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Day of Portugal at Charles University: Conference

Title: Best Possible Health Research - An integrated vision of health sciences and future medical tendencies

Place: Charles University, Small Hall

Date: February 25

Time: 9:00 to 12:00.

Opening

Rector, prof. MUDr. Tomáš Zima, DrSc., MBA

Ambassador of Portugal, H.E. Manuela Franco

Vice-Rector for International Affairs, prof. MUDr. Jan Škrha

1. 9.00 – 10.30 “Precision Medicine in Cancer Research and Care: From Evidence Based Medicine to Realistic Medicine” -

Prof. Dr. Manuel Sobrinho Simões, MD, PhD, Emeritus Professor of Pathology of the Medical Faculty and Director of the Institute of Molecular Pathology and Immunology of the University of Porto (IPATIMUP)

<https://www.ipatimup.pt/Site/PersonView.aspx?PersonId=79>

Discussant: Prof. MUDr. Aleš Ryška, Ph.D, Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové,

The Fingerland department of Pathology

<https://www.fnhk.cz/fingerland/osobni-stranky/ales-ryska>

Coffee Break: 10:30-10:55

2. 11.00 to 12.00 "Portugal: the right place to invest and build partnerships in Health” Presentation – Executive Director Eng.

Joaquim Cunha, Portugal's Health Cluster- HCP -
<http://healthportugal.com>:

Discussant: Senator, doc. MUDr. Peter Koliba, CSc, Vice-Chairman, Senate, Committee on Health and Social Policy



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Manuel Sobrinho Simões, MD, PhD is Emeritus Professor of Pathology of the Medical Faculty and Director of the Institute of Molecular Pathology and Immunology of the University of Porto (PATIMUP) whose creation co-launched in 1989.

He has been elected by his peers “**The most influent pathologist**” in a survey conducted in 2015 by the British journal “**The pathologist**”. He has been nominated Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists (UK) in 2017 and awarded the prize Rio Hortega of Spanish Society of Pathology (2018).

MSS has co-authored many chapters of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th editions (1988,2004, 2017) of the WHO Book on Endocrine Tumours. His main interests are oncobiology and thyroid cancer in the frame of translational research. **MSS** carries out 200 to 300 diagnostic consultations per year on thyroid lesions for foreign hospitals and cancer institutes. **MSS** was President of the European Society of Pathology from 1999 to 2001, after having been Secretary from 1989 to 1997. He helped creating EUROCELLPATH (European Courses on Cellular Pathology) and the European School of Pathology (ESCoP), and has been co-organizing the ESCoP Courses in Thyroid and Parathyroid Tumours since 1992 and the Thyroid Tumour Course for Practicising Pathologists of the French Division of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) since 2002, as well as several regular Courses on Endocrine Pathology in Europe.

He is also a Member of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Investigation and Innovation in Health (I3S) which he co-started creating in 2008 under the auspices of the University of Porto. **Manuel Sobrinho Simões (MSS)** chairs the National Council of Clinical Academic Centers and the Board of the National Agency for Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education (A3ES). **MSS** is co-author of more than 350 scientific publications which have given rise to more than 13000 citations (h factor 57).



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Joaquim Cunha, has been deeply involved in the construction of the Health Cluster Portugal (www.healthportugal.com), being actually its Chief Executive Director.

From 2004 to 2006 he integrated the board of Pronefro – Produtos Nefrológicos, SA, a medical device company working on the haemodialysis sector.

Founder and board member of Nanologic (www.nanologic.eu) the first Portuguese company fully dedicated to the development and production of parts and tools for micro and nano technologies.

A computer engineer (1982, University of Minho), **Joaquim Cunha** dedicated significant part of his professional career to a company, he founded and has been CEO of CASO - Consultores Associados de Organizações e Informática, Lda (www.caso.pt).

CASO, is a 25 years of activity Portuguese services company, operating the consultancy and software businesses through the integration of the knowledge and expertise in the fields of engineering, computing, management, economics and training.

In the last ten years, CASO have been involved, as major consultant, in more than 200 investment, modernization and development company projects. The global investment associated to these projects is higher than 250 million euro.

Joaquim Cunha was founder and member of the first board of MinhoDigital SA, a regional cluster expediency in the ICT sector.

Joaquim Cunha is 52, married, and has two daughters

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Presentation

It is a well known fact that, since 2006, the Czech Republic receives a large number of Portuguese students seeking medical studies, mostly in Prague, Plzen and Brno. Over the years, Charles University has consistently registered the largest number of Portuguese Medical students. Even this year there are over 180 students attending all the Medical Schools. To these we should add the increasing number of Erasmus students documenting a positive progression in exchanges between the Faculties of Medicine of both countries, to which the Faculty of Medicine of Porto has been contributing for several years.

Several hundred Portuguese doctors have, therefore, started their medical career in this country, living in Czechia, many marrying a Czech spouse and bringing forth Czech Portuguese children and families.

Bearing this in mind, the Embassy of Portugal thought that it would be high time to celebrate such fraternal ties and to honour both the University, the Professors and the Students. The Hon. Rector and Professor of the Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Dr. Tomas Zima very kindly encouraged us in the direction of the organization of a scientific “Day of Portugal”.

This is how we decided that the best way to celebrate would be to bring to Prague a Portuguese Medical Doctor, Professor and Researcher in the person of Prof. Dr. **Manuel Sobrinho Simões**, MD, PhD, Emeritus Professor of Pathology of the Medical Faculty and Director of the Institute of Molecular Pathology and Immunology of the University of Porto (IPATIMUP) whose creation he co-launched in 1989. **MSS** has been elected by his peers “The most influential pathologist” in a survey conducted in 2015 by the British journal “The pathologist”. He has been nominated Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists (UK) in 2017 and awarded the prize Rio Hortega of Spanish Society of Pathology (2018).



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We also thought it would be interesting to present the Portuguese state-of-the art in health, investment, supply and partnerships. Therefore we are happy that **Eng. Joaquim Cunha, Executive Director of Health Cluster Portugal** will be able to join us at UK.

We believe that this event will be a valuable contribution to the strengthening of lasting cooperation between the Portuguese Embassy and the Charles University in Prague, and that it will further the friendship and mutual exchange between Academies, Companies and the two countries.