



Universidade do Minho

5th UMinho_INT International Lab Staff Week University of Minho, Braga – Portugal | 14 to 18 September 2026

Monday (15/09)

Location	Institute of Science And Innovation for Bio-Sustainability / IB_S - Building 18
	Auditorium – 5 Floor
14:00	Registration of participants
14:30	Formal Welcome by the Pro-Rector for Vice-Rector for International Cooperation, Sandra Fernandes and the Director of the International Relations Office, Natália Antunes “A snapshot of UMinho and its internationalization strategy” Formal Welcome by the President of School of Sciences of the University of Minho ECUM, José Manuel Meijome
15:15	Presentation of Participants and Partner Institutions
15:45	Musical Moment
16:15	Multicultural Coffee Break with Portuguese traditional sweets and delicacies brought by Participants

Tuesday (16/09)

Location	Institute of Science And Innovation for Bio-Sustainability/IB_S - Building 18 Auditorium 5 F
10:30	“Best Laboratory Practices” - Management and organization of laboratories , by Cristina Ribeiro, Department of Biology – UMinho
10:45	Presentation of Partner Universities
11:15	Break Time
11:35	Presentation of Partner Universities
12:30	Discussion/ Gathering Knowledge
Location	Grill – Building 11
13:00	Lunch
Location	Institute of Science And Innovation for Bio-Sustainability/IB_S - Building 18 Auditorium – 5 Floor
	Lab Topics:
14:30	“Green Lab s: how to reduce impact, increase resilience, and gain efficiency with AI, Compliance, and People-Driven Sustainability” , by Filipa Marques, ISQ
15:15	“AI in the Laboratory: Efficiency and Quality gains” , by Sílvia Domingues, ISQ
15:50	“AI in LabWay: From intelligent assistant to autonomous laboratory” , to be defined
16:30	“Circular Economy in a Laboratory Context” , to be defined





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Wednesday (17/09)

Location **Institute of Science And Innovation for Bio-Sustainability/IB_S - Building 18**
Auditorium – 5 Floor

- 09:30 **Workshop: Laboratory Sustainability - Make your lab more sustainable!** by Cristina Ribeiro, Department of Biology – UMinho
- 10:00 **Workshop: Laboratory Management Platform** by Cristina Ribeiro, Coordinator of the Erasmus Project EASY GOV, Department of Biology - UMinho
- 10:20 **Workshop: From the Laboratory to Intelligent Automation - The Role of AI Agents in Scientific Research**, by Cristina Ribeiro, Department of Biology – UMinho
- 10:45 Discussion/ Gathering Knowledge
- 11:15 Break Time
- 11:45 Visit to the analytical laboratories of the Institute of Science and Innovation for Bio-Sustainability

Location **Grill – Building 11**

12:45 Lunch

Location **Institute of Science And Innovation for Bio-Sustainability/IB_S - Building 18**
Auditorium – 5 Floor

- 14:00 Welcome by the Director of the Centre of Molecular and Environmental Biology (CBMA), Cláudia Pascoal
- Research Topics in CBMA:
- 14:15 **"Uninvited guests: marine plastic debris as a vector for nuisance species in Portugal"**, by Sofia Duarte, CBMA UMinho
- 14:35 **"Decoding the Invisible: Microorganisms, Genomes, and Biotechnology"**, by Ricardo Duarte, CBMA UMinho
- 15:05 **"Freshwater ecosystems under pressure: biodiversity, pollutants, and climate-driven stressors"** by Sara Rodrigues, CBMA UMinho
- 15:35 **"Towards Antibiotic-Free Waters: Advanced Polymeric Membranes for Water Remediation"**, by Joana Marina Queirós, CBMA UMinho
- 16:30 Tour to Bom Jesus do Monte and Sameiro - Braga
- 20:00 Networking Dinner





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Thursday (18/09)

Location Institute of Science And Innovation for Bio-Sustainability/IB_S - Building 18

Auditorium – 5 Floor

- 10:00 "Biodegradability in a Laboratory Environment", by Mafalda Aguiar, Tecnilab
- 10:30 "Samples resolved by FTIR Microscopy", by Miguel Portela, ILC
- 11:00 "Biolog: Transforming Microbial Identification and Cell Analysis", by Jorge Ávidos, Palex
- 11:20 Break Time
- 11:50 "Thunder Fluorescence Microscopy - Practical applications", by Carolina Crespo, Leica
- 12:20 "Lab waters: Which is best suited for each user?", by Miguel Queirós, MerckGroup

Location Grill – Building 11

- 12:45 Lunch

Location Institute of Science And Innovation for Bio-Sustainability/IB_S - Building 18

Auditorium – 5 Floor

- 14:30 Visit to the analytical laboratories of the Centre of Molecular and Environmental Biology

Friday (18/09)

Location Institute of Science And Innovation for Bio-Sustainability/IB_S - Building 18

Auditorium – 5 Floor

- 10:00 Closing Conference: "Building a culture of Biosafety and Biosecurity in laboratories", by Rita Cordeiro, Instituto Nacional de Saúde Doutor Ricardo Jorge (INSA)
- 10:30 Discussion/ Gathering Knowledge
- 12:00 Handover of certificates

