Half-day Seminar

Trends in Marine Research and related developments
– a challenge for Malta and its role in the Mediterranean

Venue: **Corinthia San Gorg Hotel, St. Julians**
Date: **27th January 2004 (9.00 a.m. – 1.00p.m.)**

Programme

09.00hrs	**Official Opening**
	Roger Ellul Micallef (Rector, University of Malta) **Silvana Vallerga (MedGOOS Chairperson, MAMA Co-Ordinator)** **Aldo Drago (MedGOOS Executive Secretary, MAMA Ass. Co-Ordinator)** **Wilfred Kenely (CEO, MCST)**
Inaugural Speech:	**The Prime Minister**
Main keynote:	**John Woods (Chairman Advisory Board MAMA)** *The future of operational oceanography in the Mediterranean - a role for Malta*

Plenary Session I

Chair: Aldo Drago (Director of Research IOI-MOC and MedGOOS Executive Secretary)

Keynotes:	**Alan Edwards (EC Officer)** *GMES – Implications for the Mediterranean*
	Peter Serracino Inglott (Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of Malta) *The role of Malta in strenghtening EU-Mediterranean cooperation in the marine sector*
	Iouri Oliounine (Director IOI) *Marine data and information for ocean governance and sustainable development in the Mediterranean*
	Jennifer Cassingena Harper (Malta Council for Science and Technology) *Implications and future of marine RTDI in Malta*

Questions

11.00hrs	**Break for Coffee**

Plenary Session II

Chair: Wilfred Kenely (Malta Council for Science and Technology)

Presentations:	**Aldo Drago (Director of Research IOI-MOC and MedGOOS Executive Secretary)** *Review on the Marine Foresight Pilot Project*
	Gordon Cordina (Department of Economics, University of Malta)

The socio-economic aspects of the marine sector in Malta

Matthew Camilleri (Malta Centre for Fisheries Sciences)
Regional perspective on fisheries in the Mediterranean and the role of Malta, including the need of marine observations for fisheries

Godwin Cassar (Director General MEPA)
The role of MEPA in environmental monitoring

Questions

13.00hrs	**Closure by Hon. Minister for Rural Affairs and the Environment**
13.15 hrs	**Lunch: Marina Corinthia, St.Julians**
20.00 hrs	**Reception: Villa Bighi, Kalkara**