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24-29 NOVEMBER 2003

PROGRAMME

FIRST SESSION

Monday, 24th November 2003 at 5.45 p.m.

Lecture

Dr Karen Saye: Modern women's History: A Historiography

Dr Yosanne Vella: Women as victims of Crime in 18th Century Malta

Dr Carmel Cassar: Magic, Heresy and the Broomriding Midwife
Witch: The Inquisition Trial of Isabetta Caruana

Chairperson: Ms. Therese Vella

SECOND SESSION

Wednesday, 26th November 2003 at 5.45 p.m.

Lecture

John Chircop: Brokers, Collectors, Collaborators:
Mediating Colonial Modernization in Malta 1870-1914

Mario Brincat: Thoughts on the Prehistory of
Economic Development Planning in Malta – From the
Woods Report to the First Development Plan

Chairperson: Chev. Dr. Albert Ganado

THIRD SESSION

Saturday, 29th November 2003 at 9.30 a.m.

Lecture

Rev. Eugene Teuma: Qanat, Saqqajja and
The Roman Aqueduct System in Rabat, Malta

Joseph Magro: Planning and Archaeology in Malta

Marlene Borg: Three years of Archaeological Excavations

Chairperson: Prof. Godfrey Wettinger

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