



Brazil-China partnership encourages R&D cooperation



The virtual workshop on Brazil-China Joint Research Initiatives inaugurates an important avenue for enhanced cooperation between Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais and Renmin University of China. Held on November 17, 2020, this event on Brazil-China bilateral cooperation in the fields of culture, energy and the environment was broadcast via [DRI](#) YouTube channel and attended by representatives from both institutions. It was the first in a series of webinars involving academics from the two countries. In addition to this, RUC's Prof Zuo Xiyang is already delivering a course on Chinese Foreign Policy to UFMG's Political Science graduate students this academic term.



UFMG and Belgium can create a scheme for international mobility



Belgian Ambassador to Brazil, Patrick Herman, has paid a visit to UFMG in October 2020 and met with Rector Sandra Goulart Almeida. On this occasion, the parties have agreed

with the need to fulfill the extraordinary potentials of this international partnership. “Ambassador Herman knows of UFMG's reputation and pioneering spirit in the field of innovation and was very interested in the possibilities of cooperation in areas such as novel materials and vaccines, in which Belgium also has a tradition,” Rector Almeida exemplified. Professor Aziz Saliba, UFMG's Dean for International Affairs, pointed out that “the number of UFMG students in international mobility who head to Belgium is very expressive, as it involves both undergraduate and graduate levels.”

German Consul General to Brazil comes to UFMG

On November 10, 2020, the German Consul General in Brazil, Mr Dirk Augustin, and the Honorary Consul of Germany in Belo Horizonte, Mr Viktor Sterzik, proceeded with the symbolic delivery of Vibratome – a research equipment whose use is mostly related to Alzheimer's disease – at UFMG's Institute of Biological Sciences (ICB). It consisted of a donation from the German government and was associated with a grant received by Professor Fabíola Ribeiro, who is a faculty member at the institute.



UFMG researchers win international funding



On August 21, 2020 the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) announced that “Project Franmobe – French for student mobility,” a collaborative effort led by UFMG along with Universidad de la República (Uruguay) and Universidad Nacional de Cuyo (Argentina), was one of the 5 projects to receive funding through the Projets Interuniversitaires de Solidarité dans les Amériques (PRISA) annual call. This Project Franmobe will receive financial assistance to develop a training system for Spanish and Portuguese-speaking students from Latin America so the French language can be more efficiently taught. On the same note, the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) announced on December 11, 2020 that two research teams with representatives from UFMG had been awarded individual grants. One of the projects had as a theme the “Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Adolescents’ Sexual and Reproductive Health in Low- and Middle-Income Countries,” whereas the other one was titled “Leveraging digital healthcare experiences for post-pandemic non-communicable disease research - a multidisciplinary network engaging Brazil, Ghana and the UK.”

Featured countries: Angola and Malaysia

UFMG Deputy Dean for International Affairs, Prof Dawisson Belém Lopes, has met virtually, on December 3, with Angola's Marisa Cristino, the director of Itamaraty's Centro Cultural Brasil-Angola (CCBA), and Mr. Hugo Lorenzetti and Mr. Sérgio Toledo, two career diplomats from Brazil. The main purpose of this appointment was to further expand the relationship between Brazil and Angola, especially in the realms of culture and the arts. Another global outreach effort worth mentioning was related to UFMG's attempt to consolidate its presence and partnerships in Southeast Asia. Prof Lopes has also had the chance to engage in fruitful dialogues with representatives from Malaysia's UCSI University (based in Kuala Lumpur), Mr. Chan Joe Jim, Mr. Roland Chan Chih Chien, and Ms. Sophia Wong, in what seems to be a promising nascent collaboration.



Our mailing address is:

ufmggoesglobal@dri.ufmg.br

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais - Office of International Affairs
Av. Antônio Carlos, 6627, 31270901 Belo Horizonte - Tel.: +553134095550