

Professor Jorge Buescu was awarded the Grande Prémio Ciência Viva 2024



Jorge Buescu, a mathematician from the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon (FCUL), has been awarded the “Grande Prémio Ciência Viva 2024”. This prestigious award, the highest category of the Ciência Viva Prizes, recognises individuals and organisations for their outstanding contributions to scientific and technological dissemination.

Jorge Buescu, who holds a degree in Physics from FCUL and a PhD in Mathematics from the University of Warwick (1995), is currently an Associate Professor with Habilitation in the Department of Mathematics at FCUL.

He is a passionate science communicator, has authored over two hundred pedagogical and outreach articles, many of which stem from his three-decade-long collaboration with the *Ordem dos Engenheiros* magazine, *Ingenium*, where he maintains a regular science column. Jorge emphasises the importance of sharing science, stating, “I have always felt the need to share science. Communicating, disseminating, showing others the beauty that exists in what we, scientists, do and which is often not visible from the outside.” He further adds,

“Communicating and disseminating science rigorously is an increasingly important task. Scientific dissemination inspires new generations, sparking curiosity and showing the relevance of science. But, in addition, it promotes the growth of a healthier society, as well-informed citizens are better able to demand actions that promote social and environmental well-being.”

Regarding receiving the award, Jorge expressed, “It is a great joy for me, for many reasons, to receive this Grande Prémio Ciência Viva. It is, above all, a recognition that the great passion that moves me is truly worth living.”

In addition to the Grande Prémio Ciência Viva, Jorge Buescu has also been awarded the Rómulo de Carvalho Prize for Research and Dissemination, was appointed a Corresponding Member of the *Ordem dos Engenheiros*, was elected an honorary member of the Real Sociedad Matemática Española, and serves as Vice-President of the European Mathematical Society, the first Portuguese to hold this position.