



Joseph Schirò

Year of birth: 1952

Nationality: Maltese

Recent affiliation/freelancer recent area of working

Heritage Malta

Education

Aberystwyth University, 1976

Istituto Centrale per la Patologia del Libro (ICPL), Rome, 1981

Previous important affiliations/for freelancers most important clients

Head of the National Library's Book Conservation Laboratory, Valletta, Malta 1981-1999

Director Conservation Division, Heritage Malta, 1999-2014

National

1994-1999 Project Manager for the Upgrading and Preservation Services at the National Library and the National Archives under a project proposal for the Third Financial Protocol with Italy amounting to 4,000,000 euro.

Setting up of Conservation-Restoration Laboratories, Malta 1999 to 2005

Teaching

Lecturer in preservation and conservation of library materials in the Diploma, Degree and Masters Courses in Library and Information Studies.

Most important publications

1991 Schirò, Joseph, Sven Sørensen. *Andersen and Malta*, The National Library, Malta.

1994 Schirò, Joseph, Paul Xuereb, Sven Sørensen (editors). *Liber Amicorum Dr Albert Ganado*, Malta University Library, Malta.

1996- Sørensen, Sven, Joseph Schirò. *Malta 1796-1797 Thorvaldsen's Visit*, Beck Graphics, Malta.

- 1999** Critien, Fra' John, Maroma Camilleri, Joseph Schirò. *Fine Bookbindings*, a catalogue of an exhibition which was set up in Malta and at the Bibliotheca Wittrockiana in Brussels in 1999, The M Demajo Group, Malta.
- 2012** Ganado Albert, Joseph Schirò, Claude Micallef Attard. *The Brocktorff Mapmakers* (an exhibition catalogue), Book Distributors Limited, Malta.
- 2016** Ganado, Albert, Joseph Schirò. *The Pre-siege maps of Malta: second century A.D. – 1564*, BDL, Malta. Shortlisted for the National Book Prize 2017.
- 2017** Grigory Krayevsky. *The island of Malta and the Order of St John*. Translated into English by Elena Yasnetskaya Sultana and edited by Joseph Schirò, Midsea Books, 2017.
- 2018** Edited the book *Coins minted by the knights in Malta*, by John A. Gatt, Melbourne, Australia, 2018.
- 2020** Edited and published the seminar proceedings of *Imago Melitae 2019* organised by the Malta Map Society on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of its foundation.

Editorship (present and past if important)

Malta Map Society Journal, ISSN Number 24121622, not peer reviewed, editor since 2009

Active Member of associations

ICOM Malta, President and founder member, 2006-

Malta Map Society, Honorary Secretary and founder member, 2012-

Member on the Managerial Board of the Historical Cathedral Archives) 2017-

Awards, prizes

In May 2002 received the award of 'Cavaliere Ufficiale dell'Ordine al Merito Melitense' from the Grand Magistracy of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta in Rome

Presented the *Outstanding Services to Library and Information Science Award* by the Malta Library and Information Association (MaLIA). The citation read 'for your pioneering work on expanding knowledge and education in the conservation and preservation domains'.