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**Annual Meeting 2024**

*"Crossroads of Knowledge: Academia or Industry?"*

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is this and what is this for?**

The BIODIV Annual Meeting is a meeting between the students of the doctoral programme in Biodiversity, Genetics and Evolution (BIODIV) from the Universities of Porto and Lisbon. This meeting is meant to promote the exchange of scientific ideas and foster social and academic connections within the doctoral programme.

### **When?**

From the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, 2024 (Monday to Wednesday).

### **Where?**

At **CIBIO** and the **Faculty of Sciences of the University of Porto (FCUP)**.

Address:

- 1) CIBIO - Centro de Investigação em Biodiversidade e Recursos Genéticos  
Campus de Vairão  
Rua Padre Armando Quintas, nº 7  
4485-661 Vairão  
Portugal
- 2) Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade do Porto  
Rua do Campo Alegre 1021 1055  
4169-007 Porto  
Portugal

More information on how to get there: [CIBIO](#) and [FCUP](#).

### **For whom?**

For BIODIV Doctoral Programme PhD students based in Porto and Lisbon.

### **What is going to happen exactly?**

The preliminary program is available on our website:

<https://www.biodiv.pt/en/phd-programme/annual-meeting-2024/>

### **What is the official language of the meeting?**

As always, we wish to promote diversity and intercultural dialogue, so 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 will be 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 three plenary talks will be focused on the motto of our meeting, "*Crossroads of Knowledge: Academia or Industry?*". We have invited three speakers who will tell us about their work and career paths, focusing on three main avenues: one in an academic career abroad, another in an academic career in Portugal and the last in a career in industry. We hope these talks will help you reflect on your scientific and professional interests and help you decide your own path.
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, student talks will be one of the main aspects of our programme! You can submit your abstract for either a **Talk** or a **Poster** (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 presentation and workshop organised by the [UP Doctoral Careers](#) project. They will present their resources and events directed at PhD students and will organise a practical session focused on a topic related to career development.
4. **Social activities:** This is the 5<sup>th</sup> BIODIV Annual Meeting, but only the third to be held in person, and the second one in Porto! As such, 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 guided group visits.

## **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 three possible types of communication:

1. Oral communication of 10 min, with 5 min discussion immediately after (**Talk**)
2. Poster, with the additional opportunity for a 2 min pitch about why your poster is so amazing and why everyone should see it (**Poster + flash talk**)
3. Poster only, without flash talk, presented during the poster session (**Poster**)

All types of communications 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 Talk and your abstract is not selected, you may be invited to present a Poster + 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 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 29<sup>th</sup>**.

## **I'm doing a poster communication. Can you print my poster?**

**Yes.** BIODIV will cover the costs of printing all posters for the Meeting. To make sure we have time to print your poster, please send us your **Poster pdf file through email, by May 20<sup>th</sup> 2024**, to [biodivannualmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:biodivannualmeeting@gmail.com).

If you fail to send your file by this deadline, we cannot ensure the printing of the poster.

## **Are there any guidelines for poster size?**

Yes. All posters should be prepared in **A0 portrait format (120 cm height and 80 cm width)** so that they can fit the available poster stands.

## **I'm doing an oral communication. Should I deliver my PowerPoint in advance?**

Yes. Please send us your presentation through **email, until May 24<sup>th</sup> 2024**, to [biodivannualmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:biodivannualmeeting@gmail.com).

Alternatively, we will collect presentations at the Welcome event (**Monday, May 27<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 **Lisbon**, travel costs related to **transportation** (by bus) between Lisbon and Porto (on May 27<sup>th</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup>) will be covered. **Accommodation** in a Hostel between May 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> will also be covered for participating students based in Lisbon.

If you decide on transportation and accommodation options other than those provided by the Doctoral Programme, expenses will not be covered.

Please note that costs related to public transportation (metro, bus, etc.) within Porto are not covered. Transport from Mindelo metro station to CIBIO (and vice-versa) is also assured.

For **all participants** (from both Porto and Lisbon), **meals** (coffee breaks and lunches on May 28<sup>th</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup>) and **social events** (welcome reception, social dinner, and guided visits) are also covered.

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

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

- Welcome Reception on May 27<sup>th</sup> (CIBIO; see details below)
- Lunch on May 28<sup>th</sup> (CIBIO; see details below)
- Social Dinner on May 28<sup>th</sup> (location to be announced; see details below)
- Lunch on May 29<sup>th</sup> (FCUP's canteen).

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

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

The **lunch at CIBIO**, on May 28<sup>th</sup>, will be in a **lunch box** format. We will ask you to select your meal of choice in advance.

The **Social Dinner**, on May 29<sup>th</sup>, will be assured through a **catering company**, in a **location to be announced**. We will ask you to select your meal of choice in advance.

### **Where will I stay during the meeting?**

All students from Lisbon who register for accommodation will stay in a Hostel near the venue of the Meeting. The exact **location and other relevant information are to be announced**.

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

To get around Porto during the event, we will either walk or use public transport (metro and/or bus). Public transport costs within Porto are not covered by the BIODIV Doctoral Programme, so please make sure that your **ANDANTE card** is charged!

You can buy and top up your **ANDANTE 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.

Alternatively, you can use the **ANDA app** on your smartphone to buy and validate your tickets. Make sure your phone has the required functionalities before opting for this option.

### **What will happen on the group activities of the last day (May 29<sup>th</sup>)?**

On this day, we will organise **two social activities in the FCUP campus area**.

First, we will have a **guided visit** to the facilities of **FCUP**, co-organised by the [Image, Communication and Cooperation Office](#) of the Faculty.

Then, we will have a guided visit to the [Hall of Biodiversity – Ciência Viva Centre](#), near FCUP campus. Location can be found [here](#).

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

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