



## MALTA UNIVERSITY CONSULTING

### **Humour and Communication: Fast-4-Word Communication using Humour in your Professional and Personal Life 22 February – 03 May 2010 (every Monday)**

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| <b>Lectures:</b> | Mondays between 1730hrs & 1930hrs | <b>Venue:</b> | The University Residence, Robert Mifsud Bonnici Street, Lija |          |  |
| 22 February      | 01 March                          | 08 March      | 15 March   | 22 March |  |
| 29 March         | 12 April                          | 19 April      | 26 April   | 03 May   |  |

Although we will do our utmost not to change these scheduled dates once course has started, kindly note these are subject to change

#### **AIM AND CONTENTS OF THE COURSE**

The most creative aspect of language is humour and it is one of the most important topics in the study of communication. The course presents the participants with useful concepts and ideas that can be integrated into one's personal and professional environment.

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- The Experience of Humour and the Experience of Laughter
- Different Types of Laughter and the Impact of Humour
- The Physical, Emotional, and Cognitive benefits of Humour
- The 8-Step Humour Development Training Program
- Philosophical Literature on Humour throughout History
- Development of Humour in Children
- Linguistic humour and language play: *Irony, Paradox, Parody and Satire*
- Therapeutic Use of Humour
- Fact and Fiction related to the Physiological Benefits of Humour
- Sophistication in Humour & Black Humour
- Television and Movie Humour : Sitcoms, Movies and Stand Up Comedy
- Cartoons and Comics
- Erotic Humour
- About The Comedy, The Clowns, The Striptease & The Circus
- Appropriate and Inappropriate Targets of Humour
- Sense of Humour: ways to increase your '*humour quotient*'
- Integrating a Model of Humour in your Workplace.

#### **THE LECTURER**

**Dr JOSEPH G. AGIUS, M.Sc. (Dublin), Ed.D. (Sheffield)**, is a registered Speech Language Pathologist with special interest in fluency disorders and humour research. He holds a Master of Science degree in Clinical Speech and Language Studies from Trinity College, University of Dublin and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Sheffield. As partner expert nominated by the University of Malta, Dr. Agius collaborates with experts from eight European Universities on the development and delivery of the '*European Clinical Specialization Course in Fluency Disorders*'. He has an extensive background in training, lecturing, evaluation, facilitation and programme management. Dr. Agius has experience working with diverse populations around Europe helping to develop skills in communication, leadership and public speaking, and conflict management. He is Senior Principal of the Speech Language Department and employed by the Health Division, Government of Malta. Dr. Agius lectures at the University of Malta on '*Fluency Disorders*', '*Language and Psychiatry*' and '*Creativity, Humour and Communication*'. He is member on the Board of Studies of the Communication Therapy Division, University of Malta. Dr. Agius has been a state-appointed family mediator since the very inception of the Family Court in 2003 and Civil and Commercial Mediator in 2008.

#### **COURSE FEE, REGISTRATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

**€uro 150** - Cheques to be made payable to Malta University Consulting Limited. Registration Deadline: 15 February 2010  
Participants who attend at least 80% of the sessions will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance issued by MUC.

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