



UFMG is #5 in Latin America, THE says

UFMG climbed three positions in comparison with 2019 and now reached the fifth place among 166 universities from 13 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2020 Times Higher Education regional rankings, keeping its leading role in Brazil and the continent. According to UFMG's Deputy Dean for International Affairs, Prof Dawisson Belém Lopes, this outcome is perfectly consistent with a trend that had been developing since the beginning of the year, when UFMG was placed among the 6 best Latin American universities on SCImago Rankings (SIR), which includes research, innovation, and social relevance parameters.



UFMG Rector elected VP of the Montevideo Group

On June 29, 2020, the Asociación de Universidades Grupo Montevideo – AUGM (Montevideo Group) announced the names of Enrique Mammarella from Universidad Nacional del Litoral (Argentina), and Sandra Goulart Almeida, who is the current Rector of UFMG, as its new president and vice president, respectively. The Montevideo Group is a network made up



of public higher education institutions from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay, whose aim is to offer answers to shared challenges faced by its members. It is the first time that the role of vice president of AUGM is taken by a woman. “Having my name chosen for the position is a great honor for UFMG and also for me. The association is certainly one of the most important networks of public universities in the world and the most relevant one in South America,” says Prof Goulart Almeida.

UNESCO-UFMG Chair promotes series of conferences



UNESCO-UFMG Chair ‘Territorialities and Humanities: The Globalization of the Enlightenment’ has as a main target the Humanities. Since July 1, 2020, it has been promoting through various pathways the values of sustainable global development, health and well-being, respect for cultural diversity, and the maintenance of peace on the planet. Conferences are given by professors and researchers from UFMG and partner institutions, and take place on virtual platforms during the pandemic. So far, online meetings have involved 19 universities from Brazil, 2 from Argentina, 1 from Portugal, 1 from France, 1 from Spain, and 1 from Russia. According to UNESCO-UFMG Chair holder, Prof Luiz Carlos Villalta, this series stimulates a denser reflection on contemporary problems, ‘some of which are truly dramatic,’ based on the ideas of the Enlightenment, the so-called ‘Age of Reason.’



Featured countries: The Republic of Korea and the United States of America



From July 20 to 24, 2020, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to Brazil transformed its social networks into a virtual meeting point for admirers of the Korean culture, and everyone who wanted to know more about the country was welcome to join the Korea Festival. It consists of an annual celebration involving topics as diverse as Korean gastronomy, tourism in the peninsula and, of course, international education. UFMG Dean for International Affairs, Prof Aziz Tuffi Saliba, was a special

guest on this year's edition, and spoke about the growth of agreements and partnerships between UFMG and Korean institutions. "We have sent 70 students to Korea over the years, and received 244 students," not to mention a recent increase in the numbers of student exchanges between Korean institutions and UFMG.



On the same note, The US Embassy to Brazil, on the celebration of America's Independence Day, has invited UFMG's Deputy Dean for International Affairs, Prof Dawisson Belém Lopes, to join US diplomat Erik Holm-Olsen as a panelist, and discuss the political and historical underpinnings of the acclaimed Broadway musical Hamilton. The film was screened on the 4th of July, 2020, while this debate took place on the 10th. Hamilton (1755-1804) was the first United States Treasury Secretary, a person who strongly influenced the bases of modern capitalism, and is considered one of the "founding fathers" of the nation.

