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SECTIONS: Malta Section: Section Chair, 2007 – 2010, Section Vice-Chair, 2011 – 2012

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CONFERENCES: IEEE International Conference on Electronics, Circuits and Systems (Malta), Secretary, 2001. International Symposium on Communications, Control and Signal Processing (Malta), Technical Co-Chair, 2008. 15th IEEE Mediterranean Electrotechnical Conference (Malta), General Chair, 2010. 16th IEEE Mediterranean Electrotechnical Conference (Tunisia), Technical Program co-Chair, 2012. 2013 IEEE International Conference on Multimedia and Expo (ICME 2013), Area co-Chair. Technical Program Committee Member for the following conferences: IEEE Ph.D. Research in Microelectronics and Electronics Conference, 2006, IEEE Ph.D. Research in Microelectronics and Electronics Conference, 2007, IEEE Symposium on Signal Processing and Information Technology, 2008, IEEE Globecom 2009 - Signal Processing for Communications Symposium, 2009, Networks Track of the 2010 IEEE Wireless Communications and Networking Conference, 2010, Wireless Access Track of the 2010 IEEE 72nd Vehicular Technology Conference (VTC 2010 - Fall), IEEE International

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Position Statement
Prof. Ing. Carl James Debono, *SMIEEE*, proposed as Vice Chair: Technical Activities – IEEE Region 8

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