
News from the Fence



The CMU Portugal Program hosted its annual Board of Directors Meeting in Lisbon

The Carnegie Mellon Portugal Program held its **annual Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting** at Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT) Headquarters in Lisbon on September 20th. The BoD is part of CMU Portugal's governing structure and is responsible for policy oversight and discussion of the CMU Portugal Program plan of activities.



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Minister Manuel Heitor honors CMU Provost James Garrett Jr. and Sir John O'Reilly with Medals of Scientific Merit

The 2019 CMU Portugal Board Meeting counted with the presence of **James H. Garrett, Provost Carnegie Mellon University**, and **Sir John O'Reilly, Chair of CMU Portugal External Review Committee**. On the occasion, the **Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Manuel Heitor**, distinguished both with a **Medal of Scientific Merit** (Medalha de Mérito Científico) that is intended to reward national or foreign individuals who, by virtue of their high professional and performance duties, have been recognized by their exceptional contributions to the development of science or scientific culture.



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"Engineers need training beyond technical areas", interview with CMU Provost James Garrett

The **CMU Chief Academic Officer** was interviewed by **Público**, one of the main Portuguese Newspapers, during a visit to Lisbon for a CMU Portugal Meeting. In this article Garrett speaks about the importance of ethical and social competences when teaching Tech courses and explains that at CMU there is always an effort to show students the importance of interdisciplinarity, diversity of thinking and perspective.

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William Sanders is the New Dean of CMU's College of Engineering

William Sanders of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has been appointed the next dean of CMU College of Engineering, starting on January 1, 2020. The College is a CMU Portugal stakeholder being represented at the Board of Directors through its Dean and offering two of our Dual Degree Ph.Ds in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECC) and Engineering and Public Policy (EPP).

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CMU Portugal organized a Welcome Reception in Pittsburgh

The CMU Portugal Program hosted a Welcome Reception in Pittsburgh on September 25th. The reception main goal was to connect CMU students, CMU faculty members and Visiting Faculty from Portugal and to share information about upcoming CMU Portugal initiatives for the Fall semester.



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Visiting Faculty & Researchers Program

Portuguese Researchers go to Pittsburgh to foster research collaborations with peers at CMU

A group of 10 Researchers from Portuguese Institutions was selected to visit CMU during 2019 to develop their research work in the field of ICT supported by CMU Portugal and Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) under our Visiting Faculty & Researchers Program..

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CMU in the Media: Interview with Rodrigo Rodrigues in "90 Segundos de Ciência"

The **CMU Portugal National Co-Director** was interviewed by 90 Segundos de Ciência about his project to improve the efficiency of cloud computing servers.

Rodrigo Rodrigues, Professor at Instituto Superior Técnico and a researcher at InescID, has already been awarded a European Research Council (ERC) Grant to study the development of more efficient and effective protocols for the replication of information in cloud computing.

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CMU in the Media: Opinion article by Joana Mendonça

Joana Mendonça, Faculty at Instituto Superior Técnico and CMU Portugal Scientific Director published an opinion article in in Público Newspaper on the **impact of Additive manufacturing (AD)**, also known as 3D, in traditional



manufacturing. This article approaches the results of a recent study developed in collaboration between Universidade de Lisboa and Carnegie Mellon University and supported under the CMU Portugal Program.

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CMU Portugal Inside Story: Interview with Rui Correia

Rui Correia is a **CMU Portugal program Alumnus in Language Technologies** who graduated in 2018 that currently works as a **Lead Machine Learning Engineer at DefinedCrowd**, an intelligent data platform for Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

My PhD allowed me to become an expert in areas I had a real passion for, such as Crowdsourcing and Natural Language Processing. Having this expertise really helped me not to compromise when looking for my next career challenge. I got to apply to companies that were doing things that interested me, and today I get up every day and have the luxury of working in something that I love and that challenges me. (Rui Correia)

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Upcoming events



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- [International Day \(IDay2019\) at Instituto Superior Técnico](#)
9-10 October | IST | Tagus Park (9th) & Alameda Campus (10th)
 - [Reboot Festival with Larry Shea](#) (CMU School of Drama)
10-13 October | Palácio Baldaya
 - [Seminar: Why are we still talking about Gender Gender Balance in STEM?](#) with an Invited Talk by Lenore Blum (CMU School of Computer Science)

- [Talk "Towards a Conscious AI – A computer architecture inspired by cognitive neuroscience"](#) (Lisbon)
by
Lenore Blum and Manuel Blum (CMU School of Computer Science)
23 October at 4:30pm | Congress Center Amphitheatre | IST - Lisbon
- [Talk "Towards a Conscious AI – A computer architecture inspired by cognitive neuroscience"](#) (Lisbon)
by
Lenore Blum and Manuel Blum (CMU School of Computer Science)
24 October at 5pm | FCUP Main Auditorium | Porto
- [2019 Web Summit in Lisbon](#)
4-7 November 2019 | Altice Arena
- [Call for Advanced Computing Projects funded by the European Union](#)
Deadline: 14 November | Online
- [Open Faculty Position at CMU – Environmental Engineering, Sustainability Science, Systems Interactions](#)
Deadline for applications: 31 December 2020 | Online
- [Collective Intelligence Grants - experiments for social impact](#)
Deadline for applications: 07 January 2020 | Online

CMU Portugal Publications



Papers

["Foot Gesture Recognition through Dual Channel Wearable EMG System"](#) - Maragliulo S., Lopes P., Osorio L.; Almeida A.T., Tavakoli M. IEEE Sensors Journal | 2019

Conference Papers

["Dynamic Doxastic Differential Dynamic Logic for Belief-Aware Cyber-Physical Systems?"](#) - Martins J., Platzer A., Leite J. TABLEAUX, LNCS | 2019

["Motion Analysis for People with Cerebral Palsy: A Vision Based Approach"](#) - Macedo M., Candeias A., Marques M. IEEE 16th International Conference on Rehabilitation Robotics (ICORR) | 2019

["Terahertz Massive MIMO for Beyond-5G Wireless Communication"](#) - Busari S., Huq K., Mumtaz S., Rodriguez J. ICC 2019 - 2019 IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC) | 2019

["Encodings for Enumeration-Based Program Synthesis"](#) - Orvalho P., Terra-Neves M., Ventura M., Martins R., Manquinho V. International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming, CP 2019: Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming (pp 583-599) | 2019

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