

## **JRS Europe**

### **Personal Reflection on the Nansen Award 2007**

"It is one of the great qualities of JRS Malta that they look at every migrant as an individual with a name, a face and a personal history. The migration debate is often dominated by numbers, statistics and images of people arriving in boats. Once the people are in touch with the Jesuit Refugee Service they are treated as individuals – and each person has a different story to tell. Dr Katrine Camilleri has heard, as an immigration and human lawyer, hundreds of these stories and listened, without a time limit, to every one."

"Last year when I was in Malta I was invited to a birthday party at Dr Camilleri's house. Not only did I find present her family and most of the JRS staff, but half of the visitors were refugees and migrants who had been helped by our lawyers. This small group, most of them families with children, were released from detention and had befriended the lawyer who helped them."

Jan Stuyt, JRS Europe Director, 18.09.07