Professor Mario Nascimento Ferreira

Curriculum Vitae / Resume

Education / Academic Qualifications

- Graduation in Medicine and Surgery, 1961, Faculty of Medicine, University of Coimbra, Portugal.
- Pedagogical Sciences Degree, 1961, Faculty of Arts, University of Coimbra.
- Master of Science in Histology, 1970, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
- Doctorate in Medicine (Histology, Embryology and Cell Biology), 1972, University of Lourenço Marques (now Maputo), Mozambique.
- Specialist in Clinical Pathology by the Portuguese Medical Association (Ordem dos Medicos), 1974.

Academic Career - Teaching

- Teaching Assistant, Institute of Histology and Embryology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Lisbon, Portugal (1962-1964).
- Teaching Assistant, University of Lourenço Marques, Mozambique (1964-1968).
- Teaching Assistant, McGill University, Montreal, Canada (1968-1970).
- Assistant Professor, University of Lourenço Marques, Mozambique (1971-1973).
- Associate Professor, University of Lourenço Marques, Mozambique (1974-1975).
- Associate Professor of Histophysiologies, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon, (1976-1978).
- Invited Associate Professor, Faculty of Science and Technology (Environmental Engineering), NOVA University of Lisbon (UNL), Lisbon (1978-1983).
- Associate Professor, Faculty of Medical Sciences, UNL, Lisbon (1978-1980).
- Full Professor, Faculty of Medical Sciences, UNL, Lisbon (1981-2002).

Academic Career - Directorships

- Head of the Department of Histology, Embryology and Cell Biology, Faculty of Medical Sciences, UNL, Lisbon (from 1978-1992 and 1998-2002).
- Deputy Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences, UNL (1985-1987).
- Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences, UNL (1987-1990).
- Vice Rector, UNL (1991).
- Vice Rector, University of Macau (1992-1994).
- Rector, University of Macau (1994-1997).
- Vice Rector, UNL (2000-2002).
- Retired from UNL in 2002.

Other Professional Activities

- President of the Portuguese Society of Electron Microscopy (1985).
- Secretary of the Portuguese Anatomical Society (1985-86).
- Member of the Pedagogical Council and the Scientific Council, Faculty of Medical Sciences, UNL (1978-90).
- Member of the Inter-Ministerial Commission for the Reform of Medical Education in Portugal (1989-90).
- Member of the executive commission of the Association for Medical Education in Europe (%MEE+) (1988-91); advisor and participant in the preparatory meetings of the World Conference on Medical Education (%The Lisbon Initiative+).
- Coordinator of the Committee created by the Ministry of Education for supervising the development of the Institutes for Dental Sciences of Lisbon and Porto (1990/91).

Membership of Professional Societies

- Portuguese Medical Association (Ordem dos Medicos).
- Medical Sciences Society of Lisbon (Sociedade de Ciências Médicas de Lisboa).
- Portuguese Anatomical Society (Sociedade Anatómica Portuguesa).
- Portuguese-Brazilian Anatomical Society (Sociedade Luso-Brasileira de Anatomia).
- Portuguese Society of Electron Microscopy (Sociedade Portuguesa de Microscopia Electrónica).
- Portuguese Society of Biology (Sociedade Portuguesa de Biologia).
- Portuguese Society of Physiology (Sociedade Portuguesa de Fisiologia).
- Southern African Electron Microscopy Society, Pretoria.

Scientific Research

- Awarded the National Prize in Medicine by the Portuguese Medical Association (Ordem dos Medicos) in 1982.
- Published research works in the field of Bio-morphological Sciences: Cell Biology, Cell Kinetics, Electron Microscopy and Cytochemistry. Completed traineeships in national and international centers of electron microscopy applied to cell biology, histology and embryology research. International training included, among other, traineeship at the Electron Microscopy Laboratory of Siemens & Halske (Berlin, 1964); experimental cell biology methods at IUT. Clermont-Ferrand, Campus Universitaire des Cezeaux, France and traineeship at the Laboratory of the Division of Toxicology, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Pretoria, South Africa.

Participation in Conferences and Symposiums

Participated in various capacities and also organized seminars and symposiums at national and international levels in the fields of Cell Biology, Electron Microscopy, Cell Kinetics and Medical Education. Some of those conferences are listed below:

- Annual Conferences of the SPME (Portuguese Society of Electron Microscopy).
- Secretary of the II National Congress on Medical Education, Lisbon (1983).
- President of the II Congress of Portuguese Morphologists (1985).
- Annual conference of the MADE/AMEE (Association of Medical Deans in Europe / Association of Medical Education in Europe), Lisbon (1986)
- Secretary (local commission) of the Ministerial Consultation for Medical Education in Europe, Lisbon (1988)
- VI National Congress on Medical Education, Lisbon (1990)
- International Congress of the Federation of the Anatomic Societies (1994)
- Member of the organizing committee of the International Seminar, So Estudos Superiores em Macau+, University of Macau, 1995. Jointly organized by the University of Macau, the Macau Foundation and the Polytechnic Institute of Macau to celebrate the 450th anniversary of University level studies in Macau, the Seminar was attended by participants from Macau, Hong Kong, Portugal, Japan and Australia.
- Member of the Board of the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP) during his tenure as Rector of the University of Macau. In 1995, the University of Macau was one of the founding members of the AUAP.
- Hosted the Third AUAP Board Meeting held at the University of Macau in April 1997, with the support of the Government of Macau.