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**IN**  
**MALTESE LIBRARY & INFORMATION STUDIES**

**Dissertations, Theses  
Long Assignments and Projects**

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## PREFACE

With the establishment of Library & Information Studies as an academic discipline at the University of Malta it has become necessary to build the infrastructure to support both teaching and research. This of course includes the bibliographical apparatus pertinent to the field, and is currently represented by two projects: *Libraries & librarianship in Malta : a continuing bibliography*, currently being updated electronically, and the present work.

### *Scope, Content and Arrangement*

It is the primary aim of this listing to record known academic work leading to qualifications in librarianship and related information studies. Work in fields such as archive studies, records management, computer information science, etc. – although of great interest to librarianship - do not generally fall within the scope of this work.

Maltese librarians who obtain library qualifications abroad are normally required to produce dissertations that are often of Maltese content and import. More recently some foreign librarians also have chosen to include Malta as part of their studies. Each University of Malta diploma course, moreover, produces a crop of mini dissertations called long assignments, which are not infrequently the first and sometimes the only structured study of the topic under scrutiny. Although the intention behind the Long Assignment in Diploma courses has been merely to *introduce* students to the practice of constructing an extended study, the nature of some of the work presented has sometimes produced material that is not without value to the teaching and research processes. Other university courses that have produced dissertations directly of interest have been included within the scope of this work, as have the professional development reports presented to the Malta Library & Information Association (under its various previous appellations) for admission to the professional register.

The works listed are in most cases available for consultation at the University of Malta Library. They essentially form four categories whose origin is evident from the headings assigned to sections, each one forming a separate sequence in the list. Within each section, individually numbered items are entered chronologically, and for items produced in the same year, alphabetically. The four sections are followed by a Name Index, a Title Index and a Subject Index. The index reference is to the item's individual number.

### *Bibliographical control*

The title-pages and abstracts of the first, 1986-1988, Diploma long assignments were collected by the then coordinator, George Bonnici, and were issued as: *Abstracts of projects presented by students of the Diploma in Librarianship and Information Studies (D.L.I.S. 1986-1988)*. The present listing, now maintained on the World Wide Web, is a development of the one, published for limited distribution in November 1995, titled *Academic dissertations, theses, long assignments and projects in Maltese Library & Information Studies*, issued by the Office of the Coordinator, L.I.S. Copies of both these documents are available in the Melitensia Collection of the University of Malta Library.

**ABBREVIATIONS USED**

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| AV                        | Audio Visual                             |
| B.A. (Educ.)              | Bachelor of Arts (Education)             |
| B.A. (Hons.)              | Bachelor of Arts (Honours)               |
| B. Communications (Hons.) | Bachelor of Communications (Honours)     |
| B. Ed. (Hons.)            | Bachelor of Education (Honours)          |
| B.Sc.                     | Bachelor of Science                      |
| EU                        | European Union                           |
| F.L.A.                    | Fellow of the Library Association (U.K.) |
| L.I.S.                    | Library & Information Studies            |
| M.A.                      | Master of Arts                           |
| M.L.S.                    | Master of Library Science                |
| Ph.D.                     | Doctor of Philosophy                     |

## 1. DISSERTATIONS OR THESES PRESENTED TO OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS

**1.1 Bonnici, Norbert.** *Establishing a national information system for Malta.* M.L.S., Loughborough University, 1979

**1.2 Boffa, Joseph M.** *An integrated public/schools library system for Malta.* F.L.A., Library Association (U.K.), 1980

**1.3 Mangion, Anthony.** *Libraries in Malta : experiences in a developing country.* M.A., Sheffield University, 1982

**1.4 Benoit, Marie.** *The origins and development of libraries in Mauritius from the middle of the 19th Century to the present day.* F.L.A., Library Association (U.K.), 1984

**1.5 Baluci, M.T.** *A library and information service for the House of Representatives in Malta.* M.A., Sheffield University, 1986

**1.6 Mercieca, A.V.** *From academe to industry : national emergency and information services through the academic library : a case for the University of Malta Library.* M.A., Loughborough University, 1986.

**1.7 Sciberras, Lillian.** *Problems of national bibliographies in the Mediterranean region with a case-study of Malta.* M.A., University of London, 1986

**1.8 Oelhoff, Ulrike.** *Das heutige Bibliothekswesen in Malta, dargestellt an ausgewählten öffentlichen, wissenschaftlichen und Spezialbibliotheken. [Current librarianship in Malta as portrayed in a selection of public, scientific and special libraries].* Dissertation in Library Studies, Fachhochschule Hannover, 1991.

**1.9 Bruni, Franco.** *Studio e catalogo della collezione di stampe musicali della Cattedrale di Malta [A catalogue and study of the printed music collection of the Cathedral of Malta].* Tesi di Diploma, Università degli studi di Roma "La Sapienza", 1993

**1.10 Lawer, Diana.** *Libraries for the people : a comparative study of the organisation and management of public library services in Malta and Cornwall.* M.A., University of Central England, 1993

**1.11 Paris, Martes.** *The challenge of cultural imperialism for the Mediterranean : a case study for France, Malta and Egypt.* M.A., University of Sheffield, 1998.

**1.12 Sciberras, Lillian.** *Melitensia: Information resource and national memory.* PhD., University of London, 2001.

**1.13 Cini, Louis.** *The possible cultural gap resulting from the National Library of Malta's collection development policy of the non-acquisition of non-book materials published in Malta.* B.Sc. Econ., University of Wales, Aberystwyth, 2003.

**1.14 Cortis, Salvatore.** *Establishing the value of information to nursing continuing education in Malta.* B.Sc. Econ. (Hons.), University of Wales, Aberystwyth, 2003.

**1.15 Muscat, Ruth.** *The role of academic libraries in promoting information literacy: a critical evaluation of changing trends, with particular reference to the Maltese context.* M.A., University College London, 2003.

**1.16 Ellul, Kevin.** *Resource management in an island academic library.* M.Sc., University of Loughborough, 2004.

**1.17 Felice, Joanna.** *Building better relationships: a case study for the University of Malta Library.* M.Sc. Econ., University of Wales, Aberystwyth, 2004.

**1.18 Mizzi, Robert.** *Being relevant in the information society: continuing education for library and information workers: a case study of Malta.* M.Sc. Econ. University of Wales, Aberystwyth, 2004.

**1.19 Cortis, Salvatore.** *Use of critical incident technique to assess the value and impact of information supplied by health libraries to nursing academics in Malta.* M.Sc. Econ., University of Wales, Aberystwyth, 2005.

## 2. UNIVERSITY OF MALTA DIPLOMA IN LIBRARY & INFORMATION STUDIES

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**Presented 1988**

**2.1 Barbara, G. and Borg Galea, M.D.** *Publications by members of the teaching staff of the Faculty of Theology (1966-1986.)*

**Borg, George A.** see under Cilia, Charles

**Borg Galea, M.D.** see under Barbara, G.

**2.2 Borg, George V.** *Libraries and information services in Gozo: experiences in an insular setting.*

**2.3 Borg, M. Carmen and Vella, Victoria.** *Area library in Mosta.*

**2.4 Brimmer, Gaetano.** *Religious serials in Malta, 1945- : historical notes with a catalogue of periodical holdings at John XXIII Library.*

**2.5 Cachia, Joseph.** *Is-sehem tal-Librerija tad-Dar Centrali ghall-gurnali li johorgu mill-Istamperija Indipendenza [The Headquarters Library's contribution to the newspapers published by Independence Press].*

**2.6 Calleja, Alfred.** *Telemalta Documentation Centre: its origins, present state and future development.*

**2.7 Camilleri, Ninette and Cremona, Romaine.** *A supplement to 'A Checklist of Maltese Periodicals and Newspapers' covering the years 1974-1987.*

**2.8 Caruana, Christine and Cordina, Anthony.** *Beltissebh adult library: user survey 1987.*

**2.9 Cilia, Charles and Borg, George A.** *An index to the dissertations of the Faculty of Education (1979-1986).*

**Cordina, Anthony** see under Caruana, Christine

**2.10 Cremona, Raymond.** *Microfilming in Malta: what future?*

**Cremona, Romaine** see under Camilleri, Ninette

**2.11 Cutajar, Eugenio.** *The public library user with special needs.*

**2.12 Debattista, Joseph.** *A sample survey of branch libraries.*

**2.13 Ellul, Sonya.** *A bibliographical tool for a special library: a guide to Malta Government and parastatal bodies' publications to be found in the reference section of the Central Bank of Malta Library.*

**2.14 Espinosa Rodriguez, Antonio.** *A catalogue of part of the print collection at the Cathedral Museum, Mdina.*

**2.15 Grech, Charles F.** *Index of Maltese ornithology.*

**2.16 Mousu, Anne Agnes.** *The compositions of Maestro Carmelo Pace and the literature about him.*

**Vella, Victoria** see under Borg, M. Carmen

**2.17 Zammit, Mario F.** *A study of the University of Malta Library showing the conditions that lead to the deterioration of material present in the library.*

**2.18 Zammit, William.** *A bibliography of works printed in Malta during the Order's rule, 1642-1798.*

**2.19 Zammit Satariano, Mario.** *A bibliography of early printed monographs at the Missionary Society of Saint Paul Library published before 1800.*

## **1993-1995**

### **Presented 1995**

**2.20 Ancilleri, Noel and Portelli, Liliana.** *Sources of electronic information in Malta.*

**2.21 Attard, Rita and Cassar, George.** *Library services in Gozo: performance, problems, and suggested improvements.*

**2.22 Axisa, Maria C.** *The importance of a library in a school: four case studies.*

**2.23 Borg, Mary Anne.** *Managing records, documents, and the information flow in the modern office/information unit.*

**2.24 Cachia, Emmanuel J.** *A guide to Maltese official and government publications.*

**2.25 Calleja, Maria.** *Computerisation of the public/school library system in Malta.*

**2.26 Camilleri, Priscilla.** *The establishment and development of an information service in a government ministry: a case study of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Social Development.*

**Cassar, George** see under Attard, Rita

**2.27 Cilia, Beatrix.** *Academic libraries: versatility in the deployment of staff.*

**2.28 Cini, Louis.** *Bibliography of Nineteenth century mathematical books in the National Library of Malta.*

**2.29 Cole, Denis.** *An annotated bibliography of selected documentation of International Monetary Fund holdings at the Central Bank of Malta Library.*

**2.30 Cortis, Salvatore.** *Online searching at the University of Malta Library.*

**2.31 Ellul, Kevin Joseph.** *Automation of the Circulation Desk at the University of Malta Library.*

**2.32 Farrugia, John M.** *Kitbiet fil-programmi tal-festi: bibljografija ta' kontributi li dehru fil-pubblikazzjonijiet festivi tal-ghaqdiet muzikali, 1991-1993 [Writings in festa programmes: a bibliography of contributions appearing in festa publications issued by music societies, 1991-1993].*

**2.33 Galea, Joseph.** *Libraries in the European Union.*

**2.34 Gatt, Joseph.** *A survey of the University of Malta Library users.*

**2.35 Mifsud Bonnici, Gemma.** *The raison d'etre of regional libraries in Malta.*

**Portelli, Liliana** see under Ancilleri, Noel

**2.36 Saliba, Guido.** *A library for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.*

**2.37 Sollars, Alexandra.** *The school library: the present situation in secondary schools.*

**2.38 Spiteri, Josephine.** *The special problems of cataloguing Melitensia.*

**2.39 Vella, Catherine.** *The University of Malta's Audio-Visual Library: a necessary evolution?*

**2.40 Zerafa, Laurence V.** *A medical and pharmaceutical bibliography for Malta : an annotated classified check-list of texts illustrating the history of medicine and pharmacy in Malta.*

## 1996-1998

### Presented 1998

**2.41 Apap, Charles.** *Maltese reference works: an annotated bibliography.*

**2.42 Borg, Anthony.** *The promotion of reading in State schools.*

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**2.44 Cachia, Michael, and Mallia, Joan.** *Lifelong education and library services in Malta.*

**2.45 Callus, Margaret.** *Acquisitions at the Central Public Library, Floriana: transition processes from a manual to an automated system.*

**2.46 Camilleri, Evelyn.** *A library behind bars: the establishment and development of prison libraries, including aspects of the library at Corradino Correctional Facilities, Malta.*

**2.47 Camilleri, Mario.** *Schoolchildren and their reading habits: a survey.*

**2.48 Dimech, Mario, Micallef-Grimaud, Alfio, Mizzi, Robert, and Zammit, Mark Joseph.** *A chronological, name, title and analytical subject index of 'Melita Historica'.*

**2.49 Farrugia, Lina.** *A guide to Maltese literature for children: a bibliographic essay analysing the development of Maltese literature in this aspect from 1980 to 1995.*

**2.50 Grech, Carmen.** *A selection of syllabi in the Maltese education system, and related suggested readings.*

**2.51 Grech, Joseph.** *Kitbiet fil-programmi tal-festi: biblijografija ta' kontributi li dehru fil-pubblikazzjonijiet festivi tal-knejjes f' Malta u Ghawdex, 1991-1993 [Writings in festa programmes: a bibliography of contributions appearing in festa publications of churches in Malta and Gozo, 1991-1993].*

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**Micallef-Grimaud, Alfio** see under Dimech, Mario

**Mizzi, Robert** see under Dimech, Mario

**2.52 Muscat, Ruth.** *Bibliographical control of University of Malta dissertations.*

**2.53 Rizzo, Cecily.** *A service to the community: the role of libraries in residential communities and day care centres.*

**2.54 Saliba, Rosemarie.** *The promotion of library services for physically disabled users: namely the partially sighted, blind, and paraplegics.*

**2.55 Samut-Tagliaferro, M.** *Bibliographic control of Maltese archaeology.*

**2.56 Testa, Frank.** *An annotated bibliography of the political history of Malta from 1947 to date.*

**2.57 Vassallo, Marie.** *A select bibliography of books and articles on relations between Christians and Moslems since Vatican Council II.*

**2.58 Ventura, Marianne.** *Il-kultura fis- 'Saghtar': bibljografija [Culture in 'Saghtar': a bibliography].*

**Zammit, Mark Joseph** see under Dimech, Mario

**2.59 Zammit, Rita.** *Library facilities in Malta for persons with special needs.*

### **1998-2000** **Presented 2000**

**2.60 Agius, Franco.** *A new integrated library automation system at the Central Bank of Malta: comparative analysis between two systems - selection, implementation and operation.*

**2.61 Asciak, Claire.** *Management problems in Maltese libraries.*

**2.62 Bonnici, Jesmond.** *Education of school librarians in England.*

**2.63 Borg, Philip.** *The decentralisation of the area libraries.*

**2.64 Borg, Stephen.** *Towards a national archive of audio-visual material.*

**2.65 Chircop, Raymond.** *Managing library resources in a trade school.*

**2.66 Cini, Helen.** *Catholic Church secondary school libraries in Malta.*

**2.67 Curmi, Gaetan.** *Conservation and preservation of books at the National Library of Malta: environmental problems.*

**2.68 D'Anastas, Noel.** *Private book collections in Eighteenth century Malta.*

**2.69 Debono, Jesmond.** *School libraries: an analysis of perceptions and use with particular reference to Malta.*

**2.70 Farrugia, Massimiliano.** *A comparative analysis of the National Archives Act (1990) in relation to international archival legislation.*

**2.71 Galea, Sonia and Schembri, Jacqueline.** *Reading habits in Maltese adults: trends and problems.*

**2.72 Laferla, Claudio.** *Theological libraries in Malta.*

**2.73 Mamo, Oliver.** *Telemalta Documentation Centre: the Maltacom chapter.*

**2.74 Mifsud, Josephine.** *Managing the Central Public Library of Malta.*

**2.75 Mifsud, Oreste.** *Conducting user surveys.*

**2.76 Mifsud, Paul J.** *The role of the Ghaqda Bibljotekarji and the education and training of librarians in Malta from its foundation to 1988.*

**Schembri, Jacqueline** see under Galea, Sonia.

**2.77 Vella, Anne.** *Public libraries as sources of information: a survey.*

**2.78 Williams, Maria.** *Birth of a library: the new library at Margaret Mortimer Junior Lyceum, Santa Lucia.*

**2.79 Youbi Formosa, Natalina.** *Is there a need for multicultural libraries?*

**2.80 Zammit Mangion, Patricia.** *Conservation and preservation programmes for printed materials in Maltese libraries.*

### **2001-2003**

#### **Presented 2003**

**2.81 Abela Medici, Anthony J. and Abela Medici, Mary Anne.** *Creation of a purposeful database for the archival records held by the Teachers' Documentation and Resource Centre.*

**2.82 Borg, Carmel.** *Veritas: writing, printing and publishing by the Society of Christian Doctrine.*

**2.83 Borg, Shawn Sidney.** *The effect of EU membership on libraries in Malta.*

**2.84 Busuttil, Myriam.** *Current publishing trends in Malta.*

**2.85 Buttigieg, Moira.** *School-based selection and acquisition of textbooks: implications on teacher-librarians.*

**2.86 Calleja, Graziella.** *Books and works of art in the Aula Capitularis of the Collegiate Basilica of St Helen, Birkirkara.*

**2.87 Calleja, Veronica.** *How well are medieval monastic libraries represented in Umberto Eco's 'The Name of the Rose'?*

**2.88 Camenzuli, Anthony.** *Book selection: general principles and a case-study of John XXIII Memorial Library.*

**2.89 Camilleri, Antonio.** *Il-ktieb tal-vizitaturi fil-Bibljoteka Nazzjonali u l-firmatarji tieghu [The Visitors' Book at the National Library of Malta and its signatories].*

**2.90 Caruana, Antoinette.** *The role of the Dip. LIS in Maltese library development since 1986: A tracer study of former students.*

**2.91 Cauchi Inglott, F.** *The personal records of Maltese locally enlisted into British military forces: 1800-1970.*

**2.92 Cutajar, Doris and Micallef, Ines.** *The Teachers' Documentation and Resource Centre at Floriana and its services to the promotion of education.*

**2.93 DeBono, Franco.** *Do Maltese libraries have a future without IT and Internet access?*

**2.94 Farrugia, Anna.** *School annuals and their information value for researchers.*

**2.95 Formosa, Joseph.** *An analytical index of education circulars between 1964 and 1974.*

**2.96 Formosa, Sophie.** *The setting up of a library system at the newly established MCAST.*

**2.97 Giuliano, John.** *Developing libraries into resource centres.*

**2.98 Grima, Eman.** *The establishment of a library & information unit in the Economic Policy Division, Ministry for Economic Services.*

**2.99 Grima, Mariella.** *Conceiving a website for the public library in Malta.*

**2.100 Grima, Mary-Louise.** *The art of the book in Malta: aspects of book design in Maltese book manufacturing.*

**2.101 Harrison, Michael.** *A brief overview of Maltese printed ephemera collections.*

**2.102 Mifsud, Mario.** *Index of applications (rikorsi) submitted to the Rent Regulation Board concluded between the years 1990 and 2000.*

**2.103 Muscat, Carmen & Carabott, JoAnne.** *The Central Public Library's services for persons with special needs.*

**2.104 Schembri, Joanne.** *Dis-cover: a study in the relationship between paperback covers and contents.*

**2.105 Spiteri, Stephen.** *The Internet as a source of information in the secondary school: a case study.*

**2.106 Tanti, Emanuel.** *Fair is foul and foul is fair: Internet use in open-access libraries.*

**2.107 Vella, Denise.** *Paper preservation and conservation in libraries and archives since 1990: a literature review.*

**2.108 Zahra Sacco, Marced.** *Lack of interest in books and libraries: roots and consequences: a case-study amongst adolescent girls in a Cottonera area school.*

### **2003-2005**

#### **Presented 2005**

**2.109 Anastasi, Stella.** *The role of special libraries in Malta: what future?*

**2.110 Aquilina, Renance.** *Rejuvenating the school library: Ninu Cremona Boys' Junior Lyceum & Secondary School, Victoria, Gozo.*

**2.111 Attard Tonna, Michelle.** *The Melitensia Collection at the University of Malta Library: a study of users and functions.*

**2.112 Azzopardi, Mona Lisa.** *The University of Malta Library's periodicals collection.*

**2.113 Callus, May.** *The role of the public library in the fight against illiteracy.*

**2.114 Camilleri, Mark.** *How does it compare?: the collection development policy of the University of Malta Library vis-à-vis European and Mediterranean academic libraries*

**2.115 Cutajar, Alexander.** *A survey of sources concerning Malta, ca. 1091-1530.*

**2.116 Debattista, Colin.** *The geography of the Maltese Islands: a survey of resources.*

**2.117 DeBono, Charmaine.** *Information literacy skills in the secondary schools: a cross-curricular approach.*

**2.118 Debono, Elaine.** *Animated stories: educational programmes at the Central Public Library, Floriana.*

**2.119 Decelis, Valerie.** *Special needs resources in state school libraries.*

**2.120 Falzon, Cheryl.** *The Maltese economy: an analysis of select 'grey' literature conserved at the Economic Policy Division.*

**2.121 Farrugia, Mariano.** *The Maltese local libraries: their development and use.*

**2.122 Gouder, Sandra.** *Marketing the school library.*

**2.123 Mifsud, Josephine.** *Digital imaging: new challenges for Maltese libraries and archives.*

**2.124 Pisani, Robert.** *The ideal junior school library collection : assisting and information literacy.*

**2.125 Schembri, Antoinette.** *The library of the Philippine Congregation in Senglea: a cursory look at its past history and aspects of its books' and manuscripts' conservation.*

**2.126 Sciberras, Catherine.** *Promoting libraries in special needs schools.*

**2.127 Vella, Victor.** *Traditional to digital libraries: case-study of Finland.*

### **3. OTHER DISSERTATIONS, UNIVERSITY OF MALTA**

**3.1 Gruppetta, Marie Louise.** *School libraries in Malta.* B.A. (Educ.), 1980.

**3.2 Camilleri, Aloysia M.** *A study of the development of the school library in government schools in Malta.* B.Ed. (Hons.), 1982.

**3.3 Wood, John.** *A distributed bibliographic database for Malta's research libraries.* B.Sc. (Maths and Computing), 1990.

**3.4 Schembri, Claudette.** *Information services for newspaper establishments (with case studies of four Maltese establishments).* B.A. (Hons.)

(Communication Studies), 1994.

**3.5 Sant, Antoinette.** *Running the Malta Public Library on a self-financing basis : a financial perspective.* B.A. (Hons.) (Accountancy), 1995.

**3.6 Mallia, Richard.** *Mapping library patrons in Malta: a study of the public's response to public library service outlets.* B.A. (Hons.) (Geography), 2001.

**3.7 Mifsud, Sharon.** *Regional library use by children and young adults: a study including attitudes and perceptions.* B. Communications (Hons.), 2001.

**3.8 Spiteri, Josephine.** *The Role of Libraries in the mission of the Church.* B. A. Religious Studies, 2003

#### **4. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORTS PRESENTED TO THE MALTA LIBRARY & INFORMATION ASSOCIATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL REGISTER**

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**4.2 Cordina, Anthony.** *Mtarfa Boys' Secondary School Library.* 1991

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