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Current Post

Assistant Professor with Habilitation
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ESB, Universidade Católica Portuguesa

Higher Education

Habilitation (Agregação) in Biotechnology (2014)

PhD in Biochemical Engineering/Biotechnology

Department of Biochemical Engineering, University College London, U.K. (graduated 1994)

MSc in Food Science and Engineering (1st year)

Escola Superior de Biotecnologia, Universidade Católica Portuguesa (graduated 1990)

First degree in Food Engineering (1st Class Honours)

Escola Superior de Biotecnologia, Universidade Católica Portuguesa (graduated 1989)

Employment Profile

- 1998-present: Escola Superior de Biotecnologia, Universidade Católica Portuguesa
Assistant Professor
- 1995-1998: Escola Superior de Biotecnologia, Universidade Católica Portuguesa
Postdoctoral fellowship
- 1993-1995 Carbury Herne Ltd, Canterbury, Kent, UK
Research Assistant
- 1987-1989 Escola Superior de Biotecnologia, Universidade Católica Portuguesa
Demonstrator

Academic roles

- 1999 – 2002 – Coordinator of the Postgraduate course on Environmental Management (three editions)
- 1999 – 2006 - Coordinator of the Environmental Engineering degree at Escola Superior de Biotecnologia, Universidade Católica Portuguesa.
- 2004- 2008 - Coordinator of the Master in Environmental Health
- 2008 - 2015 - Coordinator of the Master in Environmental Engineering
- 2006 – Present - Coordinator of the Bioengineering degree
- 2010 – present – Coordinator of the 1st Cycle at ESB-UCP
- 2013 – present – Member of Direction Board ESB-UCP

Research

Leader of the Group “Environmental Mitigation Tools and Strategies” of the Research Center CBQF – Center for Biotechnology and Fine Chemistry.

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Main areas of interest

i) Biodegradation and biocatalysis; ii) Biological systems for the treatment of wastewater and emissions and bioremediation; iii) Sustainable techniques for soil rehabilitation, agriculture practices and reforestation, including plant growth promoting bacteria and mycorrhiza. iv) Valorisation of waste materials

Post-graduate training

- 17 Phd Thesis concluded; 6 PhD programmes ongoing
- 8 on-going posdoc programmes
- More than 20 Master thesis concluded

Project Coordination and Team Member

TEAMING P2020 - Promoting Agri-food and Forestry Stakeholder Engagement for Knowledge Transfer and SMARTAgriFor partnerships. P2020, NORTE-01-0246-FEDER-000023. 2016 a 2017. Membro da equipa.

MultiBiorefinery: Estratégias multiuso para a valorização de uma gama alargada de subprodutos agroflorestais e das pescas: Um passo em frente na criação de uma biorrefinaria integrada.P2020, POCI-01-0145-FEDER-016403. 2016 a 2019. Membro da equipa

"Lab2Business - Transferência Tecnologia e Valorização Económica para o Sector Agroalimentar - NORTE-01-0246-FEDER-000011. 2016-2018.Norte-2020. Membro da equipa.

Ecotex - Desenvolvimento de soluções mais sustentáveis para coloração têxtil. Co-promoção, ANI - Agência Inovação. 2016 a 2019. Membro da equipa

Bio-n2-value: Biological tools for adding and defending value in key agro-food chains (NORTE-01-0145-FEDER000030) 2016 – 2019. Team member.

DISRUPT. Environmental Endocrine Disruptors: Current Situation in Macao, Neurobehavioral Effects and Bioremediation Strategies. Projecto 011/2014/A1. Fundo para o Desenvolvimento das Ciências e Tecnologia de Macau –FDCT. 2015-2017. Coordenador na ESB

SMARTAgriFor: Collaboration to develop a business plan for the Centre of Agriculture and Forestry (Grant Agreement 664599). 2015 - 31/05/2016. H2020.Team member.

URBANMYCOSERVE. Understanding and Managing Urban Ectomycorrhizal Fungi Communities to Increase the Health and Ecosystem Service Provisioning of Urban Trees. BiodivERsA3. 2017-2020. PI at ESB.

Degradação de fármacos recalcitrantes em águas residuais por processos biológicos e oxidação avançada. 2015-2016. Convénio entre Portugal (FCT) e Itália (CNR) - CNR-IRSA. Coordinator.

MICROSALT: Efficient rhizospheric microorganisms: amelioration of saline stress in crops with economic significance. 2014-2015. Project coordinated by a postdoc in the group. Team member

Microbial and ecotoxicological characterization of soils and tailings from mining sites in South Morocco: phytoremediation assisted by microorganisms. Projectos de cooperação bilateral entre Portugal e Marrocos, Acordo de cooperação bilateral FCT-CNRST. Ref FCT/5909/24/52013/S. Coordinator.

HbioS – Biotechnological innovations for removing sulphur compounds from WWTP emissions. Projecto nº 21592. QREN/POFC/SII&DT. 2013-2015. Coordinator at ESB.

FLUOROPHARMA - Biodegradation and removal of (chiral) fluorinated pharmaceuticals from wastewaters. PTDC/EBB-EBI/111699/2009. 2011-2014. Coordinator.

LeadingForest - Ectomycorrhizal fungi as leading players of reforestation processes. PTDC/AGR-CFL/111583/2009. 2011-2014. Coordinator.

ValorPeixe - Valorização de Subprodutos e Águas Residuais da Indústria de Conservas de Peixe. QREN/POFC/SII&DT. 2011-2013. Agência de Inovação. Team member.

iCOD - Innovative Technologies for Upgrading Codfish Processing By-products. QREN/POFC/SII&DT. 2009-2011. Co-coordination at ESB.

FLORESTA.NET – Network of reforestation demonstration practices. Programa de Desenvolvimento Rural do Continente (PRODER) - Subprograma n.º 4 «Promoção do Conhecimento e Desenvolvimento de Competências» 2011-2013. Coordinator at ESB.

OBIT. Odour Biological Treatment. QREN/POFC/SII&DT. 2010-2012. Coordinator at ESB.

BIOCAT - Biocatalytic processes for the “green” production of value-added fluoroaromatic compounds. POCI 2010. 2007-2008. Coordenador.

BIOFLUOR. Biological production of commercially relevant fluorinated organic compounds. 2007-2010. PTDC/BIO/67306/2006. Coordenador.

PLANTICURT - Application of Artificial Wetlands in the fine-tuning of leather effluents. Programa IDEIA – Apoio à Investigação e Desenvolvimento Empresarial Aplicado. Agência de Inovação. Coordenador ESB. 2007-2008. Coordinator.

INSOLEX - 2006 – 2010. Innovative Solutions for Extracting High Value Natural Compounds. RTN Project - European Commission. Coordinator at ESB.

PLANTARI - Constructed wetlands for industrial wastewater treatment. FCT. Projecto POCI/AMB/60126/2004. 2005-2008. Coordinator.

MICOMETA - The role of Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi in Phytoremediation of Heavy Metal contaminated soils. POCI/AMB/60131/2004. 2005-2008. Coordinator.

BIOSAP - Biotreatment of alternating recalcitrant pollutants in wastewaters (Research Training Networks). 2002 – 2006. European Commission. Coordinator. HPRTN-CT-2002-00213. Coordinator.

MARS – Estudos fundamentais ao MARS -inovador processo de recuperacao por membranas. National funding (FCT). 2003-2004. Team member.

SONATURA - Vapour Phase Bioreactors for Agro-non-Food Industries, Projecto LIFE03 ENV/P/000521- financiado pelo Programa LIFE Ambiente da Comunidade Europeia. 2003-2005. Coordinator.

MICOFLORESTA - Tuned mycorrhiza fungi for the production of Pinus Pinaster and Quercus ruber. Programa AGRO, Medida 8 – Desenvolvimento Tecnológico e Demonstração do Programa Operacional Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural. 2003 – 2006. Coordinator.

ECOCATCH. Socrates/Erasmus PROG project "Ecological Management of Catchments in Europe". 2006-2009. Coordinator at ESB.

POCTI/DIV/2005/00092 - CI.COM Divulgação de Ciência à Comunidade. 2005-2006. Coordinator.

RACEWAYS. A hyperintensive fish farming concept for lasting competitiveness and superior production. CRAFT project. 2005-2008. Collaboration with Portuguese official team.

BioRecicla – New systems for agro-industrial effluent valorization using microalgae with biomass valorization. National funding (FCT). 2000- 2004. Team member.

FITOREM - Phytoremediation and biofilm reactors for the removal of pollutants from wastewaters – a comparative study. 2002-2003. National funding (FCT). Coordinator..

CEC - Centre for Experimental Science. CEC - Criação de um Centro Experimental de Ciência - Apoio ao Ensino Experimental das Ciências (Proc. 49686). Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian. 2002-2004. Coordinator.

I9 Ar – Biological treatment technologies for gaseous emissions containing VOC. 2000 –2002. National funding (ICPME – Innovation Agency). Responsible scientist at ESB.

Development of biological systems for decontamination of liquid effluents and groundwater. 1997-2000. National funding (JNICT). Responsible scientist at ESB.

Biological treatment – Phytomicrobial processes – of contaminated sites using the indigenous population. Programa de Investigação Luso-Britânico - Tratado de Windsor. 2000-2002.

Mare Nostrum – Microalgae for the bioremediation of contaminated waters in marine environment. Ambiente e Defesa: Oceano e suas Margens. 1999-2002. Team member.

Biological treatment of alternating compounds derived from the fine chemical industry. Programa de Investigação Luso-Britânico - Tratado de Windsor. 1998-2000.

Thematic Networks Delegate/Group Member

- Thematic Network COST Action - Conceiving Wastewater Treatment in 2020 - Energetic, environmental and economic challenges (water 2020). ESSEM COST Action ES1202. 2012-2016.

- Thematic Network COST Action FA1103 – Endophytes in Biotechnology and Agriculture. FA COST Action FA1103. 2011-2015.

- Thematic Network COST 859 - Phytotechnologies to promote sustainable land use and improve food safety. COST. National delegate - Management Committee. 2004-2008.

- AWARENET - Agro-Food Wastes Reduction Network. ESB representative. EC Growth.

- GRUB'S UP- Recycling and Upgrading Wastes from Food Production for use within the Food Chain. Coordination Action. 2005-2008.

- Thematic Network COST 837 - Plant Biotechnology for the removal of organic pollutants and toxic metals from wastewaters and contaminated sites. COST. National delegate.

- Thematic Network COST 838 - Managing arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi for improving soil quality and plant health in agriculture. COST. National delegate.

PATENTS

M.M.E. Pintado, P.M.L. Castro, C. Piccirillo. UV filters, method of producing the same and their use in composition, in particular sunscreen. Provisional patent submitted to the Instituto Nacional da Propriedade Industrial, 20141000053648.

National Invention Patent No. 105146. High value added extracts pre-Ginjinha obtained from by-products: stems and leaves and their possible applications ". M. M Pintado, S. Dimirey, C. Piccirillo, M. J. M. N. Faria, P. Castro. Universidade Católica Portuguesa and Frutóbidos. 08-06-2010.

International Invention Patent No. 2013057720. Método de obtenção de materiais à base de hidroxiapatite a partir de fonte natural". M. M Pintado, C. Piccirillo, P. Castro, S. Pereira, Ruben Jorge, Isabel Braga da Cruz, Paula Silva, João Vieira. Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Wedotech and Pascoal. 19-10-2011.

PUBLICATIONS

INTERNACIONAL PAPERS WITH PEER REVIEW

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162. Amorim, C.L.A., Moreira, I.S., Ribeiro, A.R., Santos, L.H.L.M., Delerue-Matos, C., Tiritan, M.E., Castro, P.M.L. 2016. Treatment of a simulated wastewater amended with a chiral pharmaceuticals mixture by an aerobic granular sludge sequencing batch reactor. *International Biodeterioration & Biodegradation* 115, pp. 277-285. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ibiod.2016.09.009> (Q1)

161. Benidire, L., Pereira, S.I.A., Castro, P.M.L., Boularbah, A., 2016. Assessment of plant growth promoting bacterial populations in the rhizosphere of metallophytes from the Kettara mine, Marrakech. *Environmental Science Pollution Research* (In press). doi:10.1007/s11356-016-7378-6 (Q1)

160. Maia, A.S., Castro, P.M.L., Tiritan, M.E., 2016. Integrated liquid chromatography method in enantioselective studies: Biodegradation of ofloxacin by an activated sludge consortium. *Journal Chromatography B* 1029-1030, 174–183. doi:10.1016/j.jchromb.2016.06.026 (Q1)

159. Tobaldi, D.M., Piccirillo, C., Rozman, N., Pullar, R.C., Seabra, M.P., Škapin, A.S., Castro, P.M.L., Labrincha, J.A., 2016. Effects of Cu, Zn and Cu-Zn addition on the microstructure and antibacterial and photocatalytic functional properties of Cu-Zn modified TiO₂ nano-heterostructures. *Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology A: Chemistry* 330, 44–54. doi:10.1016/j.jphotochem.2016.07.016 (Q2)

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157. Calheiros, C.S.C., Pereira, S.I.A., Brix, H., Rangel, A.O.S.S., Castro, P.M.L. 2016. Assessment of culturable bacterial endophytic communities colonizing *Canna flaccida* inhabiting a wastewater treatment constructed wetland. *Ecological Engineering*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoleng.2016.04.002> in press (Q1)

156. Santos, I., Mesquita, R.B.R., Amorim, C.L., Castro, P.M.L. and Rangel, A.O.S.S. (2016) Development of a low pressure chromatographic flow system for monitoring biodegradation of ofloxacin and ciprofloxacin *Analytical Methods*. Accepted Manuscript. doi: 10.1039/C6AY00476H

155. V.S. Bystrov, C. Piccirillo, D.M. Tobaldi, P.M.L. Castro, J. Coutinho, S. Kopyl, R.C. Pullar. 2016. Oxygen vacancies, the optical band gap (E_g) and photocatalysis of hydroxyapatite: comparing modelling with measured data. *Applied Catalysis B: Environmental*. 10.1016/j.apcatb.2016.05.014

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