Welcome to the Association of European Researchers in Brazil’s newsletter!

Through this newsletter, we would like to share what the Association and its different sections have been doing since the publication of our founding charter almost six months ago.

On page two, you will find the summary of some of our last activities: while one of the sections organised a first webinar serie aiming at introducing an European audience to the nuts and bolts of the Brazilian academia, another one started to promote the sharing of experiences between members who have applied to international funding programs.

On page three, the section “News from Europe” will focus on a given hot topic, scientific or academic, that is trending in Europe; while the “What’s Next?” section will provide a quick summary of the upcoming events and calls relevant to the community.

As a way to get to know each other more informally and mark the publication of the very first edition of our newsletter, we would be glad to have you with us for a “bate-papo (virtual) com café” break on Friday, September 30th, at 9:30 BRT on Zoom: as an ongoing collective project, the contributions of each of us are key for the Association to become the self-organised space it aimed to be.

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Learn from your peers

The Association of European Researchers in Brazil and EURAXESS LAC are organizing a series of webinars in which members of the association share their experience applying to international funding schemes.

In this first edition, Daniele Sepe, an Italian researcher at UFF told us more about applying to a Capes-Humboldt fellowship. Participation of Monica Santos de Freitas, UFRJ, former Ambassador Scientist of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Brazil. The presentations were followed by a Q&A section.

The Brazilian Academia for EU Researchers

The Association of European Researchers in Brazil and EURAXESS LAC are organizing a series of webinars aimed at providing information for European researchers about the Brazilian higher education and research landscape. The recording of each webinar is available on Youtube here.

Dr. Concepta McManus Pimentel explains how the Brazilian academic system is set up, and how European researchers can collaborate and integrate Brazilian research teams. Dr. Pimentel, 'Connie' as she is known in Brazil, is a Professor at UnB and former Director of International Relations of CAPES (2016-2019), where she headed the programme PRINT, the Brazilian programme of internationalization of Graduate Studies.

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Following a co-creation process led by the European University Association and Science Europe, with the support of the European Commission, more than 350 organizations in 40 countries contributed to the drafting of an Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment in Europe.

It lays the basis of a common vision for research assessment, safeguarding academic freedom by recognising the diverse outputs, practices and activities that maximize the quality and impact of research.

The agreement outlines a research assessment primarily on qualitative evaluation, for which peer review is central, supported by responsible use of quantitative indicators – abandoning inappropriate uses of journal and publication based metrics, and avoiding the use of rankings of research organizations. It also advocates in favor of assessment criteria and processes that respect the variety of scientific disciplines, research types, as well as research career stages and that acknowledge multi-, inter-, and trans-disciplinary as well as inter-sectoral approaches.

What’s next?

❖ Our Association’s “Bate-papo” (hanging out) on 30 September at 09:30 BRT:
  ➢ See you in this Zoom room: https://bit.ly/Bate-Papo_Hanging-Out_AERB

❖ Next webinar of the “Brazilian Academia for European Researchers” serie:
  ➢ How is a Brazilian University organized?

❖ Next Calls:
  ➢ Marie Skłodowska Curie (MSCA) Staff Exchanges:
    ○ Due to open on 6 October 2022: https://bit.ly/MSCASE