

**MABS SYMPOSIUM 2019**  
**THE ROLE OF BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTISTS IN DETECTION, SCREENING, AND**  
**TREATMENT OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**  
**Faculty of Health Sciences - University of Malta**  
*South Auditorium*  
Saturday 27th April 2019

Programme

0830 Registration

0900 Welcome of Participants by Prof Joseph Borg, President MABS

Address by Hon. Chris Fearne, Minister for Health and Deputy Prime Minister of Malta

Address by Ms Marion Rizzo, Former Manager of Pathology, and Former CEO of Mater Dei Hospital

0930 (Session 1 – Chair: Dr Melissa Formosa, Academic Department of Applied Biomedical Science, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Malta)

**Ms Charmaine Vella** - The Role of Biomedical Science in diagnosis, treatment & monitoring of Thalassaemia Major - Different specialisations working in concert.

**Ms Jessica Debattista** - Molecular approach to familial breast and colon cancer

**Ms Stephanie Meli** - The Biomedical Scientist in effective screening, detection and treatment through Point of Care Testing: - Our Biggest, our Newest and our Forthcoming.

**Ms Jeanesse Scerri** - Molecular pathology: The role of biomedical scientists in personalized cancer medicine

1030 Coffee Break

1100 (Keynote Speech – Chair: Prof Joseph Borg, President MABS and Academic Department of Applied Biomedical Science, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Malta)

**Prof Fernando Mendes** – Biomedical Science in Europe – everything is impossible until it is done!

1130 (Session 2 – Chair: Dr Graziella Zahra, Molecular Diagnostics (Infectious Diseases), Department of Pathology, Ministry for Health, Mater Dei Hospital)

**Ms Charlene Busuttil** - The Predictive Significance of Immunohistochemistry

**Dr Ritienne Attard** – The effect of smoking on lipid profile inflammation and risk for myocardial infarction

1200 **Mr Ian Brincat** - We have D Sun, we have D Sea, but what happened to Vitamin D?

**Dr Shawn Baldacchino** – Cancer Molecular Profiling: Towards Personalised Diagnostics

**Ms Patricia Brincat** – Advances in the Diagnosis and Monitoring of Haematological Malignancies by Flow Cytometry

**Mr Mario Taliana** – The preliminary impact of the Liquid Based Cytology (LBC) system in Mater Dei Hospital on the Gynaecological Health Services

1300 Concluding remarks and lunch