



OSLER LECTURE

## **FEUDS, EGOS AND CONTROVERSIES IN THE HISTORY OF CARDIAC SURGERY**

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### Summary:

The ground-breaking work of eminent scientists and pioneer surgeons, possessing unbounded self-confidence and fervent determination, has resulted in quantum leaps in the field of cardiac surgery. Cutting-edge innovators often engaged in public feuds with their rivals and the resulting bitter enmity that ensued was an important catalyst to success. In this lecture Alexander shall touch on major controversies in our understanding of the circulation and heart disease. This progress has sometimes taken place in an atmosphere of turmoil and antagonism. He shall illustrate captivating anecdotes that cast light on some very colourful, and at times unsavoury, characters that have become stars in a practice that is no longer tolerated by the scientific community.

### Speaker information:

Alex Manché retired as Chairman of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Mater Dei University Hospital Malta. He is an Associate Professor at the Pro Deo State University NY. He graduated at the Westminster Medical School in 1979 and trained in the UK and the US before returning to Malta to establish a Cardiothoracic and Transplant unit in 1995. He trained the current generation of surgeons and also mentored many undergraduate students and postgraduate trainees, both locally and from overseas.