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Age: 35

Academic background:

- 1991 - Graduated in Biotechnology with Honours from Kings College, University of London.
- 1993 - Visiting Engineer Fellowship at the Chemical Engineering Department of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (EUA) for carrying out research work in the area of metabolic engineering.
- 1994-1996 Invited Scientist at the Biotechnology Department of the Technical University of Denmark, Lyngby (Denmark) for carrying out research work in the area of metabolic engineering.
- 1996 - Ph.D. in Biotechnology from Kings College, University of London, in the area of metabolic engineering.
- Post-doctoral work at Centro de Engenharia Biológica & Química do Instituto Superior Técnico (Technical University of Lisboa), in "integrated production methods for cost-efficient industrial production of recombinant human proteins using *E. coli* expression systems.
- Carried out a 12 months Masters programme in "Science & Technology Management and Commercialisation" offered jointly by the IC2 Institute at the University of Texas, Austin, USA and Instituto Superior Técnico, IST, Lisboa, Portugal.

Industrial background:

- Fouded Biotecnol SA in late 1996
- Between 1997-2001 was a member of the Advisory Group of the Biotechnology & Finance Forum, organised by the European Association of Security Dealers and Automated Quotations (EASD), and the European Commission's DG Research
- Founded in 1998 the Portuguese Bio-industries Association (APBio), and incorporated it into EuropaBio. Current Chairman of APBio.
- Between 1999-2000 he was a Board member of Vida Rhein SA – a German-Portuguese joint venture dedicated to Hepatitis B vaccines development.
- Permanent member of the Policy & Operations Council and Coordination Council of EuropaBio (www.europa-bio.be)
- Permanent member of the Emerging Enterprises sub-board of EuropaBio (www.europa-bio.be).
- He has been involved since 1997 on several expert panels advising the European Commission on its biotechnology policies.
- He has been involved in several advisory committees for the Portuguese Government during 1999-2001 period.
- He is a member of the National Advisory Council of the National Entrepreneurs Association (ANJE).