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Report on Malta National Meeting

12/19 February 2008

Malta's National Meeting was held in two sessions. As there is only one University on Malta, and therefore one History Department, the first session, held on Tuesday, 12 February 2008, was organized for all the full-time, part-time, and occasional lecturers of History at the University. The agenda included such items as 'New Approaches to the Teaching of History at First-Cycle Level'; 'Erasmus Exchange Programme and Malta's University Student'; 'The Department of History and European Networks of Cooperation'; 'The Strengths and Flaws of the European Masters in Mediterranean Historical Studies'; and 'The Benefits of having Experienced CliohNet2'. Each item invited a lively discussion. One overall proposal that came out of this session concerned the immense value of exploiting cooperation with other Universities and participation in programmes which involved multi-University activities. Clioh, CliohNet1, and CliohNet2 had been so pivotal in the various changes that have been introduced over recent years, both in the actual History programmes (first and second cycles) at the University of Malta, and in approach and methodology. It was also recommended to further promote regular exchanges of History staff and students with other European Universities. In the last few years there has been considerable improvement in these exchanges. The number of foreign students visiting the University Malta and Maltese History students spending a semester or two in overseas Universities has been increasing fairly consistently.

The second session, held on Tuesday, 19 February 2008, involved the same academic staff who had participated in the first, together with the teachers of History at the Junior College, which is a pre-University institution. A summary of the proposals and recommendations made during the first session introduced the second meeting. The Junior College History staff then discussed the problems and difficulties they faced. It was also suggested that pre-University students should be encouraged to spend short visits to other similar European institutions and to make full use of 'Clioh's Notebooks', either the published volumes or in PDF files, freely downloadable online.

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