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# Sustainable Agrifood Production

## SEMINARS '26

## Sustainable Agrifood Production Seminars

**Are you ready to be the next to present  
your work?**

In 2026, we're back with good news!

The new edition of the Seminars is back (from February to December 2026)!

\*Only for PhD students and Research fellows from CITAB and GreenUPorto.

 The prizes for the best presentations are:

 €1,500

 €750

What are you waiting for?

Check the Rules and [register now!](#)

### WASTELESS featured in Semanário SOL!

Ana Barros, project coordinator, was invited for an in-depth interview in Perspetiva Atual Magazine, highlighting the work that has been developed in the European WASTELESS project.

### 7th edition of the Forum on Good Practices

Rupesh Kumar Singh has been invited for a presentation entitled "Nature-based solutions for remediation of total environment (soil, air and water) to contribute in European Green Deal 2030".

### FEATHER-ACE Workshop

A workshop will be held on March 11, organised by CITAB, as part of the FEATHER-ACE Project.

The event is free of charge - registration is mandatory.

You can register [here!](#) 



## RAQUEL VIEIRA PUBLICLY DEFENDED HER PHD

CITAB extends its sincere congratulations to the new Doctor for her success and for the relevant scientific contributions produced throughout her research.

More information [here!](#)



## ANA BARROS ATTENDED THE EU-GIFT WP LEADERS MEETING

CITAB participated in the EU-GIFT WP Leaders meeting, which took place this week in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

👉 Learn more about this event [here](#).



## SCI TECH DAY

A workshop organised by CITAB in partnership with the Centre for Advanced Computing Visualisation (CCVCA).

Everything you need to know [here!](#)

## SUSTAINABLE AGRIFOOD PRODUCTION 2026! 🌱

### 1th Session of the Seminar series

In this session, the usual two PhD student papers were presented:

👤 [Catarina Medeiros](#), from CITAB (UTAD), with “Soil-dependent variability in ecotoxicological responses of *Eisenia fetida* to pesticides”;

👤 Pedro Mateus from GreenUPorto (UPorto), discussed the topic: “Physiological and Redox Responses of *Capsicum annuum* to Combined Heat and Drought Stress”;

The Inov4Agro Guest Researcher was Matteo Gatti (GreenUPorto). The theme of his presentation was: “Novel approaches to vineyard floor management for increased efficiency and profitability”.



# FEB 18

## OPEN SESSION

# EVENT SCHEDULE

### #1 Seminar PhD Students & Scholarship Researchers

14H00

GreenUPorto | Invited  
Researcher Matteo Gatti

14H30

CITAB | Catarina  
Medeiros

14H50

GreenUPorto | Pedro  
Mateus

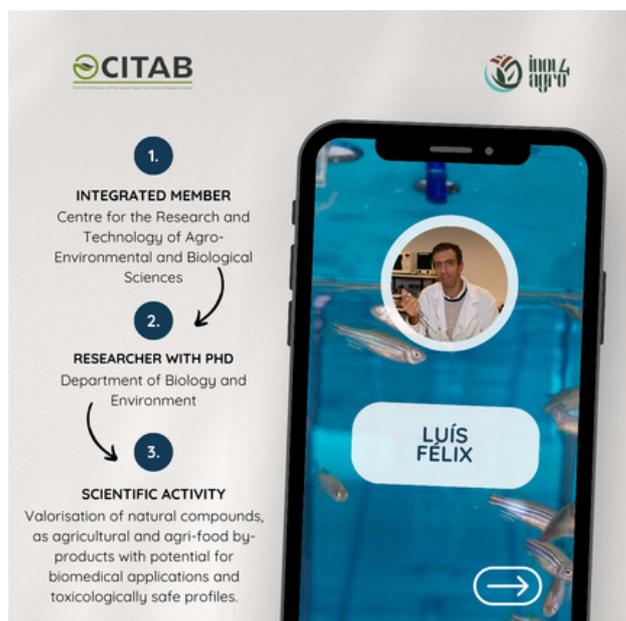
## Get to know...

### LUÍS FÉLIX

“My scientific activity, has focused on the valorisation of natural compounds, with particular emphasis on monoterpenes as agricultural and agri-food by-products with potential for biomedical applications and toxicologically safe profiles. The work developed has explored in depth the application of these compounds using biological models such as the zebrafish (*Danio rerio*).

Through this model system, I have investigated the biological effects of these compounds, contributing to the understanding of the cellular, biochemical, and physiological mechanisms underlying their bioactivity.”

Keep reading [here!](#)



The infographic for Luís Félix features the CITAB logo at the top left and the IIR4 logo at the top right. It consists of three numbered steps connected by arrows: 1. **INTEGRATED MEMBER** (Centre for the Research and Technology of Agro-Environmental and Biological Sciences), 2. **RESEARCHER WITH PHD** (Department of Biology and Environment), and 3. **SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY** (Valorisation of natural compounds, as agricultural and agri-food by-products with potential for biomedical applications and toxicologically safe profiles). A smartphone on the right displays a circular profile picture of Luís Félix and a button with his name. A right-pointing arrow is at the bottom right of the phone.

## Learn about the work of our Integrated Members.



The infographic for Paula Oliveira features the CITAB logo at the top left and the IIR4 logo at the top right. It consists of three numbered steps connected by arrows: 1. **INTEGRATED MEMBER** (Centre for the Research and Technology of Agro-Environmental and Biological Sciences), 2. **FULL PROFESSOR** (Department of Veterinary Sciences), and 3. **SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY** (Promote healthy lifestyle habits, encourage the consumption of beneficial foods, and foster the use and valorisation of natural products and by-products). A smartphone on the right displays a circular profile picture of Paula Oliveira and a button with her name. A right-pointing arrow is at the bottom right of the phone.

### PAULA OLIVEIRA

“I’m a researcher at CITAB and I have spent the past 30 years investigating the impact of lifestyle factors (sedentary behaviour vs. physical exercise) and natural compound extracts on the progression of oncological and chronic diseases, using animal models. My work aims to promote healthy lifestyle habits, encourage the consumption of beneficial foods, and foster the use and valorisation of natural products and by-products.

I regularly evaluate projects for international funding agencies, have served on multiple panels of the FCT, and I am a member of the editorial board of several scientific journals indexed in Scopus and Web of Science.”

Learn more [here!](#)

## Press/Media/Clipping:



### 90 SEGUNDOS DE CIÊNCIA

Guilhermina Marques, researcher involved in a project focusing on the use of microorganisms as a sustainable alternative to pesticides and fertilisers in agriculture, was a guest on Antena 1's "90 Segundos de Ciência" programme.

👉 Listen to it [here](#)!



### JOÃO SANTOS AT RECORD EUROPA

Under review: what does the future hold for Portugal's climate? 🌍

João Santos receives an invitation from Record Europa. 📺

👉 A brief conversation to remember [here](#).



### 90 SEGUNDOS DE CIÊNCIA

Maria Emília Silva, researcher at the RN21 Project (purpose of increasing resin production and the profitability of the pine forest), was a guest on Antena 1's "90 Segundos de Ciência" programme.

👉 Listen it [here](#).



### AN INVITATION FROM KIU UNIVERSITY

Researcher Luís Félix was invited to discuss his area of research. 📺

In a moment of sharing, which brought together more than 200 participants, CITAB reinforces its international collaboration with other institutions.

👉 Take a look [here](#).



### 90 SEGUNDOS DE CIÊNCIA

Fátima Gonçalves, is developing the ECOSPHEREWINES project, which aims to promote ecosystem services in wine production, was a guest on Antena 1's "90 Segundos de Ciência" programme.

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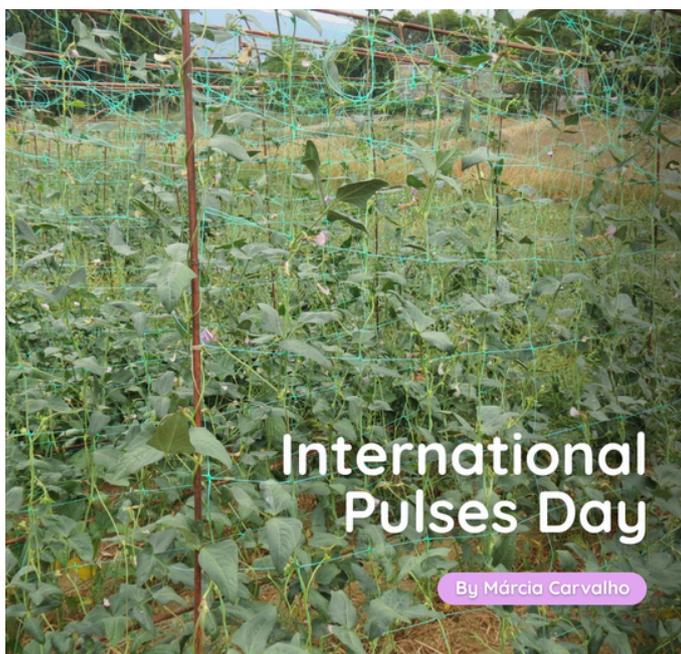


### INVITATION FROM PORTO CANAL!

At the invitation of Porto Canal, the Water Resources Specialist appeared on the programme "Ordem do Dia". The topic under discussion was the bad weather in Portugal.

👉 Know more about it [here](#).

## Opinion Articles:



In order to continue sharing information about projects, events, research, awards and other topics, we would like to ask **all CITAB members to share relevant information** with the Communications Office.