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The Maltese Language and information technology: a meeting organised by the Maltese Language Academy.

The Maltese Language Academy has designed a set of public meetings dealing with Maltese language and literature. The Academy wants to bring the general public and Maltese acedemics together. Its aim is to introduce the public with relevant new material dealing with the Maltese language.

The first meeting discusses the development of computational resources for the Maltese language. The speaker, Dr Ray Fabri, will speak about his ambitious project run by himself and his collegue Mike Rosner, both of them researchers within the University of Malta. The title of the talk is *a machine-readable corpus and lexicon for Maltese.*

The main aim is that the Maltese language would have basic linguistic resources already existing in other languages such as English. By basic linguistic resources we mean a machine-readable lexicon and corpus. Thus we would have a clearer picture of the contemporary Maltese lexical structure and the use of written vocabulary. The machine-readable lexicon and corpus would then be used to facilitate linguistic research and other educational language activities.

This one-hr speach organised by the Maltese Language Academy will be held at St James Cavalier on the 18th of February 2006 at 9.30a.m. Everyone is welcome.

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