



UNESCO World Higher Education Conference 2022

As the president of the Montevideú Group (AUGM), professor Sandra Goulart de Almeida, together with representatives from the government and other universities participated in a panel, as part of Unesco's World Higher Education Conference program. In her talk, she mentioned the prominent role played by universities during the pandemic emphasizing the cooperative spirit shared by the institutions belonging to AUGM. According to Professor Sandra Goulart de Almeida, universities should be guided by concepts like sustainability, inclusion, social justice and a humanist vision. These themes are closely related to the current challenges faced by our international community, and the conference encourages the debate on how universities can create solutions for the problems besetting our society.



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Professor Sandra Goulart de Almeida became the president of the Worldwide University Network (WUN). This network includes twenty-five universities in six continents and its main role is to foster cooperation among institutions from different cultural and geographical contexts encompassing education and research. The network is guided by principles which privilege above all quality, inclusion and social commitment resonating with UFMG's values.

UFMG is the only Brazilian university that belongs to the group and this presence confirms its relevance in the local and global higher education landscape.



NAFSA

UFMG was present in the most important event related to international education. After two years being held online, due to the pandemic, this year, the NAFSA conference that took place in June in Denver USA, returned to its face to face format. Professor Bárbara Malveira Orfanò, UFMG's Deputy Dean of International Affairs attended the conference and had meetings with eighteen institutions that belong to UFMG's international partnership network. In these meetings, they have discussed mobility programs, research initiatives and existing academic collaborations between UFMG and its partners. Professor Bárbara Orfanò has also met with representatives from embassies with which UFMG maintains important academic links. The participation at such events brings the institution closer to its partners, improving their communication and consequently strengthening their cooperation.



Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee

The world celebrated with joy, Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the British throne . Following a number of ceremonies dedicated to this occasion, the UK consulate has celebrated the occasion with a reception at Palácio das Mangabeiras in Belo Horizonte on June the 6th. UFMG's president, Professor Sandra Goulart de Almeida and its Dean for International Affairs, Professor Aziz- Tuffi Saliba attended the reception representing our institution. The UK and UFMG have good long-lasting relations and are important academic partners. A significant number of students choose British universities to fulfill their studies and many UFMG professors conduct research with professors from British institutions. UFMG is aware of its diplomatic role in representing and sharing our values which revolve around mutual respect and friendship with our partners around the world.



Welcome back

As the world opens up with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we start to meet and reconnect face to face with our partners. On the 21st of June, we received representatives from the Université de Lille- France. Professor Kathleen O'Connor, Professor François- Olivier Seys and Sr. Thomas Heckly had the opportunity to meet with professors and engage with students from our university. The aim of this visit was to discuss the updates related to ongoing research involving researchers from both universities from the Geography course, and also to meet faculty members from the School of Economics to discuss future academic collaborations. The visit was very productive reinforcing the commitment that Université de Lille and UFMG have with their entire community.



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