

Research Summit 2020





The 3rd edition of the Research Summit was an important forum of discussion on the theme of *Sea and Sustainability*, attended globally by over 800 people during these 3 days. Though online, it brought the research community together!

The Rector, Paulo Jorge Ferreira, and the Vice-rector for Research, Innovation and 3rd Cycle, Artur Silva, opened the summit on Wednesday and were followed by the intervention of the *Minister of Maritime Affairs, Ricardo Serrão Santos,* with an interesting perspective on the efforts of Portugal to help the research community in the area of maritime affairs. The *NRP Sagres Comandante Maurício Murilo* allowed the audience to discover more about Sagres, with his presentation entitled “NRP SAGRES, 58 years showing the Portuguese Flag around the World”. With the support of the American Corner of UA and the US Embassy, *William Gerwick, University of California, San Diego,* provided the audience with a deep insight on the work developed at his laboratory. Of high interest to UA community was the participation of *Annapaola Migani,* from Elsevier, whose presented us with an example of application for the recently acquired SciVal – “Mapping the University of Aveiro Research in the” Life below Water “Sustainable Development Goal”.



One of the main goals of Research summit is to foster the inter-and transdisciplinary work among UA researchers, which was materialized with 16 presentations by Research Units, after which naturally contacts among researchers with mutual interests established. Day 2 and 3 was highly attended, with over 800 intervenients, along the 7 simultaneous rooms each day, with 48 doctoral programmes, 641 PhD students and 160 professors involved in the jury, as all pitches were evaluated by a jury.



Very relevant to point out in this Research Summit was the participation of 1st and 2nd Cycle students, under the scope of the PIIC-UA (Scientific Research Incentive Program). 78 students pitched the activities developed under this initiative to promote their enrolment in science during the 1st and 2nd cycle of training.