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### **OVERVIEW**

I am a mother of 4 sons; in parallel, I have pursued full-time University scientific and teaching careers.

I am a Full Professor of Molecular Biology at the University of Lisboa (Dept. Chemistry & Biochemistry) and former Director of BioISI- Biosystems & Integrative Sciences Institute and Director of FCT-funded PhD programme BioSys - Biological Systems: Functional and Integrative Genomics (PD/65/2012).

Research in my lab focusses on the molecular and cellular mechanisms of the genetic disease Cystic Fibrosis (CF) and on translating this knowledge into the benefit of patients. To understand CF mechanisms globally we use transcriptomics, proteomics, and functional genomics (functional siRNA screens). Our results translate into the clinic for better CF diagnosis, prognosis, and personalized therapies.

I have authored 194 peer-reviewed papers and 7 book chapters (70% of publications in top citation percentiles). I edited 3 books and 2 special journal issues. My publications have been cited 7,380 (Scopus) and 11,041 (Google Scholar) times. H-index: 46 (Scopus); 56 (Google Scholar). Scopus ID: [7006683774](https://orcid.org/0000-0002-0828-8630) | ORCID ID: [0000-0002-0828-8630](https://orcid.org/0000-0002-0828-8630). I am a Highly Cited Researcher since 2020 (Mendeley, University of Stanford) and #2 in Portugal for Cell Biology (Research.com).

I am a member of EMBO-European Molecular Biology Organization and the EMBO Scientific Delegate for Portugal. I am also a member of the Portuguese Academy of Sciences. I received multiple awards, among which the Pfizer Award for Basic Biomedical Research, the Annual Award of European Cystic Fibrosis Society.

I have directly supervised/co-supervised 23 successfully completed PhD students (+6 ongoing); 20 post-doctoral fellows; more than 25 junior students (BSc+MSc); and I mentor 4 ongoing junior PIs.

I participated in 44 grants (+5 ongoing), 40 of which as (Co-)Principal Investigator, amounting to ~7M€. Nine of these were large multi-centre EU grants, of which I coordinated one (TargetScreen2) and Co-coordinated of another (EuroCareCF).

Teaching duties since 11 April 1983 in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisboa, consisted of 6-9 hours per week on average.

Other activities include: Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) member of "Emily Entourage" Foundation; SAB member of Fair Therapeutics Foundation; member of ECFS Nasal Cells Working Group. Formerly, I was member of the Board of ECFS-European Cystic Fibrosis Society, and of SAB of CF Trust (UK) and Mukoviszidose e.V (German CF Foundation), Associate Editor of Journal Cystic Fibrosis (Elsevier), and editor of Scientific Reports (Nature group) and Coordinator of the ECFS Basic Science Working Group.

I have registered 4 patents and I regularly develop business consulting activities with industry (BioMarin; Vertex; Facilitate; Gilead; LEK; Reuters; Novartis, Proteostasis, TranslateBio, AlgiPharma, etc).

I gave 247 invited international talks (+74 national), including the opening plenary of North-American CF Conference (2007) and 4 opening plenaries at ECFS Conferences (2004, 2008, 2013, 2016), 1 Gordon Conference and 6 EMBO Courses/workshops. I organized for 10 years the ECFS-Basic Science Conferences and 8 international training workshops for young researchers in the CF field. In total, I organized 26 international conferences, being President of the 2013 ECFS-European CF Society Conference.

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## 1. ACADEMIC/SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND

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| Jul 2006 | "Habilitation" ("Agregação") to the title of " <b>Professor Agregado</b> ", Area of <b>Biochemistry</b> , Univ Lisboa, Portugal. Unanimously Approved. Course proposal: " <i>Human Molecular Biology from a Systems Biology Perspective</i> ".                                                                      |
| 1993     | PhD in <b>Biochemistry/Molecular Genetics</b> , Univ Lisboa, Portugal & Gulbenkian Institute of Science (Oeiras, Portugal). Supervisor: Prof Claudina Rodrigues-Pousada. Final mark: <i>summa cum laude</i> . Thesis: " <i>Stress Proteins: Induction and Regulation in Tetrahymena pyriformis</i> ".               |
| 1986     | MSc (equiv) in <b>Biochemistry</b> , Univ Lisboa, Portugal & Gulbenkian Institute of Science (Oeiras, Portugal). Supervisor: Prof Claudina Rodrigues-Pousada. Final mark: <i>summa cum laude</i> . Thesis: " <i>The Response of the Protozoan Tetrahymena pyriformis to a Stress Agent: Sodium Meta-Arsenite</i> ". |
| 1982     | BSc in <b>Chemistry/Biochemistry</b> , Univ Lisboa Portugal. Work carried out as undergraduate research student at the Faculty of Medical Sciences, New University of Lisboa, Portugal. Final mark: 17/20. Thesis: " <i>Lipid Content of Liver and Blood Plasma of Hepatomized Rats</i> ".                          |

## 2. POSITIONS/TRAINING

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| <b>2023-</b>     | Group Leader of <b>CF Research Lab</b> of BiolSI.                                                                                                              |
| <b>Jul 2013-</b> | <b>Full Professor of Biochemistry/ Molecular Biology</b> . Dept of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisboa.                        |
| <b>2015-22</b>   | <b>Director of BiolSI- Biosystems &amp; Integrative Sciences Institute</b> (evaluated in 2015: 24/25)                                                          |
| <b>2006/2013</b> | <b>Assistant Professor with "Habilitation"</b> (Biochemistry/ Molecular Biology), Dept of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisboa. |
| <b>1993/2006</b> | <b>Assistant Professor</b> , Faculty Sciences, Univ Lisboa, Portugal (tenure: 1998).                                                                           |

- Invited Researcher** at the Centre Human Genetics, National Institute of Health
- 1986/1993** **Teaching Assistant**, Dept. Chemistry & Biochemistry, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisboa.  
**PhD student** at IGC - Gulbenkian Institute of Science, Oeiras, Portugal.
- 1983/1986** **Trainee Teaching Assistant**, Dept. Chem & Biochemistry, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisboa.  
**Graduate student** at IGC - Gulbenkian Institute of Science, Oeiras, Portugal.

#### **Other Positions**

- 2024/25** **Visting Professor** (6 weeks/yr) at the University of Shanghai, China (ULisboa SHU School).
- 2023/24** **Visting Professor** (6 weeks/yr) at the University of Shanghai, China (ULisboa SHU School).
- 2016** **Visiting researcher at EMBL**-European Molecular Biology Laboratory (Heidelberg, Germany) at the Pepperkok group.
- 2015** **Founding member of Research Centre BioISI** – Biosystems & Integrative Sciences Institute, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisboa (Portugal) and head of Cystic Fibrosis Research lab.
- 2014-** **Member of the Portuguese Academy of Sciences** (Section of Sciences).
- Nov 2012/15** **Visiting Researcher at Faculty of Medical Sciences of UniCamp**-University of Campinas (SP, Brazil) – CAPES programme "Science without Borders".
- 2012/2015** **Director of the Research Centre BioFiG**-Centre for Biodiversity, Functional and Integrative Genomics.
- 2010/2011** **Vice-President** of Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisboa.
- 2008-2010** **Visiting researcher at EMBL**-European Molecular Biology Laboratory (Heidelberg, Germany) at the Pepperkok group to coordinate EU project TargetScreen2.
- 2007** **Founding member of Research Centre BioFiG**- Centre for Biodiversity, Functional and Integrative Genomics, University of Lisboa (Portugal) and head of Membrane Protein Disorders Unit.
- 2006/2011** **Coordinator of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Unit**, Centre of Human Genetics of the National Institute of Health Ricardo Jorge, Lisboa (Portugal)
- 2000** **Visiting researcher (sabbatical leave)** at Northwestern University (IL, USA).

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### **3. PRIZES AND HONOURS**

#### **Prizes**

- 2023** Most productive scientist of the Faculty of Sciences University of Lisboa in the scientific area of Chemistry & Biochemistry.
- 2022** Most productive scientist of the University of Lisboa in the scientific area of Biology, Bioengineering, Biochemistry & Biotechnology, ULisboa-CGD Award.
- 2019** John Riordan & Paul Quinton Award for CF Research, given by Bob Emmelkamp Association of parents and friends of people with Cystic Fibrosis (USA).
- 2019** Thomé Villar / Boehringer Ingelheim 2019 Award, from Portuguese Pneumology Society.
- 2016** Second most productive scientist in the scientific area of Biology, Bioengineering, Biochemistry & Biotechnology of the University of Lisboa, ULisboa-CGD Award.
- 2013** Pfizer Award for Basic Biomedical Research.
- 2010** Annual Award of European Cystic Fibrosis Society (jointly with DN Sheppard, Bristol, UK).

## Honours

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| 2024      | Co-Editor of "Hodson & Geddes' Cystic Fibrosis", CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group. Chief editor: A Bush.                                                       |
| 2022-     | Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) member of "Emily Entourage" Foundation (USA).                                                                                   |
| 2022-     | SAB member of Fair Therapeutics Foundation (The Netherlands).                                                                                                   |
| 2017      | Editor of Scientific Reports (Nature Group)                                                                                                                     |
| 2014      | Elected EMBO member.                                                                                                                                            |
| 2014      | Elected member of the Portuguese Academy of Sciences.                                                                                                           |
| 2012/19   | Member of the Board ECFS - European Society of Cystic Fibrosis.                                                                                                 |
| 2011      | Editor (with K Kunzelmann) of " <i>Cystic Fibrosis Protocols and Diagnosis</i> ", Humana Press. Series: Methods in Molecular Biology Series; 2 Vols: 741 & 742. |
| 2011      | Member of the Science Award Committee of Fundação Pulido Valente.                                                                                               |
| 2010-2011 | Member of the Research Advisory Board of Mukoviszidose Institut-the Cystic Fibrosis Patients Association (Germany).                                             |
| 2008-2017 | Associate Editor of Journal of Cystic Fibrosis (Elsevier).                                                                                                      |
| 2007-2010 | Member of the Award Committee of EMBO/FEBS Women in Science.                                                                                                    |
| 2006-2009 | Member of Research Advisory Board of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust (UK).                                                                                            |
| 2004      | Chief-editor of a special supplement of <i>Journal of Cystic Fibrosis</i> .                                                                                     |

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## 4. RESEARCH INTERESTS

My lab studies human disease mechanisms associated with membrane proteins, namely those related to the genetic disease Cystic Fibrosis (CF). Thus, the major focus is on the molecular and cellular mechanisms of biogenesis, traffic, and degradation of normal and mutant protein CFTR (CF transmembrane Conductance Regulator), which when mutated causes CF. Other studies include the epithelial Na<sup>+</sup> channel ENaC and anoctamins to identify novel genes and small-molecules that regulate these membrane proteins. Most of our research aims to understand the molecular mechanisms that prevent mutant CFTR with F508del (the most frequent mutation found in CF patients) from reaching the cell surface. By understanding these mechanisms that retain F508del-CFTR at the endoplasmic reticulum (ER), we aim to design therapeutic strategies to restore its normal activity as a Cl<sup>-</sup> channel at the cell surface, with substantial benefit for CF patients. We thus carry out drug development programmes to identify novel CFTR modulators.

To understand CF pathophysiology mechanisms in a global way, we use systems approaches based on transcriptomics, proteomics, and functional genomics (functional siRNA screens). In collaboration with nanoelectronics centres, we developed novel chips for CF diagnosis.

Our research is also focussed on the characterization of other CFTR gene mutations, namely those: 1) affecting processing of mRNA (splicing and nonsense-mediated decay); 2) with intracellular trafficking defects.

We confirm all basic cellular mechanisms in **native tissues** (collected from CF patients) with the final goal of translating knowledge and results from the basic science into the clinical practice, for better CF diagnosis, prognosis, and personalized therapies.

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## 5. PUBLICATIONS

### Articles in International Peer-Reviewed Journals

[\*corresponding author]

1. Railean V\*, Rodrigues CS\*, Pankonien I, Ramalho SS, Silva IAL, Doušová T, Castanhinha S, Azevedo P, Roda J, Farinha CM<sup>&</sup>, Amaral MD<sup>&</sup> (2025) Personalized Medicine in Cystic Fibrosis: Characterization of Eight Rare CFTR Variants in Intestinal Organoids and Cellular Models. *Mol Diagn Ther*. Accepted for publication. [\*.&Equal contributions]. IF **4.4**
2. Amaral MD & Pankonien (2025) Cystic Fibrosis as a Paradigmatic Disease in Bringing Science to the Bedside. *FEBS Lett*. Epub Jun 26. [PMID: [40571992](#)]. DOI: [10.1002/1873-3468.70101](#). IF **3.5**

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8. Azevedo MF, Zeitune DC, Farias RL, Junior ENC, Bacalhau M, **Amaral MD**, Lopes-Pacheco M, Buarque C\* (2025) Direct access of 4-acyl-1,2,3-triazoles from acetophenones: A synthetic shortcut for novel p.Phe508del-CFTR traffic correctors. *J Mol Struct*. ePub. DOI: [10.1016/j.molstruc.2024.139897](#). IF **4.00**
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## **7. GRANTS**

### **Ongoing**

- 2025/28** FFC-Italian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. *INSIGHT-CF: Mechanistic Insights into the Differentiation of CF Epithelia: a Path to Balance its Regeneration Defect*. Budget: 200K€; 3 yrs. PI: MD Amaral.
- 2024/27** European Union (HORIZON-MSCA-2022-DN-01-01-101120108). *ORGESTRA-Organoid technologies for disease modeling, drug discovery and development for rare diseases*. Doctoral Network (DN). Total budget: 3.5M€ / FCID: 487K€; 4 yrs. PI: R Masereeuw, Utrecht University (Netherlands). PI FCUL: MD Amaral.

- 2025/27** Fundació Respiralia. *TestMed - Study of the Efficacy of New Drugs in Organoids to Predict Personalized Treatments for Cystic Fibrosis*. Budget: 50 K€; 2 yr. PI: MD Amaral.
- 2024/27** CF Trust Strategic Research Centre Award (Ref. SRC 026) "*PTSuppress – Novel lead compounds as potential suppressor drugs for CFTR PTC mutations*". Total budget: 800K€. FCUL Budget: 240K€; 4 yrs. PI: M Gray, Newcastle (UK). PI for the FCUL group: MD Amaral.
- Previous**
- 2018/25** European Union (H2020-SC1-2017-755021). *HIT-CF – Personalised Treatment For Cystic Fibrosis Patients With Ultra-rare CFTR Mutations (and beyond)*. Total budget: 6.7M€ / FCID: 257K€; 5 yrs. PI: K van der Ent, University Medical Centre Utrecht (Netherlands). PI FCUL: MD Amaral.
- 2022/24** FCT-2022.03453.PTDC "*NewKinCF: Desvendando o mecanismo de ação de uma nova cinase reguladora do tráfego e atividade da proteína F508del-CFTR*". PI: H Botelho. Budget: 50 K€
- 2023/24** Emily Entourage. "*CF-Splice: ASO based strategy to correct a population specific CFTR splicing variant*". PI: L Clarke. Budget:
- 2021/23** ANFQ-Associação Nacional de Fibrose Quística. "*TestMed - Study of the Efficacy of New Drugs in Organoids to Predict Personalized Treatments for Cystic Fibrosis*". Budget: 10 K€; 1 yr. PI: MD Amaral.
- 2020/21** CFF Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, USA (Ref. FARINH19I0) "*DysMut2 – Characterization of Dysfunctional Mechanisms in Class II Mutations*". Budget: 108K\$; 1 yr. PI: CM Farinha; co-PI: MD Amaral.
- 2019/21** Gilead Sciences (Research Scholars Program in Cystic Fibrosis) *Rep2CFTR: Repurposing FDA-Approved Drugs for Class II Rare CFTR Mutants*. Budget: 130K\$; 2 yrs. PI: M Lopes-Pacheco (Mentored by MD Amaral).
- 2018/22** CF Trust Strategic Research Centre Award (Ref. SRC 013) "*Personalised Therapies for all: Restoring airway function in CF using Alternative Chloride Channels*". Total budget: 750K€. FCUL Budget: 244K€; 4 yrs. PI: M Gray, Newcastle (UK). PI for the FCUL group: MD Amaral.
- 2020/21** CFF Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, USA (Ref. AMARAL19G0) "*PTSense: – Novel Compounds as Potential Drugs for CFTR PTC Mutations*". Budget: 151K\$; 1 yr. PI: MD Amaral.
- 2019** Vertex Pharmaceuticals (Donation grant). *Identification of Portuguese patients with Cystic Fibrosis by Complete CFTR Gene Mutation Genotyping and Rectal Biopsy Analyses*. Budget: 52K€; 1 yr. PI: MD Amaral
- 2018/21** FCT (PTDC/MED-QUI/28800/2017) "*iDrugCF - Identification of New Drugs for Cystic Fibrosis*". Budget: 240K€; 3 yrs. PI: MD Amaral.
- 2016** FCT/POCTI (PTDC/BIM-MEC/2131/2014) "*DIFFTARGET-Novel Factors of CFTR Traffic Related to Epithelial Cell Differentiation: Potential Therapeutic Targets for Cystic Fibrosis*". Budget: 200K€; 3 yrs. PI: MD Amaral.
- 2016/19** FCT/POCTI (PTDC/QEQ-SUP/4283/2014) "*FARMTRANSANION-Anion transmembrane transport promoted by drug-like molecules: building a library of anion carriers inspired in Ataluren (PTC124)*". Budget: 200K€; 3 yrs. PI: V Félix.
- 2016/19** FCT/POCTI (PTDC/EEI-ESS/4923/2014) "*MIMED - Mining the Molecular Metric Space for Drug Design*". Budget: 127K€; 3 yrs. PI: A Falcão
- 2016/18** CFF Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, USA (Ref. AMARAL15XX1) "*RNA LIFE – Novel RNA Regulators as Potential Drug Targets for Cystic Fibrosis*". Budget: 324K\$; 2 yrs. PI: MD Amaral.
- 2015/19** ERARE15-pp-010/JTC 2015 "*INSTINCT - Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells for Identification of Novel Drug Combinations Targeting Cystic Fibrosis Lung and Liver Disease*". Total budget: 1.24 M€; 124K€ (FFCUL); 3 yrs. Principal Investigator (U Martin, Univ. Hannover, Germany). FCUL PI: MD Amaral.
- 2016/18** CFF Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, USA (Ref. AMARAL16I0) "*Characterization of Orphan CFTR mutations*". Budget: 108K\$; 2 yrs. PI: MD Amaral.
- 2016** Gilead GÉNESE Programme (Ref PGG/008/2015) "*Predicting Clinical Drug Efficacy of CFTR Protein Modulators Using Intestinal Organoids and Nasal Cells from Patients with Cystic Fibrosis*". 30K€; 1 yr. Principal Investigator: MD Amaral.



- 2016** Vertex Pharmaceuticals (Donation grant). *Complete CFTR gene mutation analysis in Portuguese patients with Cystic Fibrosis*. Budget: 20K€; 1 yr. PI: MD Amaral
- 2015/17** CFF Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, USA (Ref. AMARAL15XX0) "*CFTR mRNA Stability Studies for PTC Mutations*". Budget: 222K\$; 2 yrs. PI: MD Amaral.
- 2015/18** FAPESP- Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo, Brazil (Ref) "Drugs Efficacy Evaluation – Corrector VX-809 and Potentiator VX-770 – on CFTR (Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane conductance Regulator) Protein Function in Primary Respiratory and Intestinal Epithelial Cells from Patients with Cystic Fibrosis". Budget: 200 K BRL. 3 yrs. PI: AF Ribeiro.
- 2014/19** CF Trust Strategic Research Centre Award (Ref. SRC 003) "*INOVCF- Innovative non-CFTR Approaches for Cystic Fibrosis Therapies*". Total budget: 750K£. FCUL Budget: 178.4K€; 4 yrs. PI: M Gray, Newcastle (UK). PI for the FCUL group: MD Amaral.
- 2012/15** FCT/POCTI (PTDC/SAU-GMG/122299/2010) "*Characterization of ER-Quality Control for the F508del-CFTR Protein: Potential Therapeutic Targets for Cystic Fibrosis*". 170K€; 3 yrs. Principal Investigator: MD Amaral.
- 2010/14** COST (EU) BM1003. "*Microbial Cell Surface Determinants of Virulence as Targets for New Therapeutics in CF*". Coordinator: A Molinaro, Università di Napoli, Italy. 350K€; 4 yrs.
- 2014** Gilead GÉNESE Programme (Ref MED-2013-250) "*Diagnosis, Prognosis and Personalized Treatment of Cystic Fibrosis*". 20K€, 1 yr. PI: MD Amaral.
- 2013** Gilead GÉNESE Programme (Ref MED-2012-022) "*Incidence of CFTR mutations in Individuals with Chronic Respiratory Diseases and their Effect in Disease Expression*". 20K€, 1 yr. Principal Investigators: AS Ramalho/ MD Amaral.
- 2012/15** Science Without Borders Programme - 'Ciência Sem Fronteiras' (Ref CAPES- 053/2012) "Diagnosis, Prognosis and Treatment of Cystic Fibrosis". Special Visiting Researcher at UniCamp, University of Campinas (SP, Brazil) 20K + 1 post-doc fellowship + 1 PhD student PI: MD Amaral / Co-PI: Carmen Bertuzzo (UniCamp, Campinas, SP Brazil).
- 2011/13** CFF-Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, USA (Ref: 7207534) *Identification of Novel Targets Rescuing of F508del-CFTR Traffic: Mechanism of Action*. 228US K\$, 2 yrs. Principal Investigator: MD Amaral.
- 2009/12** FCT (PIC/IC/83103/2007) *Diagnosis, Prognosis and Treatment of Cystic Fibrosis*. 170K€; 3 yrs. PI: MD Amaral.
- 2007/11** European Union (FP6-2005-LH-7-037365). *TargetScreen2 - Novel post-genomics cell-based screens for drug targeting in membrane protein disorders*. Budget: 3.7 M€; 4 yrs. Scientific Coordinator: MD Amaral.
- 2006/10** European Union (FP6-2004-LSH-018932). *EuroCareCF – European Coordination Action for Research in Cystic Fibrosis*. 89.7K€; 3 yrs. Coordinator: David Sheppard, University of Bristol, Bristol (UK). Vice-Coordinator and PI for Coordination of Basic Research: MD Amaral.
- 2005/08** European Union (FP6-2004-IST-NMP-2-016833). *SNiP2CHIP – Development of a complete integrated SNP analysis system*. 195.4K€; 3 yrs. Coordinator: Paul Galvin, Tyndall National Institute, Cork (Ireland). PI for the FCUL group: MD Amaral.
- 2005/08** European Union (FP6-2003-LSH-512044). *NEUPROCF – Development of New Technologies for Low Abundance Proteomics: Application to Cystic Fibrosis*. 15K€; 3 yrs. Coordinator: Aleksander Edelman, Faculté de Médecine Necker – Enfants Malades, Paris (France). PI for the FCUL group: MD Amaral.
- 2005/08** BBSRC - Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, UK (BB/C517517/1). *Use of Human-Murine CFTR Chimeras to Investigate the Coupling of Permeation and Gating in the CFTR Chloride Channel*. 10K€; 3 yrs. Principal Investigator: David Sheppard, University of Bristol, Bristol (UK). PI for the FCUL group: MD Amaral.
- 2005/08** FCT /POCTI (SAU/MMO/58425/2004). *CFTR Interactome*. 95K€; 3 yrs. Principal Investigator: MD Amaral.
- 2005/08** FCT /POCTI (BIA-BCM/56609/2004). *Caenorhabditis elegans as a model to study folding of CFTR protein*. 95K€; 3 yrs. Principal Investigator: MD Amaral.
- 2005/07** FCT. *Aquisition of a small physiology unit*. Project approved by the *National Programme for Scientific Re-equipament*. 132K€. Principal Investigator: MD Amaral.

- 2003/06** FCT /POCTI (MGI/47382/2002) *Folding, Processing and Function of Normal and Mutant Cystic Fibrosis Transmembranar Conductance Regulator: Structural Implications*. 87K€; 3 yrs. Principal Investigator: MD Amaral.
- 2002/05** European Union (FP5-QLRT-2000-0182). *CF-Chip – Novel Genechip Technology for Early Detection of Cystic Fibrosis*. Budget: 147.6K€; 3 yrs. Coordinator: Paul Galvin, National Microelectronics Research Centre (NMRC), "Lee Maltings", University College, Cork (Ireland). PI for the FCUL group: MD Amaral.
- 2000/04** European Union (FP5-QLK-1999-00241, Concerted Action). *CF Network – Thematic Network around Cystic Fibrosis and Related Diseases*. 236.4K€; 4 yrs. Coordinator: Jean-Jacques Cassiman, University of Leuven (Belgium). PI for FCUL: MD Amaral.
- 2001/04** FCT/POCTI (MGI/35737/1999). *Biogenesis & Function of CFTR Protein with Different Mutations: Molecular Basis for Clinical and Therapeutic of Cystic Fibrosis?* 85K€; 3 yrs. PI: MD Amaral; Co-PI: D Penque (INSA).
- 2002/05** POCTI (MGI/40878/2001). *In search of New Molecular Targets for the Development of Novel Therapeutic Strategies for Cystic Fibrosis*. 60K€; 2 yrs. PI: D Penque (INSA); Co-PI: MD Amaral.
- 1997/00** FCT/ PraxisXXI (PSAU/P/SAU/55/96). *Cystic Fibrosis - Traffic and Cellular Function of CFTR*. 55K€; 3 yrs. PI: MD Amaral.
- 1995/97** JNICT (PBIC/C/BIA/2060/95). *Expression Studies of CFTR Gene*. 37.4K€; 3 yrs. PI: D Penque (INSA). Team member.
- 1995/97** JNICT/ French Embassy (049 C0). *Immortalization of Epithelial Cells in Portuguese Cystic Fibrosis Patients: Models to Study CFTR Gene Expression*. 1K€; 1yr. PI: MD Amaral.
- 1993/95** JNICT (PBIC/C/SAU/1587/92). *Molecular Biology of Cystic Fibrosis in the Portuguese Population: Epidemiology, Anthropogenetics and Physiopathology*. 75K€; 3 yrs. PI: J. Lavinha (INSA). Team member.

## 8. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching duties since 11 April 1983 in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisboa, consisted of **6-9 hours per week on average**, with the following exceptions:

- **1989/90 and 1990/91** – Two years of exemption from teaching duties for completion of PhD work (although still teaching during these 2 academic years, 8 hours per week of practical classes in Genetics, Virology and Immunology were still delivered in the first semester).
- **1994/95** – One year of exemption from teaching duties for postdoctoral work (not having benefited from the three years provided by law for completion of the PhD).
- **1998/99** – One semester of exemption from teaching duties due to teaching overload in the previous three years.
- **2000/01** – One year sabbatical leave (under Article 77(1) of Law no. 448/79 of 13 November, ECDU). Visiting Professor at Department of Molecular Biosciences, Northwestern University (IL, USA), in a collaboration with Richard I Morimoto.
- **2008/09** – One year sabbatical leave (under Article 77(1) of Law no. 448/79 of 13 November, ECDU). to coordinate the EU project *TargetScreen* as visiting researcher at EMBL-European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Heidelberg, Germany, in a collaboration with Rainer Pepperkok.
- **2009/11** – One year of special leave (under Article 77(4) of Law no. 19/80 of 16 July, ECDU) to coordinate the EU project *TargetScreen* as visiting researcher at EMBL-European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Heidelberg, Germany, in a collaboration with Rainer Pepperkok.
- **2015/16** – One year sabbatical leave (under Article 77(1) of Law no. 448/79 of 13 November, ECDU). Visiting researcher (for 6 months) at EMBL-European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Heidelberg, Germany, under a collaboration with Rainer Pepperkok to coordinate the FCT project *DIFFTARGET*.
- **2021/22** – One year sabbatical leave (under Article 77(1) of Law no. 448/79 of 13 November, ECDU). Visiting Professor (for 6 weeks) at University of Shanghai.

### Course Teaching and Coordination

- **Since 2023 –Biology & Biochemistry**, 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Environmental Engineering undergraduate degree. Teaching and coordinating lectures and tutorials. Coordinating laboratory classes. ULisboa School at the University of Shanghai, China.

- **Since 2008 – Molecular Biology**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Biochemistry undergraduate degree. Teaching and coordinating lectures and tutorials. FCUL-Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisboa, Portugal.
- **Since 2008 – Human Molecular Biology**, 1<sup>st</sup> year of Biochemistry & Biomedicine and of Molecular Biology & Genetics MSc degrees. Teaching and coordinating lectures and tutorial classes. FCUL.
- **2003/04 – Life Sciences**, elective course for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Computer Science undergraduate degree. Teaching and coordinating lectures. FCUL.
- **2000/01 – Perspectives in Biochemistry and Biology**, 1<sup>st</sup> year of the Biochemistry undergraduate degree. Teaching and coordinating lectures. Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisboa, Portugal
- **1993-2008 – Molecular Genetics**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Biochemistry undergraduate degree. Teaching and coordinating lectures and tutorials. FCUL.
- **1995-2008 – Genetics, Virology and Immunology**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Biochemistry undergraduate degree. Teaching and coordinating lectures and tutorials. FCUL.
- **1986-1993 – Molecular Genetics**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Biochemistry undergraduate degree. Teaching lectures, tutorials and laboratory classes. Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisboa, Portugal.
- **1983-1986 – Teaching** tutorials and laboratory classes of several general Biochemistry courses. FCUL.

### **Experience in Remote Teaching**

I am experienced in remote teaching, acquired during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes usage of: 1) the **Moodle platform** to manage course content, post lecture and tutorial materials, and conduct online assessments; as well as 2) the **Zoom platform** and **Microsoft Teams** to deliver live (synchronous) lectures and tutorials to maintain interactive and engaging learning environments.

### **Innovation in Teaching**

I attended training sessions, as a participant, on the platforms ChatGPT and Mentimeter, specifically designed for higher education lecturers, and subsequently integrated these tools to innovate the content delivered in the subjects for which I am responsible, namely *Molecular Biology* (3<sup>rd</sup> year, BSc in Biochemistry) and *Human Molecular Biology* (1<sup>st</sup> year, MSc programmes in Biochemistry and Biomedicine, and in Molecular Biology and Genetics)."

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## **9. VARIOUS**

### **Grant Reviewer**

ANR – Agence Nationale de la Recherche, France; BSF – USA-Israel Binational Science Foundation; CCFF – Canadian CF Foundation; CFF – Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (USA); Cystic Fibrosis Trust (UK); CFRI- Cystic Fibrosis Research Institute (USA); DFG – Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (Germany); NCFS-Dutch Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; EMBL – European Molecular Biology Laboratory; FWO (Belgium); Italian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; King Baudouin Foundation (Belgium); La Caixa Foundation (Barcelona, Spain); NSF – National Science Foundation (USA); RIA - Vertex CF Research Innovation Awards (USA); SFI – Science Foundation Ireland; The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Cystic Fibrosis Research Center; VLM – Vaincre la Mucoviscidose (French CF Foundation); Wellcome Trust (UK); CFRI-Cystic Fibrosis Research Institute; NCFS-Nederlandse Cystic Fibrosis Stichting; Gregory Fleming James Cystic Fibrosis Research Center Projects (Alabama, USA); Singapore Ministry of Education (MOE) Academic Research Fund (AcRF).

### **Journal Reviewer**

Science Translation Medicine; Nature Structural & Molecular Biology; Journal of Molecular Biology; BBA-Biochimica et Biophysica Acta; Journal of Medical Genetics; American Journal of Physiology; Gene Therapy; Molecular and Cell Biology; Journal of Molecular Biology; Proteomics; Human Molecular Genetics, Thorax; among many others.

### **Textbook Reviewer**

Alberts B, Dennis Bray D, Hopkin K, Johnson A, Lewis J (2009) Essentials of Molecular and Cellular Biology 3<sup>rd</sup>ed. Garland Science. ISBN-13: 978-0815341291.

### **Centre Evaluator**

Mondor Institute for Biomedical Research (Paris), evaluated by AERES (France).

### **Organization of Conferences**

I organized **26 international conferences**, having been member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the *ABC – Special FEBS Meetings on ABC Proteins*. I was President of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Cystic Fibrosis Society, 12-15 June 2013, Lisboa, Portugal; Chairman (2004-2009) of the *ECFS Basic Science Conferences- New Frontiers in Basic Science of Cystic Fibrosis*; Scientific Committee member of various *European Cystic Fibrosis Society Conferences* (Vice-Chairman in 2007); Co-Organizer of *2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on Stress Responses in Biology and Medicine* (2004); Chairman (2000-2003) of the *European CF Network Consensus Meetings Towards Validation of CFTR Gene Expression & Functional Assays*.

### **Invited talks**

I gave **247 invited international talks** (+74 national), including one opening plenary of North-American Cystic Fibrosis Conference (2007) and 3 opening plenaries at European CF Conferences (2004, 2008, 2013).