MEDICAL COUNCIL MALTA ELECTIONS 2013
Report by the Election Commissioners

The Election Commissioners were appointed by resolution of the Medical Council for the period of one year, during Council Meeting No. 01/2013, held on 16th January 2013.

Members of the Medical Council Election Commissioners:
Dr George Depasquale, M.D.
Dr Joseph Farrugia, M.D.
Dr Roy Schembri Wismayer, M.D., D.C.P.(Lond.), Dip.Bact.(Lond.), M.C.A.P.(Aff.)


The Medical Council Elections for Medical Practitioners:

The term of the elected Medical Practitioners on the Medical Council ended on Thursday 28th March 2013.

The Commission caused a notice to be published in the Government Gazette on Thursday 28th March 2013 and on all the local daily newspapers on Saturday 30th March 2013, for the nomination of five (5) licensed medical practitioners at least one of whom must be a hospital-based specialist and another, a general practitioner. The call for nominations was also published on the Medical Council’s website.

The nomination forms were received by the Registrar of the Medical Council at the Medical Council Office, at St. Luke’s Hospital, Outpatient’s Department, Level 1, St. Luke’s Square, Gwardamangia, on Thursday 11th April 2013 and Friday 12th April 2013, between 08.30 and 14.30. The Nomination forms for candidates were available from the Office of the Medical Council, from the Office of the Medical Administrator, Gozo General Hospital, or from the Medical Council’s website.
The Medical Council received seven (7) nominations for the Medical Practitioners as follows:

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<td><strong>Dr BOFFA</strong> Michael J. M.D., F.R.C.P.(Lond.), F.R.C.P. (Edin.), M.Sc.(Derm.) (Lond.), D.Derm. (Lond.), D.G.U.M. (Lond.)</td>
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<td><strong>Dr CASSAR</strong> Doreen M.D., Dip.W.H., Dip. PC &amp; GP, M.M.C.F.D.</td>
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<td><strong>Mr CAUCHI</strong> John B Sc., M.D., F.R.C.S.(Ed), F.R.C.S.(Paed.Surg.)</td>
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<td><strong>Dr FLORES MARTIN</strong> Brian M.D., M.M.C.F.D, Cert.Diab.(ICGP)</td>
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<td><strong>Dr MAGRI</strong> Alex M.D., M.M.C.F.D.</td>
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Since the number of nominations for Medical Practitioners received by the Registrar exceeded the number of vacancies on the Medical Council, an election was held.

In pursuance of the aforementioned provisions of the Health Care Professions Act 2003 Cap 464 and of the Medical Council (Elections) Regulation 2004, the elections of five (5) licensed medical practitioners at least one of whom must be a hospital-based specialist and another, a general practitioner was held by postal ballot. The ballots were sent to all Medical Practitioners who were resident in Malta and who were registered with the Medical Council, between Monday 15th April 2013 and Wednesday 17th April 2013, together with a covering letter stating the following regulations:

1. Medical Practitioners are to vote by placing a cross (X) against the names of not more than five (5) candidates respectively. Voting for more candidates or putting any other mark on the ballot paper, will invalidate the vote.
2. The ballot paper was to be received by not later than Monday 29th April 2013 addressed to: Medical Council Malta, P. O. Box 91, Head Office, Marsa, MRS 1000. Votes received later than this date will not be taken into account.
3. More than one vote per envelope, or any other enclosed material with the ballot paper will also render votes invalid.
4. Votes are not transferable and solely intended for the use of the addressee.
All seven (7) candidates were informed that the counting will take place on Tuesday 30th April 2013 at 09.30, Conference Room, St. Luke’s Hospital, Level 1, St. Luke’s Square, Gwardamangia, and that they or their representative could attend.

Votes were collected on the Tuesday 30th April 2013 at 09.00 hours. None of the candidates was present for the counting. The counting process finished at 13.00 hours and the results were immediately communicated to the Minister for Health, to the President of the Medical Council and to the candidates.

Recapitulation of Ballot Papers for Medical Practitioner:
- Total number of votes posted: 1413
- Total number of votes received: 333
- Total number of invalid votes: 14
- Total number of valid votes: 319

Results of the Elections:

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The Medical Council Elections for Dental Surgeons:

The term of the elected Dental Surgeons on the Medical Council ended on Monday 15th April 2013.

The Commission caused a notice to be published in the Government Gazette on Friday 19th April 2013 and on all the local daily newspapers on Saturday 20th April 2013, for the nomination of two (2) dental surgeons. The call for nominations was also published on the Medical Council’s website.

The nomination forms were received by the Registrar of the Medical Council at the Medical Council Office, at St. Luke’s Hospital, Outpatient’s Department, Level 1, St. Luke’s Square, Gwardamangia, on Thursday 2nd May 2013 and Friday 3rd May 2013, between 08.30 and 14.30. The Nomination forms for candidates were available from the Office of the Medical Council, from the Office of the Medical Administrator, Gozo General Hospital, or from the Medical Council’s website.

The Medical Council received two (2) nominations for the Dental Practitioners as follows:
- Dr Herbert Messina Ferrante, M.O.M., B.Ch.D.(Malta), L.D.S.R.C.S.(Eng), F.I.C.D.(USA)
- Dr David Muscat, B.D.S.(Lond)

The vacancies for the Dental Surgeons as Members to the Medical Council Malta were filled uncontested. The results were immediately communicated to the Minister for Health, to the President of the Medical Council and to the candidates.

Results on the Medical Council Malta Elections 2013:

In pursuance of the provisions of the Health Care Professions Act 2003, Cap 464, Regulations 6(2) of the Medical Council Elections Regulations, Legal Notice 35 of 2004, the Medical Council issued a Notice for general information on the Government Gazette dated Friday 10th May 2013, that the results of the postal ballot for the elections held to the fill vacant posts for five licensed medical practitioners at least one of whom must be a hospital-based specialist and another a general practitioner and two licensed dental surgeons on the Medical Council in accordance with Articles 9 (e) and (f) of the Health Care Professions Act (Cap. 464), for a period of three years were as follows:
Medical Practitioners elected for the period of three years as from 30th April 2013:
Dr Michael J. Boffa M.D., F.R.C.P.(Lond.), F.R.C.P.(Edin), M.Sc.(Derm.)(Lond.), D.Derm.(Lond.), D.G.U.M.(Lond.)
Dr Doreen Cassar M.D., Dip.W.H., Dip. PC & GP, M.M.C.F.D.
Dr Alex Magri M.D., M.M.C.F.D.
Dr Bryan Flores Martin M.D., M.M.C.F.D., Cert.Diab.(ICGP)
Dr Paul Soler M.D., M.R.C.P.(UK), M.R.C.P.C.H.

Dental Surgeons elected for the period of three years as from 3rd May 2013:
Dr Herbert Messina Ferrante M.O.M., B.Ch.D.(Malta), L.D.S.R.C.S.(Eng), F.I.C.D.(USA)
Dr David Muscat B.D.S.(Lond.)

(sgd) Dr George Depasquale M.D.
(sgd) Dr Joseph Farrugia M.D.
(sgd) Dr Roy Schembri Wismayer, M.D., D.C.P.(Lond.), Dip.Bact.(Lond.), M.C.A.P.(Aff.)

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