

1st Annual Coimbra Champalimaud Symposium

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Auditorium IBILI - Faculty of Medicine, University of Coimbra

Programme

- 11:00 Opening words by the Champalimaud Foundation (Leonor Bezeza - CF)
- 11:10 AIBILI - C-TRACER Translational Research Centre (José Cunha-Vaz - AIBILI)
- 11:30 Long term analysis of autologous cultivated limbal epithelial transplantation at the LV Prasad Eye Institute (D. Balasubramanian - LV Prasad Eye Institute)
- 11:50 Critical Evaluation of Quality of Vision after Corneal and Cataract Surgery (Joaquim Murta - HUC)
- 12:10 Update in Corneal Imaging (Rubens Belfort - Escola Paulista de Medicina)
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 C-TRACERs Project (Luísa Ribeiro - AIBILI)
- 14:15 EVICR.net (Cecília Martinho - AIBILI/EVICR.net)
- 14:30 4C as an Infrastructure for Translational Research (Sandrina Nunes - AIBILI)
- 14:45 Development of Imaging Biomarkers of Retinopathy Progression (Rui Bernardes - AIBILI/IBILI)
- 15:00 Genotype-Phenotype relationships in diseases of vision and the brain (Miguel Castelo-Branco and Eduardo Silva - IBILI/HUC)
- 15:15 Perspectives for AMD Treatment (Rufino Silva - AIBILI/HUC)
- 15:30 Closing Remarks and Site Visit

Participation

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Prof. D. Balasubramanian is the Director of Research of the L V Prasad Eye Institute. Prof Balasubramanian's research focuses on the biology of eye diseases. He has over 160 publications in national and international journals and has authored three books. He is a member of several editorial boards and serves on a range of national and international scientific committees.



Prof. G. Rao is Distinguished Chair of Eye Health Chair, Hyderabad Eye Institute. His areas of specialization include diseases of the cornea, eye banking and corneal transplantation, community eye health, eye care policy and planning. He has published over 250 papers in national and international journals, and has contributed several book chapters.



Prof. R. Belfort is Professor of Ophthalmology at the Federal University of São Paulo. He is the author of 10 books on ophthalmology and more than 100 chapters and over 150 published articles. Professor Belfort is one of the doctors responsible for the research that led to greater understanding of ocular toxoplasmosis, the leading cause of uveitis in Brazil and worldwide.



Prof. J. Cunha-Vaz is President of AIBILI. He has authored and co-authored over 440 peer-reviewed papers and books. His work has included laboratory and clinical research in retina and intraocular fluids with special emphasis on blood-retinal barriers and diabetic retinopathy. He initiated clinical vitreous fluorometry and multimodal macular mapping.



Prof. J. Murta is Director of the Ophthalmology Department of at the Coimbra University Hospital. He has devoted his clinical activity to the treatment of corneal diseases, cataract surgery and the anterior segment of the eyeball.

The **Champalimaud Foundation**, based in Lisbon, Portugal, was created on the bequest of the late Portuguese industrialist and entrepreneur, António de Sommer Champalimaud. In 2004 it was incorporated as the Anna de Sommer Champalimaud and Dr Carlos Montez Champalimaud Foundation, in honour of the benefactor's parents. The Champalimaud Foundation has a long-term commitment to support medical research, in particular neurology, oncology and vision sciences.

C-TRACER is the Champalimaud Translational Centre for Eye Research that focus on translational eye research as it strives to further the knowledge of vision in such a way that it can be readily applied to the patient.

L.V. Prasad Eye Institute in Hyderabad, India and **AIBILI** in Coimbra, Portugal are the two unique institutions recognized as a C-TRACER by the Champalimaud Foundation.

L.V. Prasad Eye Institute is a comprehensive eye health facility with its main campus located in Hyderabad, India. A World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Prevention of Blindness, the Institute offers comprehensive patient care, sight enhancement and rehabilitation services and high-impact rural eye health programs. It also pursues cutting edge research and offers training in human resources for all levels of ophthalmic personnel.

AIBILI is a Research Technology Organisation in the health market dedicated to help the development of new products for health imaging, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. It is a private non-profit organisation, founded in 1989, established to support technology transfer.