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Ministers Sacramento and Licudi attend the Oxford Literary Festival

Minister for Tourism Samantha Sacramento MP, has attended the FT Weekend Oxford Literary Festival. Minister Licudi, Minister for Education, who is in Oxford for meetings with Oxford Brookes University in connection with the University of Gibraltar, also attended the Festival.

Minister Sacramento introduced the Gibraltar Lecture that took place on March 25th. The lecture is sponsored by Gibtelecom. This year the Gibraltar Lecture at the Oxford event was delivered by the world renowned award winning science writer and Professor of Physics at the University of Oxford, Professor Frank Close. Professor Close talked about Bruno Pontecorvo, the Harwell scientist and Manhattan project team member who defected to the Soviet Union in the 1950's.

This is the second Gibraltar Lecture, the first in 2014, was given by Ben Okri, the Booker Prize winning novelist on the subject of 'Writing and the Adventures of the Mind'.

The prestigious FT Weekend Oxford Literary Festival has links with the Gibunco Gibraltar International Literary Festival, the third edition of which will take place in November 2015.

The Oxford event has also recently announced that the distinguished and authoritative FT Weekend will continue as its headline partner for an additional three years. Its other major partners are the University of Oxford, the British Broadcasting Corporation and HSBC.

Minister Sacramento said: "I am delighted to have introduced the Gibraltar Lecture, sponsored by Gibtelecom, at the FT Weekend Oxford Literary Festival. The Ministry for Tourism continues to support the policy of events-led tourism and working on further developing this concept with the Festival."

"Attending the Festival has given me an opportunity to further cement links with such a prominent event in the UK cultural calendar, an event which has been of key importance in the setting up of our own Gibraltar literary festival that is going from strength to strength and acquiring a growing international reputation with each successive edition. The Government is committed to delivering



events that provide not only cultural events of the highest level for all to enjoy but another reason for those from afar to visit us and to enjoy these experiences. We are very grateful for the support we receive from the Gibunco Group and all our other sponsors as we enter the third edition of the festival in Gibraltar.”