



**MALTA BLEEDING DISORDERS SOCIETY**

## NEWSLETTER

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### MBDS FOUNDING ASSEMBLY

The Malta Bleeding Disorders Society (MBDS) is a non-profit, autonomous, voluntary organization with the following objectives:

1. To provide a fellowship for people with bleeding disorders and those concerned with their health and welfare, and to give advice on their problems.
2. To safeguard the social and economic interests of people with bleeding disorders.
3. To promote the study of the causes and treatment of bleeding disorders.
4. To bring to the notice of the authorities the special needs of people with bleeding disorders and to co-operate with the medical and allied professions to further their care.

The MBDS was founded on Saturday 2nd March 2019 with the first elected committee: President - Dr James Gauci, Secretary - Dr Jonathan Gauci, Treasurer - Rev Can David Cilia, Medical Advisor - Prof Alex Gatt, Members' Representative - Mrs Jacqueline Cilia. The MBDS constitution was drafted at the founding assembly.



### MEMBERSHIP

The MBDS has successfully enrolled as a Voluntary Organisation with the Office of the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations as VO/1712. Membership is free and is open to people with bleeding disorders, their families and friends. Donations are needed; any amount is welcome.

### HOW TO CONTACT US

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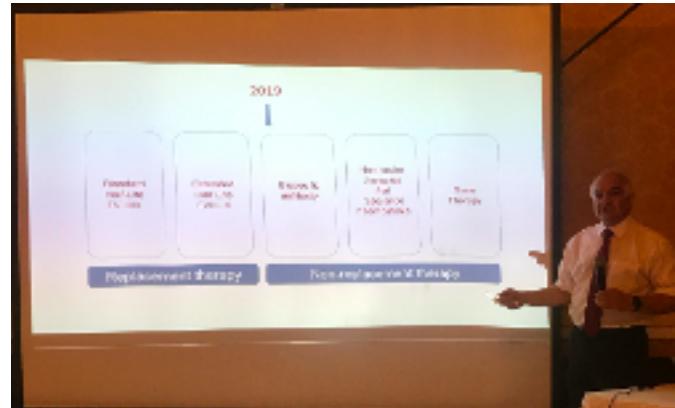
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## MBDS LAUNCH & EDUCATIONAL EVENT

The launch of the MBDS took place on Wednesday 26th June 2019 at Palazzo De Piro in Mdina during an educational event that hosted international and national experts in the medical field of bleeding disorders. The speakers at the conference were Professor Michael Makris, President of the European Association for Haemophilia and Allied Disorders, Mr Jo Eerens from the European Haemophilia Consortium, as well as Dr James Gauci, Medical Doctor and Visiting Assistant Lecturer at the University of Malta. The conference was organized and chaired by Professor Alexander Gatt, Consultant Haematologist at Mater Dei Hospital, supported by Vivian Corporation, distributors in Malta for Pfizer and Roche diagnostics. Over 30 new members joined the MBDS at this event. Professor Makris can be followed on Twitter as @ProfMakris



### LOCAL PRESS

The MBDS received a very good response from the newspapers, television and radio stations. A press release was published in the Malta Independent on Sunday newspaper edition issued on Sunday 4th August 2019. Professor Alex Gatt was interviewed on 'Illum Ma' Steph' on Television Malta for the occasion of World Haemophilia Day on Wednesday 17th April 2019. The YouTube link to the interview is available here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAhDQpLJdG4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAhDQpLJdG4)



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would like to congratulate the  
**Malta Bleeding Disorder Society**  
on their successful launch and wish  
them all the success in educating and  
empowering patients to improve their  
quality of life.