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11 - 12 MAY 2023



ST JOHN'S CO-CATHEDRAL  
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## PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023

*Venue: St John's Co-Cathedral, Valletta*

08:45 - REGISTRATION

09:30 – *Welcome Speech*

**Prof. Mgr Emmanuel Agius**  
*President of the St John's Co-Cathedral Foundation*

*Inaugural Address*

9:45 **H. EM. Cardinal Piero Parolin**  
*Secretary of State, Vatican*

*Opening Addresses*

9:50 **Mr Pierfrancesco Pacini**  
*Opera della Primaziale Pisana, Pisa*

10:00 **Mr Kenneth Farrugia**  
*Bank of Valletta*

10:06 **Hon. Owen Bonnici**  
*Ministry for The National Heritage, The Arts and Local Government, Malta*

10:15 **Archbishop Charles J. Scicluna**  
*The Archdiocese of Malta*

10:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 **Paper Title**

**Ms Adriana Alescio**  
*Chief Conservator, St John's Co-Cathedral Foundation, Malta*

**Ms Cynthia de Giorgio**  
*Curator, St John's Co-Cathedral Foundation, Malta*

11:20 **Preserving constituent materials to celebrate the essence?  
Authenticity and religious identity in the Pisan Cathedral Square**

**Ms Donatella De Bonis**  
*Laboratorio di Progettazione, Opera della Primaziale Pisana, Pisa*



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11:40 Conservation of Hagia Sophia in Istanbul

**Prof. Dr. Ayse Gulcin Kucukkaya**

*Conservation at Hagia Sofia Mosque, Istanbul, Türkiye*

12:00 Unless the Lord build the House – Conserving spirituality in a busy space

**Arch. Jonathan Louth**

*ArConsulting, London, UK*

12:20 1000 years ahead: Reconcile the accuracy of physics with continuity of spirituality

**Mr Yehor Zhuchenko**

*St Sophia Cathedral, KYIV, Ukraine*

12:45 - 14:30 - LUNCH AT LUCIANO'S VALLETTA

14:40 Conservation Strategies for devotional artworks and cultural sites object of massive fruition and popular devotion

**Dr Gerardo De Canio**

*Cathedral of Orvieto, Italy*

15:00 Ecclesia semper restauranda – The permanent restoration work of Vienna's cathedral workshop in the church

**Prof. Dr Franz Zehetner**

*St Stephen Cathedral, Vienna*

15:20 Object of cult or cultural heritage? A path for decision making

**Rev. Dr Edgar Vella**

*St Peter and St Paul Cathedral, Mdina, Malta*

15:40 **Paper Title**

**Arch. Pierre-Yves Caillault ACMH**

*Chief Architect of Historic Monuments, Heritage Architects*

16:00 - END OF FIRST DAY OF CONFERENCE

20:00 - GALA DINNER AT MERKANTI, VALLETTA



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09:30 **Paper Title**

Dr Ignacy Jakubczyk  
Sr. Marta Łopion  
*Wawel Cathedral, Kraków, Poland*

9:50 Restoration of Saint-Benigne Rotunda in Dijon (1002):  
It is not only archaeology

Arch. Martin Bacot  
*Architecte du patrimoine associe, Lyon*

10:10 The signs of history within the rebuilding of the Frauenkirche

Dipl.-Ing. Thomas Gottschlich  
*Frauenkirche Dresden, Germany*

10:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 Restoration of the Chapter House of the Toledo Primate Cathedral

Mr Antonio Sanchez-Barriga Fernandez  
Arch. Pedro Pignatelli  
*Catedral de Toledo, Spain*

11:20 Conservation work on the gothic choir of Cologne Cathedral:  
An everlasting task

Dr.-Ing. Albert Distelrath  
*KOLN Cathedral, Germany*

11:40 The restoration of 86 figures of saints in the choir vault of Bern Cathedral:  
A multi-layered challenge

Dipl.-Arch Annette Loeffel  
*Berner Münster Stiftung, Switzerland*



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12:00 **Paper Title**

Dr Nelia Kukovalska  
*Saint Sophia Cathedral, Kyiv*

12:20 **Ah nimium fluxae sunt spes mortalium bona volucris fugiunt pede**  
(Ah, the hopes of mortals are too fleeting; they fly away with the feet of a bird)

Perit Konrad Buhagiar  
*AP Valletta Ltd.*

12:45 - 14:30 - LUNCH AT LUCIANO'S VALLETTA

14:40 **Problems of Preservation and protection cultural and religious values**  
**of Ukraine during the war**

Mr Viktor Kushnirenko  
*Pidhirti Castle*

### *CLOSING REMARKS*

15:00 **Hon. Minister Clayton Bartolo**  
*Ministry of Tourism and Consumer Protection, Malta*

15:20 **Representative from Opera della Primaziale Pisana**

15:40 **Prof. Mgr Emmanuel Agius**  
*President of the St John's Co-Cathedral Foundation*

16:00 **END OF CONFERENCE**