



The MABPAVian Monthly

The President and the Executive Committee wish our members
and their families a Happy & Holy Easter

April 2007

Meeting with the Hon Dr. Tonio Borg



Around thirty MABPAV members and their partners took up the unique opportunity of welcoming the Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg, Deputy Prime Minister of Malta and Minister of Justice & Home Affairs on the 20th March at a MABPAV informal evening with Dr. Borg in Carlton.

This memorable MABPAV event was predominantly of a social nature with a business flavour and provided members with the unique opportunity of personally meeting the Deputy Prime Minister of Malta and discussing a number of matters with him, which he graciously addressed individually. Dr Borg was accompanied by Mr. Joseph Scerri, Head of his Secretariat, H.E. Mr. Francis Tabone, High Commissioner of Malta to Australia, and Mrs. Angele Azzopardi, Consul General of Malta for Victoria. MABPAV President, Mr. Herbert Portanier thanked Dr. Borg on behalf of all Association members and wished him well for the rest of his Australian trip.

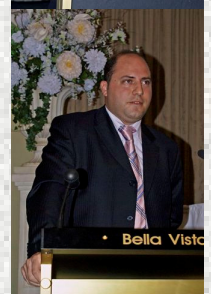
MABPAV Networking Night



Our first Networking night was held at Belle Vista Receptions on 26 March 2007. An encouraging turnout witnessed inspiring presentations from Ms Angele Azzopardi, Consul General of Victoria and Dr. Giocionda Schembri Executive Officer Maltese Consular & Cultural Affairs where they outlined the benefits of doing business in Malta and the wonderful opportunities the country brings as a trade link between Europe and North Africa. "Malta Enterprise" is a government exclusive agency focused on attracting inward investment and providing assistance and advisory services to international companies wishing to setup operations in Malta. For more information please visit www.maltaenterprise.com.



We also heard from Herbert Portanier & Darren Xerri who provided a snapshot of the Committee's innovations and projects to date. Finally Damien Digby, a committee member of MABPAV provided a wonderful presentation on Business Coaching and the benefits for business owners.



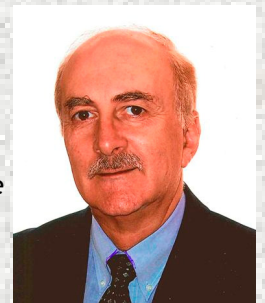
Members Spotlight: Herbert Portanier

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Herbert started his career as a freight forwarder in Malta. Since his arrival in Australia in 1979, he held positions with multinational companies such as Pandair Freight, the then airfreight arm of P & O and Lep International. Herbert is renowned for organizing the largest ever charter freighter of 100,000kgs to land at Brisbane Airport from Edmonton Canada on a Flying Tigers Boeing 747F. In 1990, Herbert founded Professional Freight Services (PFS) located in Tullamarine. PFS's services include airfreight, sea freight, international household removals and excess baggage. As IATA accredited cargo agents, they have a license to make bookings with most international airlines. PFS are the market leaders for regular groupage services to / from Australia & Malta. PFS's mission is "to extend to our clients the highest level of service, expertly ensuring the safe passage of goods between Australia's airways and oceans and the rest of the world". Herbert was on the steering committee on the foundation of the Maltese Australian Chamber of Commerce in 1993. Herbert is also our current President of MABPAV.



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