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National Science Summit 2019, Lisbon, Portugal

Conference report



The Science and Technology Summit (Ciência) was organized for the seventh time on 8-10th July 2019 in Lisbon Congress Center in Portugal.

“Ciência 2019 was the latest edition of the annual meeting of Portuguese researchers. The aim was at promoting a broad debate on the main topics and challenges of the scientific agenda beyond the world of research. The meeting main goal, therefore was to stimulate not just the participation but also the interaction between researchers, the business sector and the general public. The meeting Ciência 2019 was promoted by the Foundation for Science and Technology in collaboration with the National Agency for Scientific and Technological Culture – Ciência Viva, and the Parliamentary Commission of Education and Science, and had the institutional support of the Government through the Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education.

Everyday there were two Plenary Sessions and several parallel sessions with a duration of 90 minutes each. At the beginning of each parallel session there was a brief introduction by a high school student.”^[1]

The topics were different in each of the sessions, for example, Digital Transformation, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Skills, Quality in Health, Quality in Education, Gender equality, Renewable and Accessible Energy, Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Protect Sea Life. Most of the presentations were in Portuguese and only a few were in English.

“The posters were displayed throughout the three days of the event on tactile screens. They were searchable by the name of the author, institution or by scientific area. Researchers could present their poster at any time by simply searching the screen and presenting it to visitors in an informal way.”^[2]

Over the course of the three days the exhibitors presented their university, products, services or inventions.

Participation was free, so it was a prime opportunity to attend this major event abroad to observe how researchers meet each other and share their ideas and results. It was fascinating to see different people with different ideas and also

[1] <http://www.encontrociencia.pt/home/en.asp>

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