



ATMP Summit: The importance of advanced therapies in today's context

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Instituto Pedro Nunes (IPN),
Coimbra, Portugal



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PROGRAMME

08:30 – Registration

09:00 – Opening Session

Chair:

Ricardo Silva | Senior Scientist of Institute of Experimental and Technological Biology (iBET), Portugal

Speakers:

Cláudia Faria | National Director of EATRIS, Assistant Professor of Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de Lisboa, Consultant Neurosurgeon of ULS Santa Maria, and Researcher of Gulbenkian Institute for Molecular Medicine (GIMM)

Jorge Pimenta | Director of Innovation of Instituto Pedro Nunes (IPN), Portugal

João Sargento Freitas | Head of PtCRIN, Head of CTU, Coimbra Academic and Clinical Center, Portugal

Ricardo Silva | Senior Scientist of Institute of Experimental and Technological Biology (iBET), Portugal

Sílvia Almeida | Chief Scientific Officer of AccelBio, Portugal

Luís Pereira de Almeida | President of the Centre for Innovative Biomedicine and Biotechnology (CiBB), Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology (CNC-UC), and Center of Excellence in Gene Therapy (GeneT), University of Coimbra, Portugal

09:40 – Session 1: ATMP Overview

Chair:

Sara Lopes | Assistant Researcher of the Centre for Innovative Biomedicine and Biotechnology (CiBB), Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology (CNC-UC), and Center of Excellence in Gene Therapy (GeneT), University of Coimbra, Portugal

Speakers:

Luís Pereira de Almeida | President of the Centre for Innovative Biomedicine and Biotechnology (CiBB), Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology (CNC-UC), and Center of Excellence in Gene Therapy (GeneT), University of Coimbra, Portugal

Anton Ussi (Remote) | Operations & Finance Director of EATRIS Coordination and Support Office, The Netherlands

10:30 – Coffee Break & Showcase

11:00 – Session 2: Innovation, Scalability & Manufacturing

Chair:

Liliana Mendonça | Assistant Researcher of the Centre for Innovative Biomedicine and Biotechnology (CiBB), Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology (CNC-UC), and Center of Excellence in Gene Therapy (GeneT), University of Coimbra, Portugal

Speakers:

Rui Jorge Nobre | *From Research to Manufacturing: Engineering Advanced Therapies in Academia*

Operational Manager of ViraVector, Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology, Centre for Innovative Biomedicine and Biotechnology (CNC|CiBB), Director of the Viral Engineering and Production Unit, Gene Therapy Center of Excellence Portugal (GeneT), University of Coimbra, Portugal

Ricardo Silva | *Manufacturing Challenges Across Scales in ATMPs*

Senior Scientist of Institute of Experimental and Technological Biology (iBET), Portugal

Rui Sousa | *Building the Bridge from Lab to Clinic: Process Development, Analytics, and Manufacturing of ATMPs at Stematters*

Chief Executive Officer of Stematters, Portugal

12:30 – Lunch

13:30 – Session 3: Regulation, Clinical Trials & Access

Chair:

João Sargento Freitas | Head of PtCRIN, Head of CTU, Coimbra Academic and Clinical Center, Portugal

Speakers:

Carlos Lima Alves | *ATMP: from regulatory pathways to patient access*

Vice-President of the National Authority of Medicines and Health. Products, I.P. (INFARMED), Portugal

Patrícia Dias | *ATMPs within the landscape of ongoing clinical trials*

Director of Clinical Trials Center (ULS Coimbra), Portugal

Sheila Mikhail (Remote) | Former Chief Executive Officer of AskBio, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer of M34 Inc, United States

Paula Macedo | *Advancing Equitable Patient Access to Therapies*

Vice-President of the Agency for Clinical Research and Biomedical Innovation (AICIB) and Professor of NOVA Medical School, Portugal

15:00 – Coffee Break & Showcase

15:20 – Session 4: Roundtable - The Future of ATMPs: Multistakeholder Perspectives

Chair:

Luís Pereira de Almeida | *President of the Centre for Innovative Biomedicine and Biotechnology (CiBB), Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology (CNC-UC), and Center of Excellence in Gene Therapy (GeneT), University of Coimbra, Portugal*

Participants:

Paula Videira | *Associate Professor of NOVA School of Science and Technology, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Non-Executive Board Member of Valvian, and Co-Founder of CellmAbs, Portugal*

Rui Sousa | *Chief Executive Officer of Stematters, Portugal*

Paula Macedo | *Vice-President of the Agency for Clinical Research and Biomedical Innovation (AICIB) and Professor of NOVA Medical School, Portugal*

Carlos Lima Alves | *Vice-President of the National Authority of Medicines and Health Products, I.P. (INFARMED), Portugal*

Raquel Marques | *President of Associação Sanfilippo Portugal and Financial Director of RD-Portugal*

16:20 - Session 5: Keynote Session

Chair:

Sílvia Almeida | *Chief Scientific Officer of AccelBio, Portugal*

Speakers:

Paula Videira | ***Glycans and Immunotherapy: The Foundation for Success in Advanced Therapies***

Associate Professor of NOVA School of Science and Technology, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Non-Executive Board Member of Valvian, and Co-Founder of CellmAbs, Portugal

Jude Samulski | ***7 Down, 6,993 To Go, Development of AAV Gene Therapy Drugs in 2025 (Remote)***

Principal Investigator, ERA CHAIR of GCure project at University of Coimbra, Former Chief Executive Officer of AskBio, Co-Founder & Chief Scientific Officer of M34 Inc, United States

17:30 – Showcase & Networking (Meet companies and enjoy light snacks)

