

# The 1565 Conference



## Wednesday 28 October

Morning and afternoon - Arrival of Participants

19:00 Private Tour of 1565 Exhibition followed by press launch of Vol. II of the collected essays at the President's Palace, Valletta (by invitation)

## Thursday 29 October

**(Arrival of Delegates at Birgu via Ferry)**

08:30 Registration and coffee

09:15 Launch and welcome speech by Minister of Culture/HM Chairman

09:45 Keynote Speech by Admiral (Ret.) Muzaffer Metin Atac. (Introduction of Ottoman Scholars)

10:00 Ali Ispek - Assessment of the Ottoman Fleet composition that participated in the Great siege of 1565

10:20 Terry Duggan - From the other side of the Ditch: Bormla under the Ottomans 29th June - 9th of September 1565

10:40 Joseph Abela - *L'Isola di San Michele*

11:00 Matthew Balzan - Fort St Angelo: a Multi-Functional Stronghold during the Great Siege

11:20 Drs. Mehmet Tütüncü - Topkapi Sarayi: Map Made During the Siege of Malta

11:40 Discussion

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Joan Abela - The Great Siege of 1565: daily life through notarial acts

13:20 Giovanni Bonello - Discovered and lost sources for the history of the Great Siege

13:40 Noel Buttigieg - Feeding the Besieged

14:00 Thom Richardson - The armour of the Knights of Saint John from Rhodes

14:20 Robert Cassar - Arms and armour of the Order of St John from the 1565 Siege

- 15:00 John Stroud (on behalf of Micheal Stroud) - An unpublished report about the De Vallette Comb Morion
- 15:20 Karen Watts - The significance of the etching on the armours worn by the Knights of St John at the Great Siege of Malta.
- 15:40 Discussion

End of Day 1

### **Friday 30 October**

#### **(Arrival of Delegates at Birgu via Ferry)**

- 10:00 Official Inauguration of Fort St Angelo **(by invitation)**
- 12:50 Chair of Session Fra John Critien
- 13:00 Theresa Vella - Turning history into art: the 1565 Siege fresco cycle by Matteo Perez D'aleccio (1576-1581)
- 13:20 Mgr John Azzopardi - Artistic Depictions of the Great Siege of 1565 with images of our Patron Saints, compared with similar depictions of the 1427 Turkish Raid on Mdina.
- 13:40 Emmanuel Magro Conti - The hidden force and its manifestation
- 14:00 Franco Davies - Remembering 1565: The Role of Memory in the urban fabric of the Island Order State of the Hospitallers
- 14:20 Matthias Ebejer - The Concept of Martyrdom within Hospitaller Devotional Practices: The fallen at St. Elmo as a case study
- 14:40 Discussion
- 15:00 William Zammit - 'Why ring not out the bells aloud throughout the town?' Some contemporary English and Northern European pamphlets about the Great Siege
- 15:20 Simon Mercieca - The Ottoman Band during the Siege
- 15:40 Emrah Gurkan and Emir Yener - Malta and the Order of ST. John in Ottoman grand strategy: A strategic and operational evaluation of the great siege of 1565.
- 16:00 Peter Jenkinson: Analysis

End of Conference

- 19:00 Gala Reception **(by invitation)**

### **Saturday 31 October**

- 10:30 Harbour Cruise dedicated to the 1565 events thanks to AFM Maritime Squadron **(by invitation)**