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Chief Executive Officer of BIOALVO SA.

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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:

- September 2003 **Doctorate (Ph.D.)** in Molecular and Cellular Biology by Imperial College of London, UK.
- January 2002 **MPhil** at “Study of developmental genes involved in eye diseases” by Imperial College of London, UK.
- September 2000 Post-Graduation in “Human Disease and Mutation”, by Instituto Gulbenkian Ciência, Oeiras, Portugal.
- September 1999 Post-Graduation in Clinical Genetics by University of Lisbon, Faculty of Medicine.
- July 1999 **Graduate** in Biology, Microbial Biology and Genetics variant, by University of Lisbon, Faculty of Science (Score: 17 in 20).

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

- 2005/... **CEO** of **BIOALVO SA.**
- 2005/... **Chief Coordinator** of the Degrees in Biomedical Engineering and Clinical Engineering at Engineering Faculty of Universidade Católica Portuguesa.
- 2005/... **Scientific Board** member at Engineering Faculty of Universidade Católica Portuguesa.
- 2004/ **Lecturer** at Engineering Faculty of Universidade Católica Portuguesa.
- 2002/05 Co-founder of BIOALVO project. Participation in several competitions (national and international) and business plans submissions.
- 2000/03 Doctoral Student at Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College of London, UK.
- 2000/03 Assistant teacher of laboratory classes for BSc students and Medical Undergraduates at Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College of London, UK.
- 1999/00 Research Assistant at Genetics and Molecular Biology Centre, Faculty of Science, University of Lisbon
- 1999/00 Teacher of Laboratorial Biology Techniques undergraduate students.
- 1998/99 Assistant teacher of laboratory classes in Genetics and Molecular Biology at Faculty of Science, University of Lisbon
- 1998/99 Trainee at Genetics and Molecular Biology Centre, Faculty of Science and ORL Centre, Santa Maria’s Hospital, University of Lisbon.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2005/... As CEO of BIOALVO was involved in the negotiation of BIOALVO’s first round of private investment, contributing to a unique deal for an early-stage biotech company based in Portugal. Also, actively contributed to the establishment of a partnership with ICAT.
- 2002/05 Co-founded and headed BIOALVO SA with a multidisciplinary and internationally recognised team. Entered in and won many prizes at national and international competitions making a significant contribution to the promotion of the Portuguese biotech sector, especially abroad.
- 2000/03 As a scientist developed important research work on the molecular mechanisms of eye genetic disorders, namely glaucoma, contributing to the discovery of potential new therapeutic approaches for such diseases and leading to the publication of several papers in recognised international journals.
- 1998/05 Was awarded several fellowships, grants and prizes by, among others, UK’s Genetic Society, Imperial College of London’s Entrepreneurship Centre, Ministry of Science and Technology of Portugal, Ministry of Health of Portugal, IAPMEI, ISCTE and APBIO/ICEP.