

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Name:** Dr Paul Bezzina  
**Faculty:** Health Sciences  
**Position:** Senior Lecturer in Radiography, Head of Department

### Academic and Professional Qualifications

1987 Diploma in Diagnostic Radiography, Department of Health, Malta  
1989 Radiation Protection Supervisors' Certificate, Suffolk College, UK  
1991 Clinical Tutor Certificate, College of Radiographers, UK  
1993 B Sc. Radiography, City University, London, UK  
1995 M Sc. Radiography, City University, London, UK  
2005 Intra-venous Administration, University of Malta  
2007 Doctor of Philosophy, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK

### Brief Outline of Career History

2010 –	Head, Department of Radiography	University of Malta
2012 -	Senior Lecturer	University of Malta
2007-2012	Lecturer	University of Malta
1996-2010	Co-ordinator, Radiography Division	University of Malta
1995-2007	Asst. Lecturer	University of Malta
1992-1994	Teaching Asst.	University of Malta
1996-2010	Senior Radiographer (Part time)	St Philip's Hospital, Malta
Jun1991- Nov 1991	Radiographer	The Ipswich Hospital, UK
Jul 1987- 1991	Radiographer	St Luke's Hospital, Malta

**Teaching experience:** 23 years

**Professional experience:** 27 years

### Teaching Disciplines

I teach across all the years of our undergraduate radiography programme in areas such as Diagnostic Radiographic Technique and applications, Radiographic Anatomy, Pathology and Physiology, Legislation, Computed Tomography, Inter professional working, Research and Audit, Practical Clinical Reasoning and practice, Image interpretation/recognition. I also lecture on the various specialist MSc courses offered by the Department.

I am also involved in lecturing to other departments and faculties, such as the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery where I teach on the M Sc in Public health.

## **Course-related Responsibilities**

Co-ordinator for several theoretical and clinical study units

I am responsible to ensure academic and pastoral care of students on clinical placement and act as studies advisor to undergraduate students (academic & clinical guidance). I supervise research projects at undergraduate and postgraduate level and also participate in the student recruitment working group activities.

## **PhD supervision**

I form part of the supervisory team for two studies currently being undertaken at doctorate level at University College Dublin, Ireland. The areas are:

- Higher dose medical imaging examinations of paediatrics: a study of radiation dose awareness, benefit-risk communication and consent practices in Malta, and
- The establishment of a triage tool for patient stratification undergoing myocardial scintigraphy stress tests in Malta.

I have also been nominated to form part of a supervisory team for a PhD student at Cardiff University, Wales. The student is expected to commence his studies in September 2015. The area of study is self-perception of body image in patients undergoing radiotherapy treatment for prostate cancer.

## **Professional Activities**

Society of Radiographers: Founding member and first President of the Society of Medical Radiographers – Malta (SRM)

Member of the Radiography ERASMUS Group (ERG) and of HENRE, the Educational Wing of the European Federation of Radiographer Societies (EFRS)

External examiner for University College Dublin for B Sc, M Sc and Ph D Studies

Registered member of the Council for Professionals Complimentary to Medicine (CPCM)

Member of the Subcommittee – Radiography CPCM

Member European Society of Radiology

## **Qualified Expert (Radiation Protection)**

Registered as a qualified expert with the Radiation Protection Board – Malta

## **Research Interests**

Medical imaging and the delivery of care; standardisation of clinical protocols and modifications to technique in medical imaging; infection control within the clinical department; the use of contrast agents in CT; paediatric imaging, consent procedures, legislation and risk factors.

## **Presentations**

Conference Proceedings:

Bezzina P., The History of Radiography in Malta, (2010) Proceedings The Past, Present and Future of Radiography in Malta.

Bezzina P., Time for change: From single to dual qualification in radiography, (2010) Proceedings The Past, Present and Future of Radiography in Malta.

Bezzina P., Portelli J.L., Building your CPD profile Proceedings, Seminar Society of Radiographers, Malta 2011 (Invited Speakers)

Bezzina P., Changes in the Legislation and the role of the radiographer, (2011)

McNulty J.P., Bezzina P., et al (2010) The Development of the European masters programme in medical imaging. Proceedings of the European Society of Radiology Annual Congress, ECR 2010, Vienna, Austria. C-3008

J. L. Portelli, J. P. Bezzina, Mc Nulty, S. Mohan, L. Rainford (2013) A review of diagnostic imaging frequency to aid research exploring the issue of consent for higher dose paediatric examinations ECR

K. Borg Grima, P. Bezzina, L. Rainford, D. O’Leary (2013) A survey of the various methods and techniques employed in myocardial stress testing. ECR

K. Borg Grima, P. Bezzina, L. Rainford, D. O’Leary (2014) Risk Factors leading to coronary heart disease within the Maltese population: further factors for consideration

## **Publications**

J. L. Portelli, J. P. Bezzina, Mc Nulty, S. Mohan, L. Rainford (2012) A review of diagnostic imaging frequency to aid research exploring the issue of consent for higher dose paediatric examinations, Irish Journal of Medical Science 01/2012, 181(11)

K. Borg Grima, D. O’ Leary, P. Bezzina and L. Rainford (2014). Current techniques and practices for Myocardial Stress Testing – A comparative survey between Malta and international Nuclear Medicine centres, Journal of Clinical Diagnostics

## **Other appointments**

Portuguese Agency for Assessment and Accreditation of the Higher Education (A3ES – [www.a3es.pt](http://www.a3es.pt))

Member of the Scientific Committee (Radiographer) European Congress of Radiology, ECR as from March 2014.

## **Recent Staff Development Activity:**

2012	PET/CT and PET/MR
2012	An Introduction to Healing Environment and Ambient Experience for Oncology
2012	High Field MR
2012	Hot in CT: Iterative Reconstruction generations and Workflow Automation
2012	IntelliSpace Portal
2012	Tomosynthesis
2013	Cardiac Imaging utilising CT Cardiac MR
2014	Maltese Radiation Protection Regulations – Occupational (MRPRO) Maltese Radiation Regulations – Medical Exposures (MRMED)