

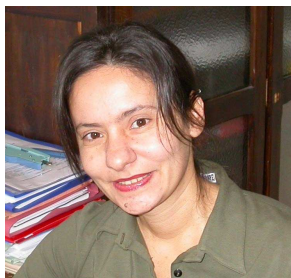


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**Visit by Dr Assunta Marrocchi, Dipartimento di Chimica Organica, Universita' degli Studi di Perugia and Dr Maria Laura Santarelli, CISTeC - Universita' di Roma La Sapienza
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Dr Marrocchi



Dr Santarelli

From the 6th to the 9th of November 2005, the Institute for Masonry and Construction Research of the University of Malta had the pleasure of welcoming Dr Assunta Marrocchi from the Universita' degli Studi di Perugia and Dr Maria Laura Santarelli from Universita' di Roma La Sapienza, two colleagues working on the control of stone deterioration caused by soluble salts. This visit was made possible through the Italo-Maltese Cultural agreement.

During this visit, discussions were held on innovative research being carried out in Italy on the use of salt inhibitors for the treatment of deteriorated stone. These discussions also involved personnel from Heritage Malta <http://www.heritagemalta.org/> as well as site visits to the prehistoric temples of Hagar Qim and Mnajdra <http://www.heritagemalta.org/hagarqim.html> <http://www.heritagemalta.org/mnajdratemple.html> .

Drs Marrocchi and Santarelli also gave a presentation to the Institute's postgraduate students, as well as to conservators from Heritage Malta, on "New products for the inhibition of salt efflorescences in masonries". This generated much interest in the attending audience, and gave rise to several questions and a lively discussion at the end.

This visit gave rise to a programme of research on salt inhibitors, which are also being experimented on the local Globigerina Limestone.

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