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Launching of Italian linguistic conference proceedings

THE launching of the proceedings of the November 1995 conference, organised in Malta by the *Società di linguistics italiana* will take place at the Italian Cultural Institute, Palace Square, Valletta, on Friday at 7 p.m.

The book, edited by Gabriella Alfieri of the University of Catania and Arnold Cassola of the University of Malta, is entitled *La 'Lingua d'Italia': usi pubblici e istituzionali* and is published by Bulzoni Editore of Rome. It deals with the usage of the Italian language in various Italian regions, as well as in ex-Yugoslavia, Corsica, San Marino, North Africa, the Austro-Hungarian

Empire, Switzerland, the European Union and Malta, from the Middle Ages to our days.

The President of the Republic, Dr Ugo Mifsud Bonnici, will preside over the presentation of the book. Other prominent speakers will be Professor Roger Ellul-Micallef, Rector of the University of Malta, Professor Vincenzo Orioles of the University of Udine, Professor Joseph M. Brincat, vice-president of the *Società di linguistica italiana*, and Dr Cassola, the book's co-editor.

The public is cordially invited to attend.