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UNIVERSITY OF PORTO

Founded in 1911, the University of Porto (U. Porto) is one of the largest Higher Education and Research Institutions in Portugal and one of the top 200 European Universities according to the most relevant international ranking systems.

Close to 32 000 students, 2 436 (1789 FTE) teachers and researchers along with 1587 administrative staff attend, daily, the classrooms and laboratories from its 14 faculties, one business school and over 50 research centres. Moreover, the U. Porto has the richest academic community in Portugal and brings together the country's highest ranked students, a highly qualified scientific and teaching staff and a growing number of international students, teachers and researchers. Its fully equipped three campuses embedded within the city guarantees an optimal academic, scientific, social and cultural experience.

Ensuring high-quality training, education and research is of paramount importance to U. Porto, together with its strong commitment towards society. The University is itself an important driving force for economic, social, cultural and scientific development in Northern Portugal and in the country as a whole. The U. Porto creates leaders, promotes innovators, and encourages entrepreneurs. In short, it trains people who can make a difference in their communities.

Currently, the U. Porto is the most international of Portugal's universities thanks to its active cooperation with hundreds of higher education institutions worldwide. The ambition is to establish the U. Porto as one of the top 100 universities in the world.



FACULTY OF MEDICINE OF PORTO UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1825 during the realm of D. João VI as the Royal School of Surgery of Porto, it was not until 1911 that the Faculty of Medicine was formally integrated in the University of Porto (FMUP) after its establishment.

In the present days, the faculty is inserted within Hospital São João and, other than the Medicine Integrated Master, FMUP also provides other 16 masters and 15 doctoral degrees, 11 specialized courses and 11 continuous formation courses.

Close to 3 000 students from different degrees of specialization share the university facilities with a high qualified group of professors (half of them with PhDs). However, the faculty is not closed upon itself and, every year, it develops and promotes its institutional relations inside and outside the country, as it is well clear with the different protocols established with reputed institutions, from the University of Gent to the University of Milan, which integrate the Top 50 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU).

With each year breaking new records in the field of investigation, the contribution of the faculty to the advancement of science applied to the medical area is undeniable. In fact, the stats reflect exactly this, since FMUP holds the first place in Portugal in terms of knowledge production. Indeed, FMUP remains faithful to the demanding reputation it has earned among its students and it is this rigor that is at the basis of the excellence of doctors of the future. The excellence of its teaching, its intense scientific activity and its assistance practice are key points of this institution that has been awarded consistently with the preference of students who aspire to follow a career in Medicine or Investigation.



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE OF PORTO UNIVERSITY

The FMUP's students' council also known as "Associação de Estudantes da Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade do Porto" (AEFMUP) is, by definition, the institution that gathers all the students from FMUP. It was created on the 12th of January of 1982 and after three decades since its creation AEFMUP is a unique example of students representation at the local, national and european level.

Since its foundation, AEFMUP has established as one of its primal objectives to be the active voice for all students, as well as to promote numerous activities in a wide range of active areas, such as curricular, scientific, pedagogical, social, physical, ludic and international.

Over the years, AEFMUP has had a tremendous evolution due to the dedication and hard work of its different managers, but also in particular due to the collaboration and interest from its students. In addition, it is also worth mentioning the indispensable cooperation with the Faculty of Medicine which houses a great part of its focus of action. Mobility and International Relations are, undoubtedly, one of the greatest priorities of AEFMUP.

The Department for Mobility and International Relations has a crucial role in expanding the field of action of the students, being one of their main goals to strengthen personal and professional development in an increasingly global reality. For this reason, some of the usual, global activities organized by this department include Erasmus+ programme, clinical and scientific exchanges promoted by IFMSA and, more recently, a Twinning project.

For 2021, our department, formed by a team of four highly motivated elements, is committed to bring a new reality to our beloved students. Hence, "Health Beats | Global Health Conference" emerges as one of our most ambitious projects for the new year with the mission to *break all boundaries*.





CONCEPT

We view the globality implicit in the term *Global Health* from two perspectives.

Firstly, the holistic comprehension of the health concept, understood on a global scale, with the definition of various determinants of health, with translation also at the local level. We know that global health goes beyond clinical practice, medical solutions or public health interventions, to further include communities, their cultural and religious values, as well as their socio-economic conditions, the underlying governmental systems, environmental and animal health of each context, as well as other health drivers.

Second, the term's geopolitical scope. In the face of globalization, the health challenges of the present and of the future, as well as the solutions found, must be thought out on a global scale.

Based on this vision and given the lack of opportunities to complement the medical students' curriculum in this area, the Health Beats | Global Health Conference of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Porto arises in order to answer these demands.



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

For the first edition of Health Beats | Global Health Conference we designed a set of Plenary, Parallel and Keynote Sessions. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to develop a programme exclusively for an online format. Many could interpret this as an obstacle, but we saw the opportunity to go beyond and bring many speakers that, otherwise, would not be able to come to our conference.

PLENARY SESSIONS

Plenary sessions, available for all 480 participants at the same time, are the core of this conference. We will bring together different personalities with different professional backgrounds to talk about and discuss the main topics of this edition: The Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda; Climate Changes and Climate Action; Pandemics: preparedness and response. We want to offer a different and more specific view inside these vast themes for our participants to become more aware of these problems and its global solutions from a worldwide point of view. The estimated duration of these sessions is between one hour and a half (1h30) and two (2) hours.

PARALLEL SESSIONS

In order to approach the participants to our speakers we will bring a wide range of Parallel sessions. Aiming for a dynamic conference, promoting dialogues and discussions to share different ideas and perspectives are our main goals for these lectures. This one (1) hour experience will bring to our participants a variety of themes related to health policies, healthcare facilities and systems from different countries, technology and innovation in health, etc. This is our way to meet the various interests of all our worldwide participants.



KEYNOTE LECTURES

The Keynote lectures are “the cherry on top of the cake”. This is the space where creativity meets efficiency, expertise meets innovation and science meets solutions. Some of the most influential people on Global Health issues will inspire the next generation of medical doctors, raising their voice and broadening their horizons. We believe this is the path that leads people to tolerance, wide perspectives and limitless creativity.

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