

## **AGENDA and LECTURERS CVs**

### **1<sup>st</sup> EXECUTIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME 2008**

Gozo, Malta / 12-13 JUNE 2008

Venue: The University Gozo Centre, Xewkija Gozo

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**INSULEUR -THE ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN INSULAR CHAMBERS OF  
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**GOZO BUSINESS CHAMBER and the ISLANDS AND SMALL STATES INSTITUTE**

## **AGENDA**

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008

- 09.30-10.30: "Meaning of Sustainable Development with Special Reference to Islands";  
Professor Lino Briguglio
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-12.00 "Economic Vulnerability and Resilience with Reference to Small Islands";  
Dr. Gordon Cordina
- 12.00-13.00 "Sustainable Tourism and Islands"; Mr. Julian Zarb
- 13.00-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30-15.30 "Environment and Islands: with emphasis to Climate Change";  
Professor Lino Briguglio
- 15.30-16.30 "Energy and Islands: Alternative Energy Sources"; Dr Joe Cilia
- 16.30 End of 1st day work

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008

- 09.00-10.00 "Maximizing the Competitiveness Potential of the Small European  
Islands"; Dr Gordon Cordina
- 10.00-11.00 "How to construct composite indices"; Ms. Nadia Farrugia
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00 "Simulation Exercise on How to Draft a Proposal for a Community  
Program"; Mr. Evangelos Douloufakis & Mr. George Assonitis
- 13.00-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30-16.30 General discussion and Conclusions

## LECTURERS CVs

### Professor Lino Briguglio

Professor Lino Briguglio is Head of the Economics Department of the University of Malta. He also directs the Islands and Small States Institute of the Foundation for International Studies and the University Centre on the Island of Gozo.

He owns a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Exeter and a Special Diploma in Social Studies from the University of Oxford. He obtained his Honours and Master's degree in Economics from the University of Malta.

His main area of interest is islands and small states studies, in particular economic aspects, and he has authored many publications on this subject. He is known internationally for his seminal work on the "Vulnerability Index" (see for example World Development, Sept 1995) which led to a world-wide interest and to many quantitative studies on Economic and Environmental Vulnerability.

Professor Briguglio is editor of Bank of Valletta Review published by the Bank of Valletta and one of the editors of Insula International Journal of Island Affairs, published in collaboration with UNESCO. He also serves on the editorial boards of a number of other journals. For a time he was the general editor of the Islands Series published by Cassell-Pinter, London.

Professor Briguglio has acted as consultant to several international organizations including the UN Department of Policy Coordination, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNEP, CARICOM, the Commonwealth Secretariat and SOPAC. He has also represented the Maltese government in many United Nations meetings, including the UN Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island States and the World Summit for Sustainable Development.

Prof. Briguglio is one of the lead authors of the Chapter on Small Island States of the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Currently Professor Briguglio is member of the National Commission for Sustainable Development and of the Malta Commission for Fair Trading.

### Dr. Gordon Cordina

Dr. Gordon Cordina holds the post of Resources Economics at the University of Malta. His main area of research interest is the sustainable growth and macroeconomic dynamics of small and micro economies. He has published widely in this area, on aspects ranging from macroeconomic and growth patterns to pension reform to environmental sustainability. Dr. Cordina has served as Director General of the National Statistics Office, as Economic Advisor to the Malta Council for Economic and Social Development and as Head of the Research Department of the Central Bank of Malta. He has been involved in a number of local and international research projects and consultancy assignments with institutions including the EU Commission, various Government Ministries and private sector institutions.

Mr. Julian C. Zarb

Mr. Julian Zarb has worked in the tourism industry for the past twenty six years. In 2003 he joined the Public Service and today he is Assistant Director in the Office of the Permanent Secretary within the Parliamentary Secretariat for Tourism. His main task is to develop a strategy and policy for local tourism planning. Mr. Zarb is active in several tourism related associations, namely the European Union for Tourism Officers (EUTO) as Vice President, the Institute of Tourism (Malta) as Vice Chairman; the Malta Tourism Society as Founder-President and the Malta Cookery and Food Association as Vice-Chairman. He is also a freelance tourism journalist and was presented with two awards by the Ministry for Tourism in 2000 and 2004 for his contributions to the media. Besides his various articles to the local press, Mr. Zarb has also presented and produced several radio programmes related to the tourism industry. He is also the E-Turbo News Malta Journalist and Ambassador.

Dr. Joseph Cilia

Dr. Joseph Cilia obtained his Graduate Degree in electrical engineering in 1989 from the University of Malta. After 3 years of work experience at the local power station he won a scholarship to undertake a Masters Degree on the same subject at the University of Nottingham. After finishing his Masters Degree he proceeded with his PhD studies at the same University. His studies were sponsored by a consortium of 5 UK companies to carry out research on sensorless vector control of induction motors. His work was presented in international conferences and patented. Today Dr. Cilia is a Senior lecturer at the University of Malta. In 2004 he was appointed by the Maltese Government as deputy Chairman at the Malta Resource Authority. He is also the Director of Research for Abertax Quality Ltd and has various contacts with university and institutes worldwide. Dr. Cilia has published over 60 papers in international conferences and his research interests are on high speed drive systems, energy storage, efficient use of energy and renewables.

Ms. Nadia Farrugia

Ms. Nadia Farrugia is an Assistant Lecturer in Microeconomics at the University of Malta, at the Economics Department. Her main research areas are small states studies, in particular economic vulnerability and resilience, economic growth and competitiveness. She was previously employed as an Economics Officer at the Central Bank of Malta, within the Economic Analysis Office. She graduated of her Bachelor of Commerce with Honours and in Economics, as First Class, from the University of Malta in 2002 and obtained a Master of Arts in Economics, with Distinction, from the same university in 2004.

Ms. Farrugia has considerable experience in the construction of composite indices and has computed composite indices of competitiveness, vulnerability, resilience, peripherality and territorial cohesion. One of her most recent publications analyses conceptual and methodological issues in the construction of composite indices.

Mr. Evangelos Douloufakis

Mr. Evangelos Douloufakis holds a MSc in Engineering on Management and Technology by the Open University (UK) and a Graduate Degree in Engineering on Metallurgy and Materials Technology by the National Technical University of Athens. Currently Mr. Douloufakis is working on a PhD in Physical Metallurgy, on the analysis and research on the “efflorescence” phenomenon occurring on the surface of ceramics products.

Related to Chambers of Commerce, Mr. Douloufakis worked as executive counselor of the President of the Chambers Group of Greek Islands concerning regional development and innovation policies, assisting with technical consulting services concerning Greek and European projects, preparation and submission of proposals and management of related activities, and managing the following EU Programs:

- BEST RESULT-Building and Energy Systems and Technologies in Renewable Energy Sources Update and Linked Training within the framework of “Intelligent Energy - Europe (EIE) Programme”
- Mediterranean SME's Support Network for Systems and Product Certification within the framework of European Initiative “InterregIIIB/Archimed”
- Mediterranean cuisine and wine within the framework of European Initiative “InterregIIIB/Archimed”
- Support of interregional entrepreneurship within the framework of European Initiative “InterregIIIB/Archimed”/Greece-Cyprus
- Promotion of extroversion of international entrepreneurship between Greece and Cyprus within the framework of European Initiative “InterregIIIA: Greece-Cyprus 2000-2006”
- Supporting actions against unemployment within the framework of funding programs of Ministry of Employment and Social Protection

Currently, Mr. Douloufakis is executive counselor of the President of the Heraklion Chamber of Commerce in Crete (Greece).

Mr. Georges Assonitis

Mr. Georges Assonitis has an extensive international career. Mr. Assonitis has worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the Permanent Representation of Greece to the European Union, as Internal Market, Consumer Affairs and Tourism “Attaché”. Furthermore, as representative of the Ministry of Development, Georges Assonitis has participated in the Working Groups of the Council on “Consumer Affairs”, “Company Law”, “Insurance”, “Liability of Defective Products” and “Tourism”, and in the preparation of the works of the Competitiveness Council for the Greek Delegation. Previously Assonitis has been advisor for European Affairs for the Union of the Greek Chambers of Commerce and Industry for 10 years.

On the teaching side, Assonitis has given courses on “Theory of International Organization” and “Institutions of the European Union” at the University of Crete, and on European Environmental Policy and International and Greek legal system, at the University of the Aegean.

Mr. Assonitis holds a B.A. in Public Law and Political Science by the Athens University, and PhD in Political Sciences, by the Geneva University.