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**Thursday 4 May 2017 (12.00 – 17.30)**

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| <b>12.00 – 12.30</b> | <b>Registration &amp; coffee</b>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>12.30 – 12.40</b> | <b>Welcome speech</b><br>Address by Dr. Charles J. Farrugia Ph.D. National Archivist.                                                                                                                  |
| <b>12.40 – 13.00</b> | <b>Introduction of participants</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>13.00 – 15.00</b> | <b>Session 1. Manual of First Line of Conservation before Digitisation</b><br>Presentation of short reports by all participants sharing the views and approach of their institutions.                  |
| <b>15.00 – 15.30</b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>15.30 – 17.00</b> | <b>Session 2. Manual of First Line of Conservation before Digitisation</b><br>Continuation of presentations of short reports by all participants sharing the views and approach of their institutions. |
| <b>17.00 – 18.00</b> | <b>Tour of the National Archives</b>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>20.00</b>         | <b>Dinner</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |

**Friday 5 May 2017 (09.00 - 13.00)****09.00 – 10.15 Session 1. Manual of First Line of Conservation before Digitisation**

Discussion and conclusion of session.

**10.15 – 10.45 Coffee Break****10.45 – 12.30 Session 2. Challenges associated with working on documents with Iron Gall Ink**

- Conservation of very damaged archival documents in the Archives of the Republic of Slovenia. Jedert Vodopivec.
- Survey on the presence of FeII ions in Iron Gall Ink documents in the Collections at the National Archives of Malta. Simon P. Dimech.
- 'Sitting on a ticking bomb.' Ink corrosion in historic archive in Poland. Anna Czajka.

**12.30 – 13.00 Next EHC meeting and closing of the meeting****13.00 – 14.30 Lunch****14.30 – 17.00 Walking tour of Mdina with visits to the Cathedral Museum & Archives and the Cathedral of St. Paul**