

THE National BOOK Festival 2014



Mediterranean Conference Centre (MCC), Valletta. 12 – 16 November
Programme of Events

Wednesday

18:00 – Temi Zammit Hall. Kite Publications's launch of "Terror's Footprints - Shadows of International Terrorism over Malta" - Author Joe Mifsud, Edited by Martin Bugelli.

18:30 – Klabb Kotba Maltin Stand. Klabb Kotba Maltin invites you to a presentation and reading by author Charles Casha.

19:30 – Faraxa Stand. Faraxa Publishing launches "Nimirhu maż-Żmien" by Marlene Saliba. This is Marlene Saliba's Maltese version of her poetry book in English, "Time-Faring".

19:30 – Temi Zammit Hall. National Archives Annual Public Lecture - "Storytelling, Memory and Archives" with special guest Marylyn Peringer.

20:30 - Faraxa Stand. "Radical Philosophy Perspectives - Changing the Intersections". Philosophy, Art and Literature - Forms and Laws" – a discussion with Meinrad Calleja.

20:30 – Temi Zammit Hall. Għaqda tal-Malti Universita: "Dun Renè Cilia: Għat-tfal u l-kbar..." - Reading of known and unknown prose and poetry and extracts by friends of the late author.

Thursday

10:00 – Klabb Kotba Maltin Stand. KUL in collaboration with Klabb Kotba Maltin presents "Staqsin 20" – an interview with poet-for-the-young Adrian Grima.

18:00 – Temi Zammit Hall. The Malta Historical Society invites you to its third lecture in the series "Change and Continuity: The MHS Independence Anniversary Lectures" for 2014 with the participation of Conrad Thake, Noel Buttigieg, David Atard and Vicki-Ann Cremona.

18:00 – Faraxa Stand. A discussion about "Literature in Translation" with Anthony Aquilina and Larisa Dmitrieva.

19:00 – Klabb Kotba Maltin Stand. Klabb Kotba Maltin invites you to a presentation and reading by David Aloisio.

20:00 – Common Area. “Colours of Maltese Festas: The History and Development of Titular Statues in Malta and Gozo”. A talk on the story and development of titular statues and other important statues found in our towns and villages through the ages organized by Deer Publications.

20:00 – Faraxa Stand. Pre-publication event - “Il-Kitbiet Poliṭiċi ta’ Oliver Friggieri” by Robert Micallef.

20:30 – Temi Zammit Hall. Poetry Reading from “ABZ” followed by a book signing by poet Karl Consiglio – he writes as he thinks and makes no concession for language snobbery and class distinctions.

Friday

09:15 – Common Area. “Enhancing Spanish teaching/ Modern trends in teaching: methodology, language games, use of IWB” by Carlos Barroso García - Coordinator of Spanish Department and representative from Sociedad General Espanola de Libreria (SGEL).

10:00 – Klabb Kotba Maltin Stand. KUL in collaboration with Klabb Kotba Maltin presents “Staqṣini 20” – an interview with Lino Psaila: blacksmith, actor, fisherman and kite-maker. Lino is especially passionate about speaking and writing in the local dialect.

11:00 - Common Area. Presentation for students of Spanish “Spanish culture” by Carlos Barroso García - Coordinator of Spanish Department and representative from Sociedad General Espanola de Libreria (SGEL).

17:45 – Klabb Kotba Maltin Stand. Olvin Vella chairs a discussion about four Klabb Kotba Maltin publications with the participation of David Agius Muscat, Karmenu Bonavia, Frans Ciappara and Oratio Vella.

18:00 – Common Area. Meet the authors Arnold Cassola & Silvio Aliffi behind “Malta Pachino - ritorno alle origini” (Morrone Editore) as they discuss the Malta – Pachino, Sicily connection from its origins to this day.

18:30 – Temi Zammit Hall. Launch of Frans Sammut’s posthumous “ Ġrajjet it-Tagħlim f’Malta”, during a discussion among Evarist Bartolo, Joseph M Brincat, Raymond Mangion, Ugo Mifsud Bonnici, Alfred Sant, and Charles Xuereb. Soprano Joan Mangion will sing the “Fdal Qaddis” aria from the cantata “Filep” (libretto by Frans Sammut, music by Ray Sciberras), accompanied by Mro D. Galea.

19:00 – Common Area. Luigi Amato disusses the philosopher and widely respected Sicilian academic Giuseppe Rovella via his books “La fattoria delle querce” and “L’uomo, una filosofia”.

19:15 – Faraxa Stand. Pre-publication event - To commemorate the 10th anniversary of Malta’s membership in the European Union, Faraxa Publishing will be publishing “Malta in the European Union” by Robert Micallef.

20:30 – Temi Zammit Hall. #abbozz: following last year’s success, the literary competition #abbozz, a first of its kind in Malta, is back at this year’s Book Festival and a panel of professionals as well as the audience in the hall during the event will vote and select the next manuscript to be published by Merlin Publishers. #abbozz also includes a book cover design competition.

Saturday

09:45 – Common Area. Kite Publications - “Il-Papa Ġwanni Pawlu II” by Frank Zammit and Rita Saliba - Illustrations workshop by David Schembri (for children).

10:00 - Klabb Kotba Maltin Stand. KUL in collaboration with Klabb Kotba Maltin presents “Staqşini 20” – an interview with Maria Simiana, transcriber of Concetta Brincat’s discovered and soon to be published works.

11:00 – Temi Zammit Hall. The Embassy of France along with the National Book Council invites you to meet Pierre Assouline - journalist, writer and member of the Académie Goncourt for a public interview by Anthony Aquilina.

11:00 – Common Area. Nature Trust and iRead collaborate on a session of educational interactive activities for children: expect quizzes, prizes and more.

11:30 – Klabb Kotba Maltin Stand. Klabb Kotba Maltin invites you to a presentation and reading by Immanuel Mifsud.

12:30 – Temi Zammit Hall. MaLIA invite you to a discussion about “The Importance of Libraries and Archives within the Maltese context and their role for preserving the Maltese literature heritage”.

12:30 – Common Area. Presentation for students of Spanish entitled “Spanish culture” by Carlos Barroso García - Coordinator of Spanish Department and representative from Sociedad General Espanola de Libreria (SGEL).

17:30 – Temi Zammit Hall. Joe Scicluna visiting from France, talks about his books and about the French occupation (1798-1800) as told by Frenchmen who witnessed those tumultuous events.

17:30 – Faraxa Stand. Faraxa Publishing launches “Kumewawa – Iben il-Ġungla” by Carmel Mallia - translation into Maltese of the book “Kumeñaña, la filo de la ġangalo by Tibor Sekelj”.

18:00 – Common Area. “Why learn Spanish/ The importance of Spanish in the 21st century” with Carlos Barroso García - Coordinator of Spanish Department and representative from Sociedad General Espanola de Libreria (SGEL).

18:30 – Temi Zammit Hall. Horizons invites you to two book launches: “The Blonde Formula”, a translation into English by Becky d’Ugo of Federica Brunini’s “La Matematica delle Bionde” and “Ostaġġ tat-Tielet Reich” a translation into Maltese of Fey von Hassell’s acclaimed “A Mother’s War” by Tony C. Cutajar. Federica Brunini and Almuth von Hassell will be present for the occasion.

19:00 – Common Area. Bonferraro Editore invites you to the launch of two publications: Gaetano Amoroso novel “Anche il Sole Tramonta” and Matteo Bonadies’ “Filippo di Agira”.

20:00 – Common Area. Morrone Editore invites you to the launch of Lorenzo Genovese’s “U Latru ri Ficupali” (Il ladro di fichidindia).

20:00 – Faraxa Stand. “Radical Philosophy Perspectives - Changing the Intersections” Philosophy, Art and Literature - Intersections between the Politics of Sexuality and Freedom – a discussion with Meinrad Calleja.

20:00 – MCCF Stand. The annual President’s visit will revolve around the book signing of the 5th edition of the re-vamped publication “Tisjir mill-Qalb” containing more recipes, some by Mr. Preca himself. The aim of the book is to raise funds for L-Istrina.

20:30 – Common Area. Edizioni Epsil invites you to the launch of Vincenzo Perez’s “10 Mila Volte”.

20:30 – Temi Zammit Hall. Film Premiere – National Book Council collaborates with ONE and Shadeena to bring you a short-film adaptation of Immanuel Mifsud’s story “Laqgħa ma’ Mara Morbi”.

Sunday

10:00 – Common Area. Edizioni Epsil invites you to the launch of Antonino Audino’s “Gli Occhi Nelle Onde del Mare”.

10:00 – Klabb Kotba Maltin Stand. KUL in collaboration with Klabb Kotba Maltin presents “Staqsin 20” – an interview with contemporary author Walid Nabhan.

10:30 – Temi Zammit Hall. “France in the Maltese Collective Memory: Perspectives, Perceptions, Identities after Bonaparte in British Malta” (Malta University Press). A discussion with author Charles Xuereb and other academic guests.

10:30 – Common Area. Morrone Editori invites you to the launch of Angelo Migliore’s “Come Nasce una Mafia”.

11:00 – Faraxa Stand. Faraxa Publishing launches “Ir-Re tal-Ġungla” by Therese Pace.

11:30 – Common Area. Morrone Editori invites you to the launch of Giancarlo Bellina’s “L’Albero del Milicuccu”.

12:00 – Klabb Kotba Maltin Stand. A discussion organized by Klabb Kotba Maltin about the relevance of the Maltese National Anthem in post-modern Malta with Oliver Friggieri.

12:00 – Common Area. Edizione Epsil invites you to the launch of Simone De Vivo's "Amore di Matrioska - La luna di giorno".

13:00 – Temi Zammit Hall. "Minn Vassalli sa Vella Gera" - Għaqda tal-Malti Università are marking 250 years since Mikiel Anton Vassalli's birth by organizing a discussion about the past, present and future of the Maltese language.

14:00 – Common Area. Christine Attard's activity mixes poetry reading from her book "Life Rhymes for Young Minds" with drawing tasks for children (4-11 yrs).

16:30 – Temi Zammit Hall. Announcing the winners of the Literary Contest of Novels for Youth: a literary contest organized by Aġenzija Żgħażaġh and the National Book Council.

17:00 – Common Area. Aulino Editore invites you to the launch of Michele Barbera's "Il Testamento di Vanto".

17:00 – Faraxa Stand. Faraxa Publishing launches "Il-Ħares tal-Fortizza" by Tony Cutajar.

17:30 – Common Area. Morrone Editore invites you to the launch of Pippo Bufardecì's "Airport Pachino" and Leonardo Salvaggio's "Sicilia – Quell'Estate del '43".

18:00 – Temi Zammit Hall. "Reading Champions Award Ceremony" - the culmination of the first nationwide campaign for the promotion of reading organised by the National Literacy Agency, the National Book Council and the Directorate for Curriculum.

19:30 – Temi Zammit Hall. Għaqda tal-Malti Università will be launching their 33rd edition of the journal "Lehen il-Malti".

List of Participants 2014

Aġenzija Żgħażaġh
Ahmadijja Muslin Jamaat Malta
Book Distributors Ltd (BDL)
Bookends
Bookmark
Bronk Productions
Christian Fellowship
Cliobooks
Deer Publications
DOM Communications Ltd
Faraxa Publishing
FrannyJo - VersAġhtini
Friends of the National Archives
Ghaqda Poeti Maltin
Ghaqda tal-Malti Università
Heritage Malta
Horizons
iRead Company
Kite Group Ltd
Kotba Argo
La Boccherie (French Embassy)
Malta Evangelical Library
Malta Union of Teachers
Meli Bookshop
Mellieħa Local Council
Merlin Library
Merlin Publishers Ltd
Midsea Books – Klabb Kotba Maltin
Morrone Editore (Italian Cultural Institute)
Pauline Books & Media
Sensiela Kotba Soċjalisti (SKS)
Sierra Book Distributors
The Malta Community Chest Fund
Uptrend Publishing
Wise Owl Publications

Opening Hours

Wednesday: 09:00 - 13:00 and 17:30 - 21.30

Thursday: 09:00 - 13:00 and 17:30 - 21.30

Friday: 09:00 - 13:00 and 17:30 - 22.30

Saturday: 09:30 - 14:00 and 17:00 – 22.30

Sunday: 09:30 - 22:00