

Research Day 2013



The Research Day, a yearly event promoted since 2011 with the aim of celebrate the University of Aveiro's research achievements and reinforce the interdisciplinary and collaboration among researchers and departments, had its 3rd edition last June 19.

During the day, some of the excellent research results recently achieved were shared by postgrad students, researchers and professors. 12 high-quality lectures, 161 posters and 9 prototypes were presented, so all members of the University community learned more about the research carried out at the University in the most varied fields. A panel of specialists evaluated the studies presented and prizes were awarded to the best 4 poster presentations in the fields of Arts & Humanities, Sciences and Engineering, as well as 4 honorable mentions.

As for the previous editions, two keynote speakers contributed to the quality of the program which attracted over 800 attendees from the University. In 2013, the invited speakers were Bert Verveld, Secretary General of the University of Groningen, Netherlands, and Chairman HUMANE (Heads of University Management and Administration Network in Europe) and Michael Byram, Professor Emeritus of the University of Durham, UK.

The cutting-edge investigation made in UA with high impact in the region and in the society was patent during the event, attracting the Portuguese media for the third consecutive year. Prototypes like a robot developed in the scope of the project CAMBADA@Home to support the independent and active ageing of the elder population and an investigation developed by doctoral students with the objective of creating a walking stick to help guide blind people (Smart Floor) were highlighted in the media, among other research projects.

The Research Day is an event that celebrates the research performed by its community, but also one way of capitalizing the multi and interdisciplinarity existent among the 16 departments and 18 research centres at the campus, which have been contributing to its success and to overcome the complex challenges imposed to research fields in the recent years.

