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11th Iberian Congress of Ichthyology

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 June 24–27, 2026


 UTAD, Vila Real

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Please note that the deadline for abstract submission is fast approaching! What are you waiting for?

 Submit it [here](#). 

IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management

 [Edna Cabecinha](#) has been appointed Lead of the Nature-based Solutions thematic group of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management for 2026–2029. 🏆

An award for the HEARTchest project! 🙌

An initiative that combines innovation, tradition, and science to create healthier food solutions—while promoting local products like chestnuts. 🍂

ECOSPHEREWINES Seminar 🍇

This event presented the main results of the [ECOSPHEREWINES project](#) and encouraged discussion on the role of green infrastructure and ecosystem services in wine-growing landscapes.



RUI COSTA PUBLICLY DEFENDED HIS PHD

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

More information [here!](#)



FASCINATION OF PLANTS DAY

To celebrate Plant Fascination Day with the academic community, [Paula Martins-Lopes](#) and [Berta Gonçalves](#) are organising a seminar featuring brief presentations by researchers from CITAB.

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



FERNANDO CHIVANGULULA PUBLICLY DEFENDED HIS PHD

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

SUSTAINABLE AGRIFOOD PRODUCTION 2026! 🌱

3rd Session of the Seminar series

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

👤 Olga Panzo, from CITAB (UTAD), with “The Impact of Cassava Production on Poverty Reduction in the Lives of Rural Families in Songo”;

👤 Vanessa Almeida from GreenUPorto (UPorto), discussed the topic: “Does pesticide exposure impact soil bacterial community structure in wheat fields? A risk assessment perspective”;

The Inov4Agro Guest Researcher was Pietro P. M. Iannetta (GreenUPorto). The theme of his presentation was: “Hidden in plant sight: valorising opportunities only offered by home-grown legumes”.



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EVENT SCHEDULE

www.inov4agro.pt

#3 Seminar PhD Students & Scholarship Researchers

14H00

GreenUPorto | Invited
Researcher **Pietro P.M.
Iannetta**

14H30

CITAB | Olga Panzo

14H50

GreenUPorto | Vanessa
Almeida

Get to know...

MÁRIO SANTOS

“Agriculture and forestry are usually considered different areas of knowledge. Generally, agriculture is conceived as the science or practice of farming, including cultivation of the soil for the growing of crops and the rearing of animals to provide food, wool, and other products. On the other hand, forestry is perceived as the science and art of managing forests and woodlands for a variety of benefits, including timber harvesting, wildlife habitat, recreation, and environmental protection.

CITAB researchers made a modest contribution to advancing knowledge of Agroforestry in Mediterranean ecosystems. More information can be found [here](#).”

Keep reading [here!](#)



The infographic for Mário Santos features the CITAB logo at the top left and the IIR4 logo at the top right. It is structured as a vertical flowchart with three numbered steps: 1. **INTEGRATED MEMBER** (Centre for the Research and Technology of Agro-Environmental and Biological Sciences), 2. **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR** (Department of Biology and the Environment), and 3. **SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY** (Agroforestry combines trees and shrubs (woody perennials) for timber or fruit with crops and animal husbandry, based on agroecology principles). A smartphone on the right displays a circular portrait of Mário Santos and his name in a white box over a background image of a forest.

Learn about the work of our Integrated Members.



The infographic for Ana N. Barros features the CITAB logo at the top left and the IIR4 logo at the top right. It is structured as a vertical flowchart with three numbered steps: 1. **INTEGRATED MEMBER** (Centre for the Research and Technology of Agro-Environmental and Biological Sciences), 2. **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WITH FULL PROFESSORSHIP** (Department of Chemistry), 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 portrait of Ana Barros and her name in a white box over a background image of a laboratory.

ANA N. BARROS

“My scientific activity focuses on the identification, extraction, and valorisation of bioactive compounds from natural resources, with particular emphasis on agro-industrial by-products and their application in food, cosmetic, and pharmaceutical sectors. I have worked extensively on the chemical characterisation of phytochemicals, including phenolic compounds, and the evaluation of their biological properties.

In parallel, I have explored the application of these compounds in nutraceuticals, functional foods, and dermocosmetic formulations, contributing to the development of solutions that bridge science, industry, and health.”

Learn more [here!](#)

Press/Media/Clipping:



PORTUGUESE HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Our Director was interviewed and reinforced: "(...) the future of agriculture will depend on the ability to anticipate climate change and adapt each region to its new conditions."

👉 Read it [here](#).



2026 NATIONAL SCIENCE CLUBS FORUM

CITAB attended the 2026 National Science Clubs Forum, which took place in Santarém! The younger participants were invited to get a close-up look at science and try their hand at some fun challenges.

👉 An event to remember [here](#).



1ST STRENGTHS4WINECHAIN SEMINAR

CITAB (UTAD) is coordinating the [STrengthS4WineChain project](#). Led by [José Moutinho Pereira](#), the consortium brings together UTAD, UMinho and UPorto.

👉 Know more about it [here](#).



LIVING SOIL AT SERRALVES BIOBLITZ '26

Organised by the Serralves Foundation, the BioBlitz Soil Festival is one of the largest events raising awareness of biodiversity protection in Portugal.

👉 Take a look [here](#).



THE ALICE PROJECT FEATURED IN PÚBLICO

The experience of the [ALICE project](#), in which CITAB is involved, shows that ecological restoration requires more than just technical solutions.

👉 Keep reading it [here](#).



UPGRADE 2026 PROGRAMME

CITAB is pleased to announce that the HealthSystems Project, coordinated by [Prof. Ana Barros](#), has been recognised under the UPGRADE 2026 Programme.

👉 Know more about it [here](#).

Opinion Articles:



Take a look...

April Information Session:

Subject:

- [Horizon Europe Lump Sum Funding](#) (Webinar)
- [EIC Pathfinder Open 2026](#) (Workshop)
- [EU LIFE 2026](#) (Info Days)

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.