

## **The MedGOOS Executive Secretary – Dr Aldo F. Drago**



Dr Aldo Drago is the Assistant Co-ordinator of MAMA. He directs the Research Division and the Physical Oceanography Unit at the IOI-Malta Operational Centre, University of Malta.

He is the Maltese delegate to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/UNESCO) and to the International Commission for the Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean (CIESM) and the National Representative for the Committee on the International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE/IOC). Dr Drago is also the National Delegate for Malta on the Joint WMO/IOC Technical Commission for Oceanography & Marine Technology (JCOMM). Since 1998, he is serving as the Executive Secretary of MedGOOS (the Global Ocean Observing System for the Mediterranean) with office in Malta. He is a member of several scientific committees including the National Committee for Sustainable Development.

He obtained his Ph.D. in physical oceanography from the University of Southampton, Southampton Oceanography Centre, in 1999. His initial engagement was with the Malta Council for Science and Technology in 1991 where he conducted a number of programmes and initiatives both locally and internationally. The most important are the Scientific co-ordination of an AVICENNE research programme in Data Management for Real-Time Monitoring of the Mediterranean (MEDNET) with participants from France and Cyprus and a UNESCO-funded multidisciplinary oceanographic survey in the NW coastal area of Malta. He also co-ordinated the Maltese participation in two EU-MAST III projects, the MFSP and the MEDAR/MEDATLAS II.