

Keynote speaker: Prof. Fernando Mendes

Title: Biomedical Laboratory Sciences - the sky is (not) the limit



Fernando Mendes (FM) is a Coordinator Professor at the Biomedical Laboratory Sciences Unit at Polytechnic University of Coimbra and an effective member of the Health & Technology Research Center. He collaborates with the Center for Innovative Biomedicine and Biotechnology at the University of Coimbra, where he completed his PhD in Medical Sciences in 2016. FM's work primarily focuses on Oncology and Biophysics; he has published extensively, including 30 papers, 4 books, 6 book chapters, and more than 120 conference abstracts.

He has supervised over 60 bachelor's students, 6 master's theses, and 5 research projects, and currently supervises 2 PhD theses. FM holds 3 patents and has submitted over 10 provisional patents. He collaborates with Brazil on more than 20 funded research projects. His recent research priorities include cancer treatment using radiotherapy and immunotherapy, specifically studying immune checkpoint inhibitors in prostate, bladder, and penile cancer.

FM has served as Guest-Editor for various scientific journals and reviewed over 160 manuscripts. He has received 10 awards and distinctions and is the President of both the Portuguese Association of Biomedical Laboratory Sciences and the European Association of Biomedical Scientists.