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## Italian linguistics professor's visit

THE Department of Italian at the Faculty of Arts last week hosted Professor Vincenzo Orioles, Director of the *Centro Studi sul Plurilinguismo* of the University of Udine.

Professor Orioles delivered lectures at the University on *Il ruolo dei composti dotti latini nella lingua italiana contemporanea* and on *Influssi linguistici stranieri visibili e invisibili nella lingua italiana*.

On Friday at the *Istituto Italiano di Cultura* in Valletta, Professor Orioles took part in the presentation of the proceedings of the SLI congress held in Malta in 1995, edited by Gabriella Alfieri and Arnold

Cassola, *La Lingua d'Italia, usi pubblici e istituzionali* together with the President of the Republic, Dr Ugo Mifsud Bonnici, the Rector, Professor Roger Ellul Micallef, Dr Arnold Cassola and Professor Joseph M. Brincat.

The occasion demonstrated the excellent relationship between the two major linguistic societies in Italy, the *Società Italiana di Glottologia* (SIG) of which Professor Orioles is president-designate, and the *Società di Linguistica Italiana* (SLI) which has elected Professor Brincat as its vice-president at last month's congress held in Budapest.