Curriculum Vitae

Paulo Melo was born in 1962 in Porto. He graduated in Dental Medicine in 1986 from the School of Dental Medicine of Porto, and in 2002 he completed the PhD in Conservative Dental Medicine from the Faculty of Dental Medicine of the University of Porto (FMDUP). He has been working as a dentist since 1986. He teaches at FMDUP since 1996/1997, and is a Full Professor since 2023.

He is currently the Dean of the FMDUP and President of the Scientific Council and the Pedagogic Council of FMDUP. Between 2007 and 2010, he was member of the Directive Council and director of the FMDUP's dental clinic.

At professional association level, he has been involved in leadership positions within the Portuguese Dental Association (OMD) since 2001, as member of the Board of Directors (2001-2009), as Secretary-General (2009-2016) and president of the General Council (2016-2020).

Among several responsibilities he was the chair of the Working Group for COVID-19 in Dentistry of the OMD from March to July 2020, that resulted in several published recommendations. He also integrated the National Agency for Medicines and Health Products within Dental Medicine of the INFARMED, I.P. (Portuguese National Authority of Medicines and Health Products), from 2013 to 2016.

He is member of the "Sociedade Portuguesa de Estomatologia e Medicina Dentária" (SPEMD) since 1987 and is member of the scientific council of the SPEMD Congress since 2018, having held other positions and activities over the years.

At the international level, he has been very active in ERO Working Groups since 2009, namely in the WG "Relation between dental practice and universities", where he had the opportunity of participating in several projects that resulted in peer review papers. He is also an active member of the WG "Continuing medical education in dentistry".

He was a member of the FDI Council from 2018 to 2024. Among several activities, he was coordinator of the Task Force For COVID-19, and of the Task Force organizing the celebration of World Oral Health Day on March 20. During his mandates as Public Health Committee member (2013 to 2018) he introduced and participated in several projects and was vice-chair from 2014 to 2018.

He was an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Council of European Dentists (CED), from 2016 to 2022. He was Chair of the Working Group of Education and Professional Qualifications of the CED, from 2014 to 2022 and collaborated with other WGs as member.

Furthermore, he has been developing research in national and international projects, in areas such as Restorative Dentistry, Cariology, Public Oral Health, and recently COVID-19 in Dentistry which resulted in several scientific publications. He is currently an Associated Researcher, member of the research group "Life Course Perspective on Oral Health" of the EpiUnit, being

part of the Associated Laboratory for Integrative and Translational Research in Population Health (ITR).

Since 2002, he has been collaborating in several projects with the Portuguese Directorate-General of Health and the Portuguese Ministry of Health, regarding research and promotion of Oral Health. Among those projects he participated in the National Oral Health Promotion Program, in the Task Force appointed by Health Minister Correia de Campos in 2007 for the development of an innovative national public oral health program, known as the Dentist Voucher, in the Oral Cancer Early Detection Program and in the III National Epidemiological Study on Oral Disease.

Internationally he has collaborated with WHO as an external expert and in several projects with the World Dental Federation (FDI) in research and promotion of Oral Health and has participated in several multicentre projects. He is involved in two EU funded project named DELIVER and PRUDENT, since August 2022 and February 2023.

He has participated as an expert in several meetings of WHO, ORCA (Organization for Caries Research), ADEE (Association for Dental Education in Europe) and EFP (European Federation of Periodontology), among others. He was member of the ORCA-ADEE working group for defining the Cariology curriculum in Europe between 2010 and 2011

He is member of several scientific associations, participated in more than 100 Conferences and Courses and published more than 50 papers in peer review journals. He is Editorial Board member and reviewer of several national and international journals.