

U-Multirank 2016: for the third consecutive year, the Polytechnic Institute of Bragança was considered the best Portuguese University of Applied Sciences

The third edition of the international ranking **U-Multirank** (www.u-multirank.eu) places once more the Polytechnic Institute of Bragança as the best Portuguese University of Applied Sciences.

The U-Multirank is a ranking promoted and financed by the European Union. In the 2016 edition the U-Multirank evaluated and ranked more than 1300 higher education institutions from all over the world. According to the parameters defined, the institutions were evaluated in 31 indicators, grouped in five performance groups: teaching and learning, research, knowledge transfer, international orientation, and regional engagement. The ranking of the institutions is established according to the number of classification with the maximum score (category A) in the 31 indicators under evaluation.

The Polytechnic Institute of Bragança is, for the third consecutive year, in the 7th place at the national level, and in the 1st place in the Portuguese Polytechnic system (University of Applied Sciences). The maximum scores obtained are the result of years of expertise, namely in the areas of impact and excellence in the scientific production and in applied research (also distinguished by the Scimago ranking, www.scimagoir.com), in the international mobility of students, and in the regional engagement.

The complete ranking of Portuguese higher education institutions can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/pyaccec>.

Scimago Institutions Rankings 2015: the IPB is at the first position at national level in three indicators of excellence in research and innovation.

The objective of the *Scimago Institutions Rankings* (SIR; www.scimagoir.com) is to evaluate the performance and the international impact of higher education institutions in research. The ranking is established taking into account the scientific publications and the number of citations.

The SIR 2015 places once more the IPB in the first place in the following three indicators of excellence in research and innovation:

a) **Normalized Impact:** this index measures the relationship between the institution's average scientific impact and the world average, and is computed using the methodology established by the *Karolinska Intitutet* in Sweden, where it is named "Item oriented field normalized citation score average".

b) **Excellence with Leadership:** indicates the amount (in %) of the institution's scientific output in which the institution is the main contributor, and that is included into the set of the 10% of the most cited papers in their respective scientific fields. It is a measure of high quality output of research institutions.

c) **Technological Impact:** measures the percentage of the scientific publication output cited in patents and is based on the *EPO Worldwide Patent Statistical Database* (PATSTAT; www.epo.org). The IPB is the Portuguese higher education institution (among universities and polytechnic institutes) with more first positions in the indicators evaluated by *Scimago Institutions Rankings*.

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