

Casa da Glória – UFMG



UFMG was granted R\$ 1,2 million to revitalize the historical building "Casa da Glória" built in the 18th century and one of the most important places in the historical City of Diamantina/Minas Gerais. This initiative is supported by the Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation – AFCP from the United States including investments from UFMG. The project includes the replacement of wooden structures and the installation of a fire detection and suppression system providing added security for the building and its visitors. This venue is part of the Institute of Geosciences at UFMG and its renovation will reestablish educational and touristic activities once hosted in the place giving the community the opportunity to enjoy cultural and academic programs that value the history of the place. The success of the proposal marks the recognition of UFMG as a leading institution promoting information exchange, community development, and cultural preservation.

UFMG hosts event to release the United Nations Refugee Agency's report about education for displaced people in Brazil

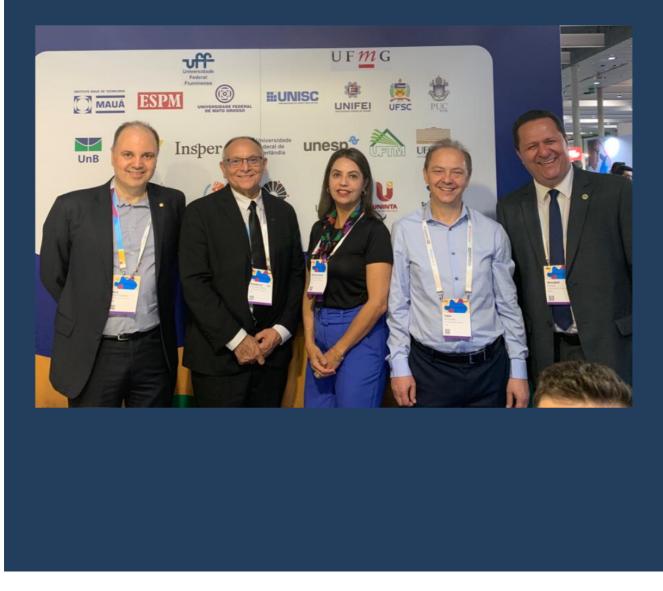


UFMG was invited by the United Nations Refugee Agency (ACNUR) to host the national event on education and refugees. The title: " All included: a campaign for the education of refugees" guided the discussions that had the participation of representatives from agencies and institutions working in partnership with the program. This initiative is linked with the Chair Sérgio Vieira de Mello which is housed at the Office of International Affairs-UFMG. The chair is dedicated to exploring the issue of immigration of displaced people guaranteeing access for all to the basic resources, rights and social services needed for participation in society. In addition, the Chair Sérgio Vieira de Mello prioritizes the teaching of themes related to International Human Rights, in particular, displaced people promoting academic collaboration and capacity building for professors and students. Professor Carolina Moulin Aguiar who coordinates the chair explains that the event marks the release of a report including information about the current situation of refugees in Brazil. This material is important as it contains information that will subsidize future actions involving research, teaching and outreach programs improving the lives of displaced people.

**QS** Ranking

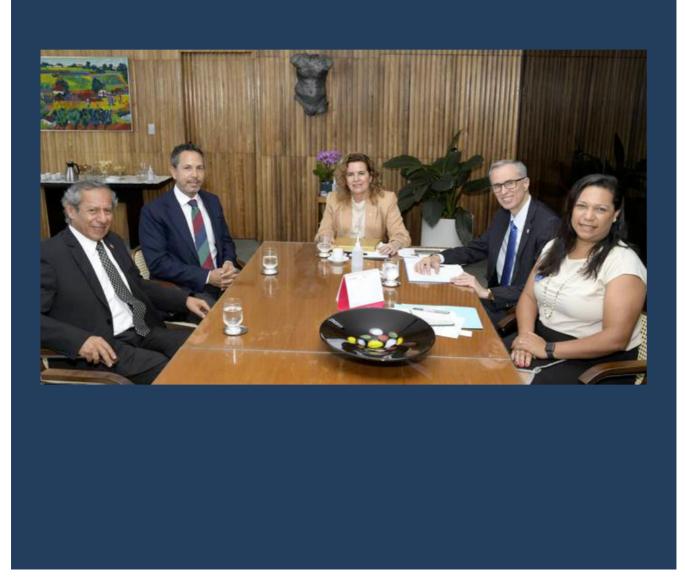


On September 22, UFMG received the award Excellence in Research granted by QS Rankings Latin America. This prize is organized by the British Company Quacquarelli Symonds contemplating ten institutions in the region. The institutions are assessed based on two indicators: 1 - participation in international research networks and 2 - citations per publication. UFMG President Professor Sandra Goulart de Almeida observes that this award recognises the research quality produced in our university and the positive impact of the ongoing collaboration that exists among researchers in the different international networks in which UFMG takes part. The research Dean, Professor Fernando Reis emphasizes that QS Rankings recognizes UFMG's excellence in different areas, its modern infrastructure providing the best conditions for our academic community.

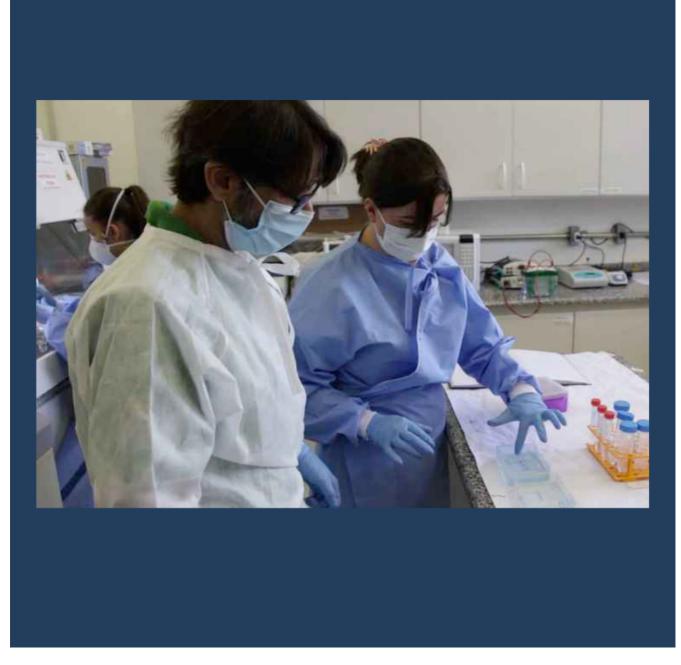


Institutions from 90 countries were in Barcelona last September for the 32nd Annual EAIE Conference and Exhibition. The Dean for International Affairs, Professor Aziz Tuffi Saliba represented UFMG at the conference with a busy agenda. During the event, Professor Aziz met with 23 partner universities to discuss projects and scientific cooperation and to establish new opportunities for our institution. These meetings provide a good opportunity to explain specific programs of our university, such as the Minor in International Studies and our Summer School on Brazilian Studies and to confirm the good relationship that exists between UFMG and the best universities around the world.

Visit from Ambassador of Peru



UFMG understands the role that universities play in establishing good diplomatic relations with representatives from different countries. On September 13th, Mr. Rômulo Acurio, the ambassador of Peru and Mr David Guzmán the consul of Peru visited our institution in order to strengthen the ongoing collaboration that already exists between UFMG and Peruvian universities. Among the topics discussed are tourism, archaeology, literature, baroque art, Peruvian cuisine, the mining sector and the environment. UFMG President Professor Sandra Goulart de Almeida mentions that during the visit the university explored new possibilities for mutual cooperation involving our academic community. According to the deputy dean for International Affairs Professor Bárbara Malveira Orfanò, currently, UFMG has mobility and scientific agreements with 10 Peruvian institutions, and some of its members actively participate in the Center for Latin American Studies, she concludes that the visit has paved the way for broader cooperation



The National Sanitary Inspection Agency (ANVISA) of the Ministry of Health in Brazil, has granted permission to UFMG's Center for vaccination to conduct a clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine candidate – SpiN-Tec – that has been researched at our university. This study is funded by UFMG, the Ministry of Science and Innovation, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation and by the Belo Horizonte Municipal Government. The SpiN-Tec is a recombinant chimeric protein SpiN that is a combination of a portion of the Receptor Binding Domain (RBD) from the Spike protein with the Nucleocapsid protein (N). The RBD region interacts directly with the host cell receptors. The clinical trial includes healthy volunteers aged 19-85 years old who have completed the primary vaccination scheme with Coronavac or Covishield (Astrazenaca/Oxford), and who have received one or two booster doses with Covishield or Comirnaty (Pfizer) for at least six months.

(Source: www.gov.br/anvisa/pt-br/assuntos/noticias-anvisa/2022/autorizado-ensaio-clinico-de-nova-vacina-para-covid-19)

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