Keeping". Ambassador Gabriëlse assessed the effectiveness of international crisis management and conflict resolution efforts on the examples of Iraq and Afghanistan. He relayed his personal experience of working as a diplomat in difficult security environments.

Ambassador Bernd Braun, Ambassador of the German Federal Republic to Malta addressed MEDAC students on 22nd November on the topic of 'Climate Change and Energy in Foreign Policy'. In his address, Ambassador Braun focused on the situation in the Mediterranean region, and highlighted the DESERTEC project of the Union for the Mediterranean.

Ambassador Douglas Kmiec (above), Ambassador of the United States of America to Malta addressed MEDAC students on 29th November. Ambassador Kmiec assessed US Foreign Policy and focused particularly on American foreign policy in the Mediterranean region and the Middle East. Students participated enthusiastically in a Q & A session which followed.



PUBLIC LECTURE by **DR. WERNER HOYER** at University

MEDAC staff and students attended a public lecture at the University of Malta by Dr. Werner Hoyer, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany. Dr. Hoyer was in Malta in November on an official visit in which he also met Foreign Minister Tonio Borg.

His lecture on the theme "The Lisbon Treaty - One Year After" outlined the challenges facing the European Union and the instruments which it must

develop for a successful outcome. From the political dimension he considers one prerequisite as fundamental - that Europe speaks with one voice. Dr. Hoyer expressed his support for the European External Action Service, the EU's Foreign Service which officially started its work in December. He believes this is important if the European Union is to act as one whole that does not focus on vested interests, but takes into account

all challenges - in the east as in the south.

Dr. Hoyer outlined two main challenges within the economic dimension - that of protecting the Euro and that of maintaining and extending a competitive edge in key branches of the economy. He also spoke of benchmarking Europe's competitiveness with global markets.

Dr. Hoyer was greeted at University by Pro-Rector Professor Alfred Vella and visited the newly established Department of German at the University headed by Professor Mario Vassallo and the Mediterranean Academy for Diplomatic Studies, which, since 2009 has benefited from a German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention which is currently held by Dr. Monika Wohlfeld.



Left: Dr. Werner Hoyer, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany with Amb. Bernd Braun, Prof. Stephen Calleya, Amb. Alfred Zarb, MEDAC faculty and students.

CALENDAR

20.10.2010 - 22.10.2010

Visiting Lecturer - Professor Bichara Khader on *Euro-Med Relations*.

22.10.2010 - 25.10.2010

Euro-Med Information and Training Seminar.

02.11.2010

Lecture on Campus with H.E. Dr. W. Hoyer, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office, Germany on the theme of "*The European Union - One year after the Treaty of Lisbon*".

08.11.2010

Visiting Lecturer - Ambassador Alfred Zarb on *Diplomacy*.

18.11.2010

Graduation Ceremony M.A. (Diplomatic Studies), M.Dip.



19.11.2010

Alumni Cuisine Night at Sundown Court.

22.11.2010

Ambassadorial Lectures - Address by H.E. Amb. Bernd Braun on *Energy and Climate Change in Foreign Policy*.

29.11.2010

Ambassadorial Lectures - Address by H.E. Douglas Kmiec on *US Foreign Policy*.

29.11.2010

Graduation Ceremony - Diploma.

09.12.2010

Address by Prof. Peter Rutledge, Professor of Law at the University of Georgia on International Dispute Resolution.



04.01.2011 - 06.01.2011

Visiting Lecturer Professor Ludger Kuehnhardt on *Regional Integration*.

17.01.2011 - 19.01.2011

German Study Visit.

14.02.2011

Introductory Meeting with MEDAC Chairman Dr. Joe Borg.

19.02.2011



15.02.2011/21.02.2011

Visiting Lecturer - Dr. George Vella on *Parliamentary Diplomacy*.

16.02.2011/23.02.2011/16.03.2011

Visiting lecturer - Dr. Michael Frendo, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Malta on *Diplomacy*.

21.02.2011 - 25.02.2011

Visiting Lecturer - Amb. Magdy Hefny and Mr. Timur El Hadidi on *Water Diplomacy*.

08.03.2011

Seminar on *Parliamentary Diplomacy* at the House of Representatives, organized by the House of Representatives, MEDAC and DIPLO.

10.03.2011 - 11.03.2011

Euro Mediterranean Policy Conference organized together with IPLI.

14.03.2011 - 19.03.2011

Professor Stephen Calleya lectures at Harvard University, USA.

18.03.2011

Partnership Agreement signed in Washington between MEDAC and Georgetown University, USA.

Valletta Study Visit with MA/ MDip/ Joint MA students.

ALUMNI NEWS



Nadine A. Swai

*MEDAC
Alumnus
from
Palestine
2008-2009*

My experience at MEDAC is one which I will always remember and carry with me throughout my career.

During a very dynamic and intensive year, and within a most friendly international environment, MEDAC students are trained to become fine diplomats.

As students, we had access to the opportunity of a high level education and training from outstanding lecturers, experts and Ambassadors who generously shared their rich experience with us.

The M.A course was comprehensive and greatly relevant and gave me an excellent grounding for my career.

MEDAC is one academy where students are guaranteed to receive all the backing and support they need.

The course at MEDAC nurtured our ability as students to take more responsibility towards education where commitment was cultivated naturally, a process which led to attaining a prestigious degree.

Thanks to my Masters Degree in Diplomatic Studies, I am now working with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, a diplomatic mission based in Malta.



Mehdi Gharbi

*MEDAC
Alumnus
from
Tunisia
2006 - 2007*

Living in faraway China for almost 3 years, my MEDAC days are still part of my daily life. Having had the chance to be part of that unforgettable experience in 2006, I undoubtedly gained a lot on both human and academic perspectives.

First, the Academy's concept, based on bringing together

diplomats and students from different countries, allows close contact with new cultures and practices. I will always remember my introduction to Chinese food thanks to my colleague Chen and the International Night Dinner organized by MEDAC staff.

MEDAC also enhanced my academic knowledge in different areas such as International Law, Maritime Law and Protocol, thanks to a competent and devoted academic staff. Furthermore, I had the chance to take part in Euro-Med seminars and specific sessions presented by visiting scholars.

I must also pay tribute to Malta's



Petra Dolezelova

*MEDAC
Alumnus
from
Czech Republic
2009 - 2010*

I applied for a course at MEDAC based on its good reputation and the wide range of interesting disciplines covered under the M.A. in Diplomatic Studies syllabus. The Academy's location on the Mediterranean island of Malta was also a motivating factor! I distinctly remember attending the introduction day after having just arrived in Malta for the first time, excited and enthusiastic but with little idea of what lay ahead of me as I began this new chapter in my life.

I quickly settled into academic routine and enjoyed the range of high-level conferences and interactive seminars that were continually organised for us. Later on, I chose to write my dissertation on the impact of immigration in the Mediterranean,

migration being a topic that I have always been interested in. The expertise of MEDAC's academic staff on Mediterranean affairs made this specialisation all the more possible. Following the successful completion of my final exams I returned to my home country, the Czech Republic, where I am currently working as a project manager at the Czech Chamber of Commerce.

In retrospect, my time at MEDAC was one of the most rewarding and enriching experiences of my life so far. I built warm memories and developed personally and academically while living, studying, learning, and spending my free time with friends I made among my classmates. I had previously studied at universities in France and Belgium, but the MEDAC experience and the time I spent in Malta was by far the best. I visited Malta and MEDAC several months after graduating, and I intend to do so as often as possible. I also intend to pursue my academic interests in the area of migration, and I hope to eventually work in that field, perhaps even in Malta.



President Emeritus, the late Professor Guido de Marco, of whom I had the honour to be a student and whose classes were absolutely unmissable.

In Tunisia we say that Malta (Al Hanina) always rhymes with Nostalgia. Until today many memories are still alive from my 9 months at MEDAC, a worthwhile experience for all future diplomats or anyone seeking an international career.

(Mr. Mehdi Gharbi is First Secretary at the Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia in China.)

Left: A typical Alumini Cuisine Night - An opportunity for every MEDAC student to savour food from fellow participants' countries.

A **NEW ERA** in the **MEDITERRANEAN**

MEDAC is now even more determined to continue contributing to this forward looking agenda. Through its vast network of alumni in the Euro-Mediterranean area MEDAC looks forward to further providing a platform where policy makers, academics and civil society can interact and discuss openly future avenues of development and reform.

As a result of the new reality emerging across the Mediterranean, MEDAC has already embarked upon a process of further enhancing its academic training through an even more dynamic and comprehensive programme of activities. In addition to the M.A. programme in Diplomatic Studies, MEDAC is also offering a new joint M.A. programme on Mediterranean Security and Conflict Resolution with the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University.

A sea change is taking place across the Mediterranean. It is essential that

the geopolitical paradigm shift results in a new reality where educational opportunities emerge along with systems of governance that fully respect the rule of law and human rights. Given the historic nature of the challenge it is essential that the European Union and other international actors invest all the political, economic and human capital possible to ensure this venture is a successful one.

As Chairman of MEDAC I will seek to further the mission statement I sought to advance as Commissioner of the European Union and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta, namely that of making the European Union more relevant in the Mediterranean.

I am looking forward to working together with current patrons of MEDAC, Switzerland, Germany, the University of Malta and the Government of Malta to further

Address by the new
MEDAC Chairman
DR. JOE BORG

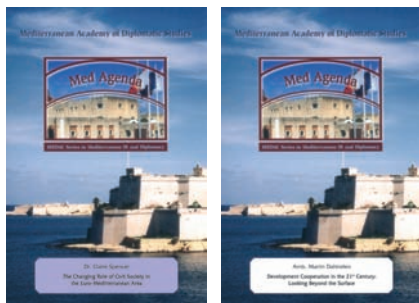
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Above: New MEDAC Chairman Dr. Joe Borg and Prof. Stephen Calleya with MEDAC students.

internationalize our programme of activities. MEDAC also invites other actors to consider supporting our activities so that we can address the increase in demand to attend our academic programme of studies. During this period of fundamental change in the Mediterranean MEDAC will continue to be a vehicle that seeks to foster dynamic interaction across the Mediterranean and beyond.

Recent PUBLICATIONS



MED AGENDA

MEDAC publishes two issues in the Med Agenda series.

The first “Development Cooperation in the 21st Century: Looking Beyond the Surface” by Amb. Martin Dahinden was based on a speech delivered on the occasion of the Opening of MEDAC’s Academic Year 2010/2011. Amb. Martin Dahinden is Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

The second issue dated March 2011 featured a paper by Dr. Claire Spencer on “The Changing Role of Civil Society in the Euro-Mediterranean Area”. Dr. Claire Spencer is Head of the Middle East and North Africa Programme at Chatham House, London and a regular contributor to MEDAC’s Euro-Med Seminars.

“Med Agenda”, MEDAC Series in Mediterranean IR and Diplomacy, is aimed at publishing and preserving distinguished studies, speeches and articles dealing with international relations, diplomacy and security in the Mediterranean region. The authors are invited speakers, academics and diplomats at MEDAC conferences and lectures, as well as MEDAC experts.



MIGRATION, DEVELOPMENT AND DIPLOMACY

Perspectives from the Southern Mediterranean
Edited by Ivan Ureta and Derek Lutterbeck
ISBN: 1-56902-330-1

In recent years, migration across the Mediterranean has become an issue of growing concern to the countries of the region and beyond. It has also become a rather divisive

issue between the two shores of the Mediterranean, as the interests of countries in the North and those of the South have often conflicted in questions related to migration in the region.

As a consequence of diverging interests, collaboration between north and south of the Mediterranean in the area of migration policy has generally been rather difficult to achieve, and at times the migration issue has led to considerable tensions.

The aim of this volume is twofold: to offer a broader perspective on the migration-development nexus, and to give a stronger voice of the often-overheard voices of southern Mediterranean countries on these issues. The majority of contributions contained in this volume explore various facets of the relationship between migration and development from the perspective of the southern rim of the Mediterranean, although some of them also provide critical analyses of EU policies in this area.

Dr. Ivan Ureta is a senior researcher at the Institute for Mediterranean Studies at the University of Lugano. Dr. Derek Lutterbeck is Deputy Director and holder of the Swiss Chair at MEDAC.

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