



# 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 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 final 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 final program, 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 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Abstract submissions are now closed.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> -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 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> 2023**, to [biodivannualmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:biodivannualmeeting@gmail.com).

Alternatively, we will be collecting presentations at the welcome event (**Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**). 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 26<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>) will be covered. **Accommodation** in a Hostel between April 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>) and **social events** (welcome reception, social dinner, and outdoor activity) are also covered.

### **Which meals are included?**

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

- Welcome Reception on April 26<sup>th</sup> (see below for details)
- Lunch on April 27<sup>th</sup> (FCUL's canteen)
- Social Dinner on April 27<sup>th</sup> (see below for details)
- Lunch on April 28<sup>th</sup> (FCUL's canteen).

Meals will include options compatible with vegetarian and/or 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.

The **Welcome Reception** will take place late afternoon on the first day, at **FCUL**. It will include coffee-break-like food and pizzas, so it is unlikely that you need to have dinner afterwards.

The **Social Dinner** will take place on the evening of the second day, at **Lucimar Gemini Restaurant**, near Entrecampos. Participants will have to indicate their dish of choice in advance.

The restaurant location can be found here: <https://goo.gl/maps/H8oohonP6SvFiRsUA>

### **How will I move around Lisbon?**

To get around Lisbon during the event, we will either **walk or use public transport** (metro and/or bus). Transport costs in Lisbon are **not covered** by the **BIODIV Doctoral Programme**, so please make sure that your **VIVA card is charged!** You can buy and top up your VIVA card at ticket machines and ticket offices in metro stations. Keep the purchase/recharge receipt with you, as you will need it in case your card malfunctions.

### **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 location can be found here: <https://goo.gl/maps/jaX7s5U8aBKkNTwN8>

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. The activity will take place in the **garden of Parque da Quinta das Conchas**.

The garden location can be found here: <https://goo.gl/maps/QD8tWkHSipqEYhbo6>

### **I still have questions! How can I contact you?**

Feel free to contact us at [biodivannualmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:biodivannualmeeting@gmail.com).