

# THE MEDICAL COUNCIL

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## MALTA

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15<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### **MEDICAL COUNCIL MALTA ELECTIONS 2016 Report by the Election Commissioners**

In compliance with the provisions of Articles 3(1) and (2) of Legal Notice 35/2004, Subsidiary Legislation 464.04, on the Medical Council (Elections) Regulations, the Members of the Elections Commission were appointed by resolution of the Medical Council of Malta for the period of one (1) year, during Council Meeting No. 02/2016 held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Members of the Medical Council Elections Commission:

Dr George Depasquale, M.D.

Dr Joseph Farrugia, M.D.

Dr Roy Schembri Wismayer M.D., D.C.P., DipBact, AMCAP

The elections proceeded according to the provisions of the Health Care Professions Act (HCPA) 2003, Chap. 464 of the Laws of Malta, and of the Subsidiary Legislation 464.04, Medical Council (Elections) Regulations, Legal Notice 35 of 2004.

#### **The Medical Council Elections for Medical Practitioners**

The term of the elected Medical Practitioners on the Medical Council ended on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

The Commission caused a notice to be published on the Government Gazette and on all the local daily newspapers on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 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 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 nomination forms were received by the Registrar of the Medical Council at the Medical Council's Office, in St. Luke's Hospital, Outpatient's Department, Level 1, St. Luke's Square, Gwardamangia, PTA 1010 on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 between 08:00 and 15:00, and on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 between 08:00 and 12:00.

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Six (6) nominations for the Medical Practitioners were received:

Names of Candidates (in alphabetical order)
<b>Dr BOFFA</b> 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.)
<b>Dr CASSAR</b> Doreen M.D., Dip.W.H., Dip. PC & GP, M.M.C.F.D.
<b>Dr FLORES MARTIN</b> Brian M.D., M.M.C.F.D, Cert.Diab.(ICGP)
<b>Dr MAGRI</b> Alex M.D., M.M.C.F.D.
<b>Dr MELILLO FENECH</b> Tanya M.D., M.Sc., PhD
<b>Dr SOLER</b> Paul M.D., M.R.C.P., M.R.C.P.C.H.

Since the number of nominations exceeded the number of vacancies an election was held.

In pursuance of the aforementioned provisions of the HCPA 2003, Chap. 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, stamped and endorsed by two Election Commissioners, were sent to all Medical Practitioners who were resident in Malta and who were registered with the Medical Council on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016, together with a covering imposing 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 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at 10:00, through the pre-paid self-addressed envelope provided, addressed to 'Medical Council Malta, P. O. Box 91, Head Office, Qormi Road, Marsa MRS 1000'.
3. Votes received at the Office of the Medical Council in St. Luke's Hospital and those received later than Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at 10:00 will not be taken into account.

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4. More than one vote per envelope, or any other enclosed material with the ballot paper will also render votes invalid.
5. Votes are not transferable and solely intended for the use of the addressee.

All candidates were informed that the counting will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at 10:30 in St. Luke's Hospital, Conference Room, Level 1, St. Luke's Square, G'Mangia, and that they or their representative could attend.

The votes were collected on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at 10:00. None of the candidates was present for the counting. The counting process finished at 14:30 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: 1781
- Total number of votes received: 615
- Total number of invalid votes: 6
- Total number of valid votes: 609

### Results of the Elections:

	<b>Number of Votes</b>	<b>Results</b>
<b>Dr BOFFA</b> Michael J.	536	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Dr CASSAR</b> Doreen	401	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Dr FLORES MARTIN</b> Brian	391	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Dr MAGRI</b> Alex	385	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Dr MELILLO FENECH</b> Tanya	400	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Dr SOLER</b> Paul	320	

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016. The Commission caused a notice to be published in the Government Gazette and on all the local daily newspapers on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016, for the nomination of two (2) dental surgeons. The call for nominations was also published on the Medical Council's website.

The Nomination forms for candidates for the elections 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 Nominations were received by the Registrar at the Office of the Medical Council in St. Luke's Hospital, Outpatient's Department, Level 1, St. Luke's Square, G'Mangia, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 between 08:00 and 15:00, and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 between 08:00 and 12:00.

The Medical Council received three (3) nominations for the Dental Surgeons:

Names of Candidates (in alphabetical order)
<b>Dr BEZZINA</b> Nicholas B.Ch.D., M.F.D.S.R.C.S
<b>Dr CHARLES</b> Anthony B.Ch.D.
<b>Dr MUSCAT</b> David B.D.S.

Since the number of nominations exceeded the number of vacancies, an election was held.

In pursuance of the aforementioned provisions of the HCPA 2003, Chap. 464, and of the Medical Council (Elections) Regulation 2004, the election of two (2) licensed dental surgeons was held by postal ballot. The ballots, stamped and endorsed by two Election Commissioners, were sent to all Dental Surgeons who were resident in Malta and who were registered with the Medical Council on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016, together with a covering letter stating the following regulations:

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1. Dental Surgeons 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 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at 10:00, through the pre-paid self-addressed envelope provided, addressed to 'Medical Council Malta, P. O. Box 91, Head Office, Qormi Road, Marsa MRS 1000'.
3. Votes received at the Office of the Medical Council in St. Luke's Hospital and those received later than Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at 10:00 will not be taken into account.
4. More than one vote per envelope, or any other enclosed material with the ballot paper will also render votes invalid.
5. Votes are not transferable and solely intended for the use of the addressee.

All candidates were informed that the counting will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at 10:30, in St. Luke's Hospital, Conference Room, Level 1, St. Luke's Square, G'Mangia, and that they or their representative could attend.

Votes were collected on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at 10:00. None of the candidates was present for the counting. The counting process finished at 11:30 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 Dental Surgeons:

- Total number of votes posted: 220
- Total number of votes received: 154
- Total number of invalid votes: 6
- Total number of valid votes: 148

### Results of the Elections:

	Number of Votes	Results
<b>Dr BEZZINA</b> Nicholas	63	
<b>Dr CHARLES</b> Anthony	121	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Dr MUSCAT</b> David	197	<b>Elected</b>

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### **Results on the Medical Council Malta Elections May-June 2016**

In pursuance of the provisions of the Health Care Professions Act 2003, Chap. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016:*

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 Bryan Flores Martin M.D., M.M.C.F.D., Cert.Diab.(ICGP)  
Dr Alex Magri M.D., M.M.C.F.D.  
Dr Tanya Melillo Fenech M.D., M.Sc., PhD

#### *Dental Surgeons elected for the period of three years as from 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016:*

Dr Anthony Charles B.Ch.D.  
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., DipBact, AMCAP

#### *Medical Council Elections Commission*

(sgd) Svetlana Cachia B.Com.(Hons.)(Melit.), M.A.(Public Policy)(Melit.)  
Registrar Medical Council