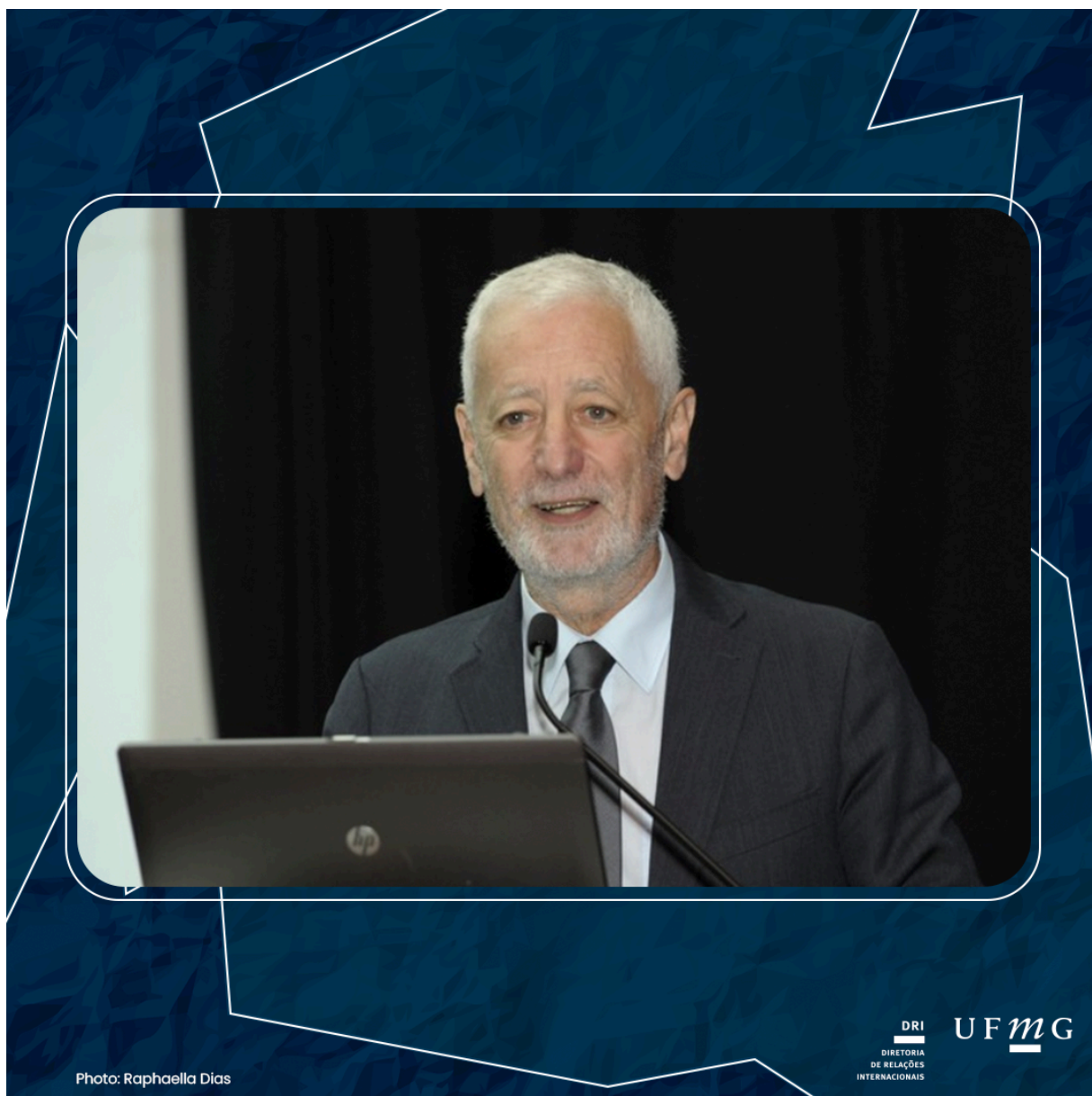


UFMG's International Chair on Basic Education

Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais has just inaugurated a new chair in elementary education. The Institute for Advanced Transdisciplinary Studies (IEAT), in partnership with Fundep, the Support Foundation of UFMG, inaugurated the Fundep Magda Soares Chair of Elementary Education. The chair, which aims to attract internationally renowned researchers to collaborate with UFMG research groups, is dedicated to basic education and will have Professor António Nóvoa as its first researcher. Professor Nóvoa is an Honorary Rector of the University of Lisbon, Portugal, and a world reference in studies on teacher training. He has been participating in a series of meetings at UFMG to create a shared space for teacher training. He observes that the current state of the teaching profession worldwide demands new policies and frameworks for teacher training. According to IEAT's director Patrícia Kauark, the choice of theme for the first chair reaffirms UFMG's commitment to the most pressing societal demands, "contributing to the advancement of scientific knowledge that can directly benefit students, teachers, school administrators, and public educational policies." The chair will enable international researchers to stay at the university for up to a year, thereby expanding the forms of collaboration.



Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais new position QS World University Rankings

UFMG has climbed positions in the QS World University Rankings, one of the world's most prestigious. In the 2025 survey edition, the university appears in the group 671-680 of the most qualified higher education institutions globally. The new ranking includes 5,663 universities (21 newcomers) from 106 countries. Of this universe, 1,503 are public institutions. UFMG performed better than 55.4% of the ranked institutions. According to the Director for Institutional Data Governance, Professor Dawisson Belém Lopes, the university has improved this rate for six editions. "Even with the entry of more institutions, we are rising in a linear and sustainable manner. In the last three years, UFMG has positioned itself above the global median," says the director. In the 2020 edition, UFMG performed better than 39.2% of the ranked institutions. Among the evaluated dimensions, UFMG stands out in the employability criteria (insertion of graduates into the job market and key positions in companies and public bodies), academic reputation, and international research networks. In the latter, the performance reflects the institution's efforts to expand its internationalization, an aspect reinforced by its leadership position in university networks. For two years, UFMG presided the Association of Montevideo Group Universities (AUGM) and the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN). Additionally, it is the current vice-president of the Association of Portuguese Language Universities (Aulp) and recently assumed, by designation of Andifes, the Latin American and Caribbean Higher Education Space (Enlaces). Another important point to consider is the position by subject, which assesses the performance of institutions by fields of knowledge. According to this survey, released in April, the university ranks among the best in the world in 26 of the 51 areas. Two areas rose in the evaluation: Law, which moved from the group 301-350 to the range 251-300, and Sociology, from the range 201-250 to 151-200. Additionally, five disciplines that did not appear in the 2023 edition entered this year's evaluation – Nursing, Philosophy (both in the range 151-200), Political Science (201-250), Psychology (301-330), and Education (301-350). Seven other areas stand out in the survey: Geography (151-200), Agriculture, Architecture, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Linguistics, and Pharmacy, all positioned in the range 201-250.



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UFMG receives EU Members in the School of Law

In May, our university hosted 16 European Union member-state representatives who visited UFMG's Faculty of Law. The delegation met with UFMG's president, Professor Sandra Regina Goulart de Almeida, to discuss the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, which has been conducting teaching, research, and extension activities in the European Union for over ten years. A set of activities was planned, including meetings with representatives from the state and municipal governments and the Federation of Industries of Minas Gerais (Fiemg). During the visit, ambassadors from Germany, Belgium, France, Poland, and Croatia, among other countries, learned about Minas Gerais's commercial and strategic interests. UFMG is proud to set the scene for strengthening the relationship between the European Union and the state of Minas Gerais.



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I SANKOFA International Formative Circuit: dialogues with Africa-(re) connections Brazil-Angola at UFMG

The Center for African Studies (CEA) from the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, along with the Sankofa Afro-Pedagogical Studies Group (GEAPS), organized the I SANKOFA International Formative Circuit: dialogues with Africa- (re) connections Brazil-Angola. The Circuit contributed to strengthening academic, scientific, cultural, and formative ties, expanding and (re) signifying transatlantic knowledge between Brazil and Africa by creating a space for artistic, educational, historical, and academic exchange. In this edition, the goal was to promote dialogues, reflections, and connections with Angola on educational issues that permeated the societies of these two countries. This sought to encourage collaboration between research and academic institutions in both countries, producing knowledge on ethnic-racial relations at an international level. At the conference, Professor Ana Paula Meneses Alves, who coordinates the Center for African Studies, presented a report showing UFMG's current research outline regarding the African region. The data demonstrates that there is plenty of space for future collaboration.



Source: Professor Ana Paula Meneses Alves's personal archive

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UFMG's Professor of Medicine Leads International Guideline for Hemophilia Treatment

Professor Suely Rezende, from the Department of Medical Clinic (CLM) at the Faculty of Medicine from Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, led a group of 14 specialists from various countries in formulating an international clinical practice guideline for treating congenital haemophilia A and B. The document provides a comprehensive view of recommendations that offer safety for informed decision-making regarding the treatment of the disease to doctors, healthcare professionals, patients, and their caregivers. This is the first time a guideline with this purpose has used the Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE) methodology. The initiative comes from the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH), which brought together a multidisciplinary panel of doctors and patient representatives worldwide. The culmination of this effort is a set of 13 recommendations, which underwent rigorous reviews, including public comments, ensuring comprehensiveness, transparency, and inclusiveness. The new guideline emphasizes the importance of patient involvement and shared decision-making in treatment decisions and advocates for individualized and situational therapeutic choices. This research fills significant gaps in scientific data and identifies critical research priorities. For more information check ISTH website: <https://www.isth.org/page/hemophiliaguideline>



UFMG participates at an International Conference about Global Mental Health in Leeds-UK

The UFMG Mental Health Commission, represented by Professor Alessandro Fernandes Moreira (UFMG's vice-president) and Professor Andrea Maris Campos Guerra, from the Psychology course, participated in the symposium "New Directions in Global Mental Health Research," promoted by the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom on June 12 and 13. Professor Moreira and Professor Guerra presented a study addressing the challenges posed by universities' new student profile; according to them, the current scenario demands the adoption of an expanded concept of mental health associated with collective responsibility and institutional well-being, as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO), with investment in a culture of addressing mental suffering through a network involving the academic community, the implementation of interventions through support centers, and the promotion of mental health with positive outcomes. The conference was an important opportunity to gain insights about an issue of paramount importance to our society.



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UFMG's president closes WUN general meeting in South Africa-2024

This year, the annual general meeting of the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN), a network in which UFMG is a member alongside 23 other institutions from six continents, took place at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. The aim of WUN is to form and strengthen partnerships and collaborations to address global issues. UFMG's rector, Professor Sandra Regina Goulart de Almeida, participated in a session where she discussed the importance of expanding the benefits of partnerships between institutions, reflecting on the global research challenges that universities on the African continent can better address. Higher education was discussed as a public asset and a human right in the context of the cooperation between WUN and the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA). Dr. Dorothy Ngila, director and business facilitator of the National Research Foundation of South Africa, also participated in the session. According to the rector, "With the universities of the African continent, we can learn about climate emergency, sustainable social and economic developments, public safety, technological and knowledge production, protection of democracy, enhancement of public health, and much more."



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