

SYMPOSIUM

SCIENCE AND SPACE

BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
BEYOND EARTH

21-22
OCTOBER 2026

GRANDE AUDITÓRIO
JOÃO LOBO ANTUNES
LISBON, PORTUGAL

MICROBIOME

RADIATION

CARDIOVASCULAR

AGEING

AGENDA

DAY 1 **WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER**

14H00 › 14H30

INSTITUTIONAL PRESENTATIONS

GULBENKIAN INSTITUTE FOR MOLECULAR MEDICINE (GIMM)

CLÁUDIA FARIA

GIMM CARE, DIRECTOR

FACULDADE DE MEDICINA DA UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA (FMUL)

JOÃO EURICO FONSECA

DEAN

PORTUGUESE SPACE AGENCY

HUGO ANDRÉ COSTA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

14H30 › 15H30

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ANGELIQUE VAN OMBERGEN

EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY (ESA), CHIEF EXPLORATION SCIENTIST

MODERATOR

CLÁUDIA FARIA [GIMM CARE, DIRECTOR]

15H30 › 16H15

COFFEE BREAK + POSTER SESSION

16H15 › 17H00

SCIENTIFIC SESSION 1: AGEING

JOANA NEVES

GIMM, GROUP LEADER

NANDU GOSWAMI

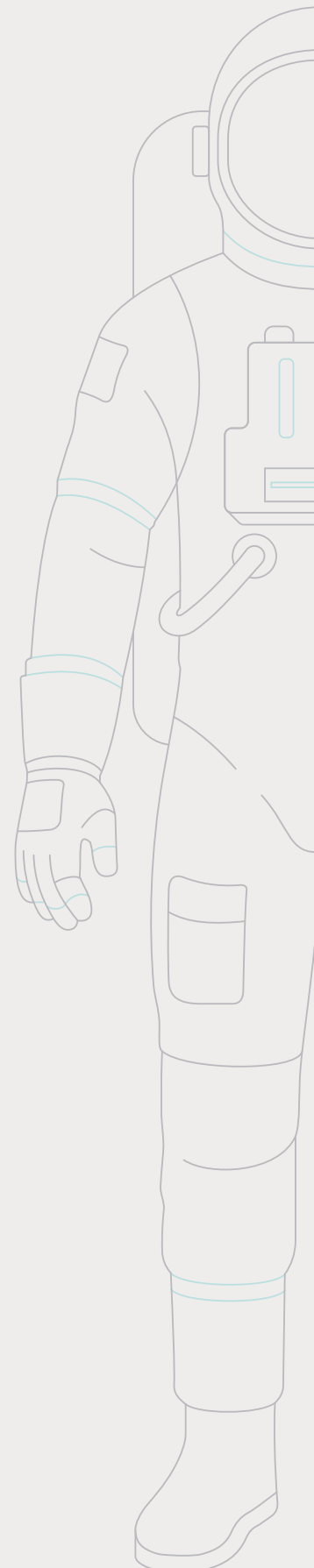
MOHAMMED BIN RASHID UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES (MBRU), PROFESSOR

MODERATOR

CHRISTIANE HAHN [ESA, SCIENCE LEAD FOR BIOLOGY]

17H00 › ONWARDS

COCKTAIL + NETWORKING



DAY 2

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER

09H00 › 09H30

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JAPAN AEROSPACE EXPLORATION AGENCY (JAXA) (TBC)
(TBC)

MODERATOR

HUGO ANDRÉ COSTA [PORTUGUESE SPACE AGENCY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR]

09H30 › 10H10

SCIENTIFIC SESSION 2: MICROBIOME

NICHOLAS BRERETO

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR/LECTURER

CHRISTINE MOISL

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY GRAZ, PROFESSOR

MODERATOR

ISABEL GORDO [GIMM, GROUP LEADER]

10H10 › 10H50

SCIENTIFIC SESSION 3: RADIATION

SYLVAIN V. COSTES (TBC)

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, PROFESSOR

MARCO DURANTE

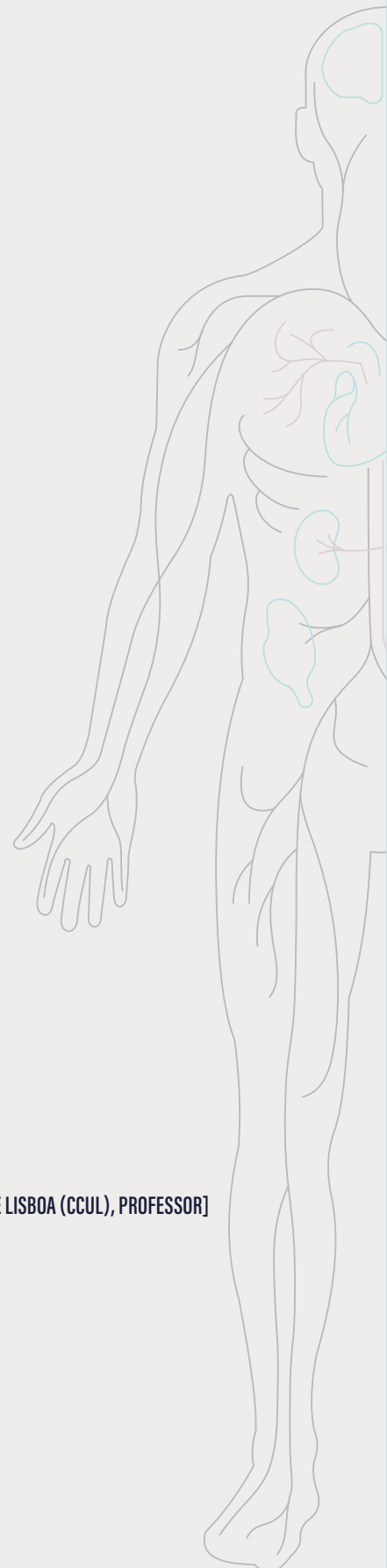
GSI HELMHOLTZ CENTRE FOR HEAVY ION RESEARCH, BIOPHYSICS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

MODERATOR

SUSANA CONSTANTINO [FMUL - CENTRO CARDIOVASCULAR DA UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA (CCUL), PROFESSOR]

10H50 › 11H30

COFFEE BREAK + POSTER SESSION



DAY 2

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER

11H30 › 12H30

OPPORTUNITIES IN SPACE SCIENCE

MATTHIAS MAURER (TBC)

ESA, ASTRONAUT

DIOGO PAUPÉRIO ABREU (TBC)

INSTITUTO DE ENGENHARIA DE SISTEMAS E COMPUTADORES, TECNOLOGIA E CIÊNCIA (INESC-TEC), RESEARCHER

MODERATORS

CRISTOVÃO SOUSA [GIMM CARE HEAD OF R&D]

EDSON OLIVEIRA [FMUL - CENTRO DE ESTUDOS DE MEDICINA AEROESPACIAL (CEMA), COORDINATOR]

12H30 › 13H30

SCIENTIFIC SESSION 4: CARDIOVASCULAR

DIANA AGUIAR DE SOUSA

FMUL, PROFESSOR

SUZANNE CANNEGIETER

LEIDEN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, PROFESSOR

BIOBANK SHOWCASE

ÂNGELA AFONSO

GIMM, BIOBANK TECHNICAL MANAGER

MODERATOR

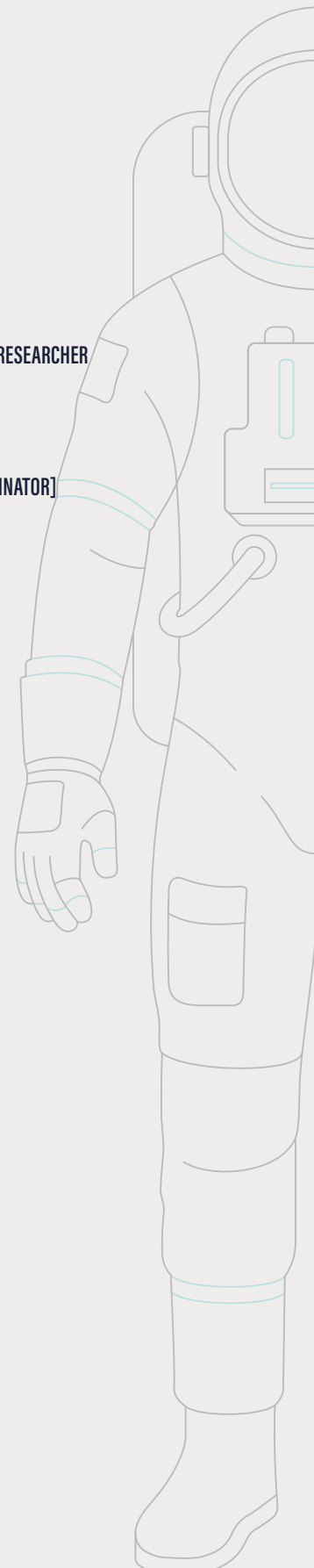
FAUSTO PINTO [FMUL - CEMA, DIRECTOR]

13H30 › 14H30

LUNCH BREAK

14H30 › 15H00

PITCH OF THE 2 BEST POSTERS



DAY 2
THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER

15H00 › 15H50

PANEL WITH ASTRONAUT SCIENTIST

MATTHIAS MAURER (TBC)

ESA, ASTRONAUT

MODERATOR

SARA SÁ [GIMM, SCIENCE COMMUNICATION LEAD]

15H50 › 16H50

ROUNDTABLE

SÉRGIO DIAS

GIMM CARE, GROUP LEADER

EDSON OLIVEIRA

FMUL - CEMA, COORDINATOR

JOAN ALABART

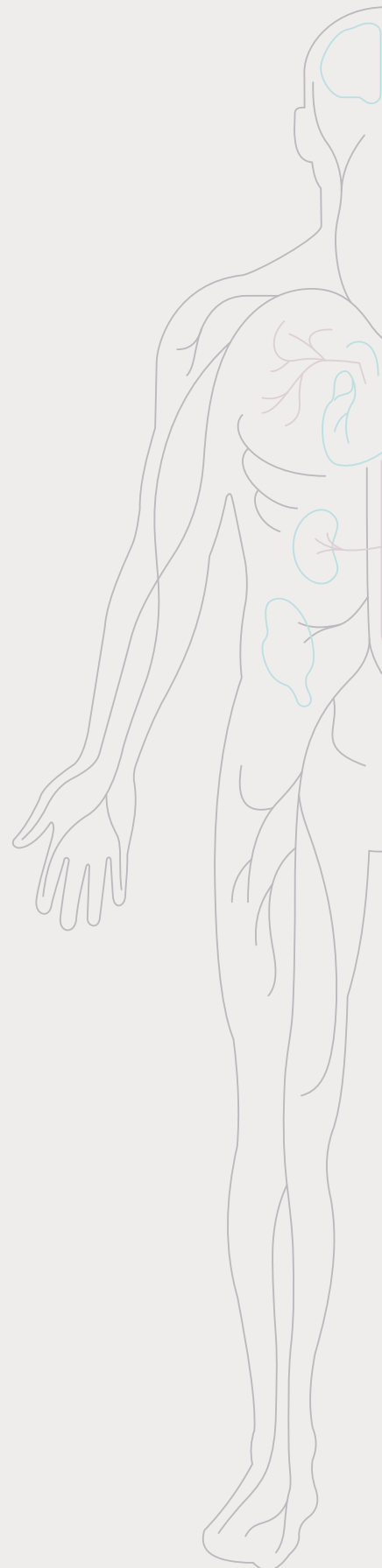
PORTUGUESE SPACE AGENCY, SPACE EXPLORATION OFFICER

RUI SANTOS

AED CLUSTER PORTUGAL, MANAGING DIRECTOR

16H50 › 17H00

CLOSING REMARKS AND AWARDS CEREMONY



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