



Biodiv Annual Meeting 2023

“Reinventing Science, for yourself and others”

Frequently Asked Questions

What is this and what is this for?

A meeting between the BIODIV PhD students from the Universities of Porto and Lisbon to promote the exchange of scientific ideas and foster social and academic connections within the doctoral programme.

When?

From the 26th to the 28th of April, 2023 (Wednesday to Friday).

Where?

At the **Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon (FCUL)**.

Address:

Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa
Campo Grande
1749-016 Lisboa
Portugal

More information on how to get there: <https://ciencias.ulisboa.pt/en/campus-faculty-sciences#toc2>

For whom?

For BIODIV Doctoral Programme PhD students.

What is going to happen exactly?

The preliminary program is available on our website: <https://www.biodiv.pt/en/phd-programme/annual-meeting-2023/>

What is the official language of the meeting?

Even though we wish to promote diversity and intercultural dialogue, as always, we will conduct our meeting in **English**. Therefore, all abstract submissions and presentations should be prepared in this language.

What kind of activities will happen during the event?

All activities are mentioned in the schedule of the preliminary programme, but we wish to detail some of the most relevant to you:

1. **Plenary talks:** This year, the two plenary talks will be focused on the motto of our meeting, “*Reinventing Science, for yourself and others*”. We have invited two speakers that will tell us about their work and career paths, focusing on two main topics: one discussing important career changes during our professional path and another on how to bridge the gap between Science and Society. We hope these talks will help you to reflect on your own scientific and professional interests and how you can use them to help approximate researchers and the public.
2. **BIODIV student talks:** One of the main goals of the Annual Meeting is to foster the exchange of ideas and knowledge with each other. As such, talks by the students will be one of the main aspects of our programme! We will have both **Full talks** and **Flash talks** (see below for details). We welcome you to take this opportunity to present your PhD project to the BIODIV community. You can discuss your research plan, current results, future directions, etc. Submissions *are not* restricted to the motto of the meeting!
3. **Workshop:** within the scope of this year’s motto, we will have a workshop organised by the Psychological Support Office of FCUL (GAPsi) on professional decisions about your path after the conclusion of the PhD and on how to prepare for job interviews in this context.
4. **Social activities:** This is the 4th BIODIV Annual Meeting, but only the second to be held in person, and the first one in Lisbon! As such, and after almost two years of lockdowns and restrictions, we want to make sure you will have plenty of opportunities to hang out with your PhD colleagues, get to know each other, and foster new and meaningful connections. Social events will include an informal welcome reception, ice-breaking activities, a group dinner, and an outdoor experience

How can I register and how should I submit my abstract?

Registrations for the Meeting are now closed.

Until **March 17th**, follow [this link](#), for **late abstract submission**. We are only accepting submissions for **Flash talks from those who are already registered** at the meeting (see below).

What can I present?

There are two possible types of communication:

1. Oral communication of 10 min, with 5 min discussion immediately after (**Full talk**)
2. Short oral communication of 5 min, with 10 min of discussion with all speakers at the end of the panel (**Flash talk**)

Both types of oral communication are limited and will be selected by the Scientific Committee. Priority will be given to 3rd and 4th -year students.

If you submit a Full talk and your abstract is not selected, you may be invited to present a Flash talk instead.

Does my submission have to be under the motto of the meeting?

No! While we are preparing several activities focused on topics such as science communication, citizen science, or career goals and paths, students' submissions do not have to focus on these themes! We want to hear about what you have been doing during your PhD, your project, results, struggles, prospects, etc.!

When will I know if my oral communication was accepted?

We plan to let you know if you were selected by **April 3rd**.

Should I deliver my oral communication PowerPoint in advance?

Yes, please deliver your presentation's PowerPoint in advance to the organisation. Please send us your presentation through **email, until April 25th 2023**, to biodivannualmeeting@gmail.com.

Alternatively, we will be collecting presentations at the welcome event (**Wednesday, April 26th**). If you wish to deliver your file **in person**, please bring it in a pen drive USB.

Which costs are covered by the Doctoral Programme?

If you're from **Porto**, costs with **transportation** (by bus or train) between Porto and Lisbon (on April 26th and April 28th) will be covered. **Accommodation** in a Hostel between April 26th and 28th will be covered for participating students. If you decide on transportation and accommodation options other than those provided by the Doctoral Programme, expenses will not be covered. Please note that the costs with public transportation (metro, bus, etc.) within Lisbon are not covered.

For **all participants** (from both Porto and Lisbon), **meals** (coffee breaks and lunches on April 27th and April 28th) and **social events** (welcome reception, social dinner, and outdoor activity) are also covered.

Which meals are included?

Besides coffee breaks, there are three main meals included in this meeting:

- Lunch on April 27th (FCUL's canteen)
- Social Dinner on April 27th (location to be announced)
- Lunch on April 28th (FCUL's canteen).

Meals will include options compatible with vegetarian and vegan dietary preferences. If you have any food restrictions (lactose intolerance, celiac disease, or any other intolerances or diseases), please let us know in the registration form.

Where will I stay during the meeting?

All students from Porto that register for accommodation will stay in a hostel in the heart of Lisbon: WOT New Lisbon hostel (<https://www.wotelshub.com/newlisbon/>).

The hostel will request a caution fee (20 euros per person), during check-in. This caution will be reimbursed after the stay and is **not covered** by the BIODIV Programme.

Breakfast is included in the reservation price. We will have 5 dorms assigned for BIODIV students, and each student will have a bed in one of the dorms. It also includes access to a bathroom (shared or private for each dorm).

The hostel doesn't provide free bath towels. You can take one with you or hire one in the hostel's reception (for 2 euros).

The Hostel is well connected to the meeting venue by metro and/or bus (about 30 to 40 minutes travel distance).

What will happen on the group activity of the last day?

On this day, we will organise an outdoor activity (hopefully, the weather will be our friend!) that also falls within the scope of our motto. We will have a short presentation about the Biodiversity4All citizen science project (<https://www.biodiversity4all.org/>), followed by a "field activity" where we will actively contribute to this project. More details will be announced in due time.

I still have questions! How can I contact you?

Feel free to contact us at biodivannualmeeting@gmail.com.