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## MEDAC HONOURS IMLI DIRECTOR

The Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) has recognised Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) at a ceremony in the Academy's Premises (University of Malta Campus) on 8 February 2017. During the ceremony, a plaque was unveiled in honour of Professor Attard, commemorating the initiative he led which resulted in the establishment of the Academy in 1990.



*Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) (right) and Professor Stephen Calleya (Director, MEDAC)*

In his statement, Professor Calleya expressed his sincere gratitude and appreciation to Professor Attard for all his support through the years and for inspiring MEDAC in its activities through his excellent leadership and wisdom. Addressing the gathering, Professor Attard recalled how his engagement with the Governments of Malta and Switzerland, at the diplomatic level, resulted in the establishment of the Academy. He expressed gratitude to MEDAC for the recognition.



*IMLI and MEDAC students at a joint reception*

MEDAC is an institution of higher learning with a unique focus on the Mediterranean region. It offers Master degrees in Diplomatic Studies and a Joint Master's Programme with George Mason University (Virginia, USA) in Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security. The one-year academic programme in Diplomatic Studies comprises International Law, International Relations, International History, International Economics and Diplomacy. The programme provides students with an opportunity to study and interact in an international setting with students coming from North Africa, Middle East, Africa, Europe and beyond.

MEDAC strives to give its students an all-round experience which includes study visits to Switzerland and Germany, simulation of negotiation experiences, guest lecturers and a 'dip' in the culture of the Maltese islands. Debates are regularly held on topical issues in international affairs during the programme. Visits to institutions and international companies in Malta are also conducted. Additionally, students are provided with the opportunity to enhance their language skills in English or French.

MEDAC's programmes are ideal for those active in or aspiring to positions in international organisations, diplomatic missions, public administration, and non-governmental organisations or in the private sector.

Currently, MEDAC has over 725 alumni students from 60 different countries.

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