



THE UNIVERSITY OF MALTA  
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## RIDT Newsletter January 2025

### Help us save Hal Millieri

In January 2024, we announced a collaboration between the **Research, Innovation and Development Trust (RIDT)** and **Din I-Art Helwa**. One of the first projects we are working on is the Hal Millieri Conservation project, a significant initiative which is in dire need of funding and support.

The **Hal Millieri Chapel**, renowned for its medieval architecture and historical importance, has long been a symbol of Malta's rich past. Through this collaboration, RIDT and Din I-Art Helwa aim to protect this invaluable heritage site, ensuring it remains a testament to Malta's history for future generations.

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## Lidl Partners with RIDT to support research at the University of Malta

The supermarket chain partners with the Research Innovation & Development Trust for medical advancement with a donation of €1 for every Deluxe Panettone Classic sold.

The campaign, which will run until stocks last, marks a significant step towards advancing healthcare in Malta. By combining Lidl Malta's reach and the RIDT's expertise, the aim is to accelerate medical research and develop innovative solutions to pressing health challenges. Every €1 donated will directly contribute to vital research projects.



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## Congratulations Mizzi Studio

Mizzi Studio's **Regenerative Multimodal Transport System** has been honoured with the prestigious **Kamra Tal-Periti (KTP) Architecture Vision Award**, recognising its ground-breaking approach to addressing Malta's traffic and mobility crisis.

This milestone will be further strengthened by an innovative collaboration with the Research, Innovation, and Development Trust (RIDT) which has the important role of raising funds for research at the University of Malta.

RIDT would like to congratulate Mizzi Studio and looks forward to this new collaboration with research playing the centre role in finding solutions to issues of national importance.

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## Honoris Causa conferred to Mr Nicky Camilleri

On 22 November 2024, Mr Nicky Camilleri, Chairperson of the ALIVE Charity Foundation was honoured by the University of Malta through the conferment of a Master of Letters (Honoris Causa) for his continuous efforts in the field of philanthropy towards cancer research at the University of Malta.

During the same ceremony, a Doctor of Law Degree (Honoris Causa) was also conferred to President Emeritus Dr George Vella.

RIDT would like to congratulate Mr Nicky Camilleri. Thanks to the efforts of ALIVE Charity Foundation, to date €920,000 were donated towards Cancer research at the University of Malta. With next year's ALIVE Charity Foundation cycling challenge, it is expected that the total amount donated to this cause will exceed 1 million euros!

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## Harmony of Hope

The concert **Harmony of Hope** held at the Sir Temi Zammit Hall, University of Malta, Msida, on Friday 8 November 2024 was a very successful evening.

This event was organised by The Research, Innovation and Development Trust of the University of Malta (RIDT), in collaboration with **APS Bank**.

This was a live concert of pop favourites performed by some of Malta's top singers and accompanied by the Spiteri Lucas Band, under the direction of Mark Spiteri Lucas and supported by **Every Day, Cancer Hub Malta** and the **University of Malta**.



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## More UM staff join the RIDT Payroll Giving Scheme. Have you joined yet?

Following the relaunch of the **RIDT Payroll Giving Scheme** a good number of UM staff have joined to support our researchers. With a small contribution from your salary, you too can help us to finance meaningful initiatives and research.

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## UM Alumni – Giving Back

25 years after graduating from the University of Malta, a group of alumni have chosen to give something back to their *Alma Mater* as a sign of appreciation for their career achievements. Christopher Busuttill Delbridge, Ritianne Schembri and Michael Azzopardi took this initiative and have committed a payroll donation towards RIDT. They are also reaching out to their old UM friends to join in.

*“Gratitude is an emotion that I connect to a lot. After 25 years of benefitting from my professional formation at the University of Malta I felt the need to personally give back more. That is why I chose RIDT for my monthly disbursement. It is a small gesture on my part but this seed could become very significant if many contribute. Through the funding of research our beloved Alma Mater can be more prestigious and sustainable” – Christopher Busuttill Delbridge*

If you are interested in giving back to the University of Malta by becoming a regular supporter through your payroll donations towards RIDT, please get in touch with us on [info@ridt.org.mt](mailto:info@ridt.org.mt)

You and your old University mates, can truly make a difference in the area of research.



**Christopher Busuttill Delbridge**



**Ritianne Schembri**



**Michael Azzopardi**

## Outstanding Christmas Concert Celebration By Kor Malta

The annual RIDT Christmas Celebration Concert was held at the Basilica of St Dominic and Porto Salvo in Valletta on Friday 13 December 2024. The national choir, Kor Malta, gave an outstanding performance of conventional, and not so conventional, Christmas hymns and songs in their impeccable *a capella* style, under the direction of Mro Riccardo Bianchi.

The evening was well-attended by donors, supporters, academics, researchers and friends. After the concert, all guests were invited for traditional mince pies and mulled wine in the newly decorated Dominican Museum.



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