

UFMG students received an award from the French Embassy

Students from Centro Pedagógico, UFMG's Elementary school, received an award from the French Embassy regarding the Program FrancEcolab Brasil. This program aims to raise awareness about the importance of the environment, including the topic in the teaching of French, following an interdisciplinary perspective. The work submitted for this edition was: Awareness of French Language and Culture in Elementary Schools, coordinated by Professor Daniela Akie Hirakawa. According to her, the purpose is to foster interdisciplinary projects covering language diversity and school subjects such as mathematics, biology, history etc. In addition, it contributes to calling students' attention to the relevance of learning a foreign language at an early stage. Other group members included geography teacher Eliane Ferreira Campos and French teachers Kauani Rachid Gomes Pires and Clara de Assis Pereira. Together, they assisted students in writing a book focusing on biodiversity. The title of the book: The escape of the puma, named Clara was designed through mixed techniques involving collage and recyclable materials such as leaves, papers and magazines. UFMG was the only school from the state of Minas Gerais selected for this FrancEcolab edition.



UFMG's new Photovoltaic Complex shows its commitment to sustainability

UFMG has recently inaugurated a photovoltaic solar cell complex in three of its learning facilities at Campus Pampulha. This project is part of a set of initiatives to reduce energy costs in the institution. According to the vice-president, Professor Alessandro Fernandes Moreira, the technology used in this project contributed to the learning process of undergraduate and graduate students from UFMG's engineering schools also involved in the project. It is important to highlight the relevance of this project in terms of sustainable energy. The initiative comprises solar cells, turbines and a bank of energy for the university's mini-network, and it is linked with another research project called Oásis- UFMG that aims to reduce energy costs by installing a mini-network on our campus serving as a model to other universities in Brazil



UFMG signs cooperation agreement with Peruvian university

Before the end of the year, we had another opportunity to expand our academic cooperation by strengthening our relationship with Latin America. UFMG has just signed an agreement with Universidade Nacional do Altiplano (UNA) from Peru. The vice dean of research, Ariel Velázco Cárdenas, explains that UNA is expanding its internationalisation initiatives and UFMG is a strategic partner in this new phase of the institution. During their visit, the Peruvian delegation met with academics from the School of Education, Engineering, Philosophy and Human Sciences and Medical School. Professor Sandra Goulart de Almeida pointed out that UFMG maintains a strong academic relationship with 12 Peruvian institutions, and UNA is definitely a good member to join this group. Initially, the partnership will involve mobility programs in different areas; however both institutions have already started developing initiatives in the area of Indigenous Education, concentrating on the Inca culture. This cooperation will expand the scope of the activities developed by UFMG's research group Indigenous Intercultural Education creating new opportunities for interaction among researchers.



AUGM's Chair on Human Rights, coordinated by UFMG, received Pepe Mujica (Uruguay's ex-president from 2010-2015) as a plenary speaker

The second forum on Human Rights and Democracy in Latin America, organized by AUGM and hosted by Universidad de Chile, received Uruguay's ex-president Pepe Mujica. In his talk, he addressed the topic of Human Rights and Contemporary Democracies. AUGM's president Professor Sandra Goulart de Almeida opened the event by mentioning the crucial role played by universities in guaranteeing a prosperous future. She invited those present to think about how universities and countries could work together to build fairer, more equitable, and more caring societies. Along the same lines, Mujica's speech underlined the importance of universities in the integration of Latin America, advocating that it is our responsibility to cultivate democracy and fight for social values that unite our continent.



UFMG's Veterinary School receives an Indian delegation from Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU)

In December 2022, UFMG received a delegation of veterinary students from Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University- India (GADVASU) for an international 2-week training programme on the Sustainable Management of Animal Diseases in Subtropical Scenarios. This course was organized by Professor Eduardo Bastianetto from the School of Veterinary-UFMG in partnership with Dr. Anuradha Gupta- GADVASU. The training was sponsored by World Bank and NAHEP, ICAR funded Institutional Development Plan (IDP) managed by GADVASU. During their stay, students could attend classes, participate in workshops, and visit UFMG's labs and the institution's experimental farm. The programme included field trips to government agencies, offering students a platform to experience professional excellence internationally.



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