

Research Summit 2019





“Energy and Sustainability” was the theme of the second edition of the Research Summit at the University of Aveiro, which was held last July, 3-5, 2019.

Energy is a priority for the University of Aveiro, both in terms of education and research. The objectives of Research Summit 2019 involved, thus, the strengthening of the network among the faculty members, researchers and students at the campus, developing sustainable research partnerships, for a more sustainable use of infrastructures, sharing of know-how and contacts and offering early career researchers the opportunity to pitch their work, so as to improve communication and networking skills.



The programme included 3 keynote talks by highly-reputed speakers. Dr. Ashley Nunes, senior Research Associate/Lecturer at Harvard Law School, earned his Ph.D from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, where his research explored the scientific merit of raising retirement ages. He has written for the Financial Times, The Washington Post and The Atlantic, among others, and his work has been covered by The Economist, The Guardian and the BBC. At the Research Summit he presented a lecture entitled “The Long Road to Autonomy”. Carlos Pascoal Neto, Director General at RAIZ - Forest and Paper Research Institute, the Navigator Company, gave a lecture on “Pulp and paper mills: forest-based emerging biorefineries”. Sérgio Salústio, R&D Director Water treatment appliances and technologies, Bosch Termotecnologia presented the work “Smart Green Homes: A collaborative learning approach for fascinating and sustainable home comfort”.



The Research Summit also hosted 15 scientific oral talks by UA researchers, where, in an informal setting, they presented the audience with work developed within the thematic in their Research Units. The Vice-Rector for Research, Innovation and 3rd Cycle, Professor Artur Silva, moderated, afterwards, a debate on the perspective of these coordinators on the global theme of Energy and Sustainability. Also of relevance in this edition of Research Summit were the ca. 330 PhD students who participated in the PhD pitch contests.

The Research Summit was attended by graduation and post-graduation students, researchers and professors from the University of Aveiro, which enriched the event with their presence and active contribution.