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Prof. Duarte Nuno Vieira is Full Professor (of Forensic Medicine, Forensic Sciences, Ethics and Medical Law) at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Coimbra (Portugal) and at the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Beira Interior. He is presently visiting professor at the Universities of Belgrade (Servia), Fudan, Xi'an Jiaotong, Najing e Zhejiang Chinese Medical University (China), Kasturba Medical College (India), and as served, on a regular basis as lecturer and visiting professor, in several other European, African, Central and South American and Asian Universities, as well as at the University for Peace of the United Nations. He is Director of the Institute of Legal Medicine and of the Institute of Bioethics of the Faculty Medicine of the University of Coimbra.

He is President of the Portuguese National Academy of Medicine, Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and President of the Portuguese Association of Personal Injury Assessment. He is also Vice-President of the European Confederation of Experts on Evaluation and Repair of Bodily Injury. He is member of the Advising Committee of the American Board of Independent Medical Examiners and has been member of the Executive Committee of the Working Group in Forensic Pathology and Forensic Anthropology of the Permanent Committee of INTERPOL on Disaster Victim Identification. He is also member of the Portuguese National Commission for Human Rights, of the Advisory Board of the Portuguese National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture, of the Human Rights Resource Centre of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and President of the Ethics Committee of Hospital Luz Saúde Coimbra and member of the Ethics Committee of Hospital dos Lusíadas Porto. He was founder of the Portuguese Speaking Countries Observatory on Human Rights and he acts as Executive Director of the Coimbra University Centre for Humanitarian and Human Rights Forensic Research and Training and member of the Executive Board of the Centre for Biomedical Law of the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra

He has been President of the International Academy of Legal Medicine, of the International Association of Forensic Sciences, of the European Council of Legal Medicine, of the World Association of Police Medical Officers, of the Mediterranean Academy of Forensic Sciences and of the Latin American Association of Medical Law, of the Ibero-American Network of Forensic Sciences and Chairman of the Thematic Federation on Legal and Forensic Medicine of the European Union

of Medical Specialists. He also has been Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Coimbra, President of the Portuguese National Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences, Director of the Institute of Legal Medicine of Coimbra and of the Service of Forensic Pathology, Chief Forensic Pathologist, President of the Portuguese Medico-Legal Council, among many others appointments.

He is Member of the International Forensic Advisory Board of the International Committee of the Red Cross and Member of the Forensic Expert Group of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims. He works on a regular basis as temporary forensic consultant for the United Nations, mainly for UN OHCHR and UNODC.

He also has been member of the Portuguese National Council of Ethics for Life Sciences and of the National Commission for Civil Protection. He is Member of the Scientific Board of the European Institute of Training Evaluation and Repair of Bodily Injury of Paris and member of the group of expert reviewers of the European Science Foundation.

Prof. Vieira has published over 350 scientific papers, he is editor or co-editor of 13 books, and serves on the editorial boards of several international leading scientific publications of his area of medical expertise, as well has in the editorial boards of national forensic scientific journals from 18 different European, American, Asian, Middle-East and African countries (Portugal, Costa Rica, Spain, Italy, Ireland, Turkey, Iran, India, Brazil, Romania, Egypt, Russia, Peru, Poland, Uruguay, Denmark, etc.). He is Chief-Executive Editor of the Journal of Forensic Research (edited by Oxford University Press), Chief-Editor of the Romanian Journal of Legal Medicine, International Associate Editor of the Spanish Journal of Legal Medicine (edited by Elsevier) and Chief-Editor of the Portuguese Journal of Personal Injury Assessment (edited by Coimbra University Press). He has given, as invited keynote speaker, more than 800 keynote lectures outside of Portugal, in 87 different countries of Europe, Asia, Africa, Middle-East, Australasia, and of the entire American continent, and trainings courses in more than 30 different countries (namely on the Istanbul and on the Minnesota Protocols). He is author or co-author of more than 1.500 oral communications and posters presented in scientific events. He has supervised 15 PhD thesis and more than 80 Master thesis and he has been member of more than 170 academic jurys in European, Asian, African, Middle-East and South American universities (of Portugal, Spain, Romania, Ireland, China, Estonia, Jordan, Egypt, Uzbekistan, Greece, Brazil, Crete, etc.)

Prof. Vieira is a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and member of numerous national and international forensic scientific associations, having received honorary fellowship from 18 universities, scientific associations and academies, from Europe, North, Central and South America, Africa and Asia, has been awarded with distinctions from different governments and municipalities, and has received 17 scientific prizes (he is, for example, Doctor *Honoris causa* by Grigore T. Popa University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Iasi (Romania) and by the University of

Santiago de Compostela (Spain), Honorary Citizen of the City of Guayaquil (Ecuador) and Antigua (Guatemala), Honorary Member of the College of Pathologists of Sri Lanka, Honorary Member of the Medico-Legal Society of Panama, Honorary Member of the Medico-Legal Society of Cuba, Honorary Member of the Spanish Society of Personal Injury Assessment, Honorary member of the Balkan Academy of Forensic Sciences, etc., corresponding member of the Russian Association of Forensic Experts, Medal of the Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia, etc.). He his Academic (chair 11) of the Portuguese Academy of Medicine, Honorary Academic of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Granada (Spain), of the Royal Academy of Medicine and Surgery of Murcia (Spain), of the Royal Academy of Medicine and Surgery of Sevilla (Spain), of the Academy of Medicine of Uruguay and Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Sciences, Humanities and Arts of Italy, of the National Academy of Medicine of Brazil and of the Royal National Academy of Medicine of Spain. He has been awarded by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, in 2014, with the Douglas Lucas Medal Award (best global forensic expert), the most prestigious international award in the area of forensic sciences (awarded every 3 years), and awarded, in 2020, with the Clyde Snow Human Rights Award (remarkable career in the application of forensic sciences to human rights) and the Milton Helpern Award in Forensic Pathology (best world forensic pathologist). He was also awarded in 2023 with the International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS) Humans Rights Award. And in 2025 with the Annual Award from the Balkan Academy of Forensic Sciences, and the career Award of the Ibero-American Network of Forensic Medicine and Forensic Sciences Institutions as well the Forensic Medical Sciences Pionners Award da Global Summit for Excellence in Forensic Sciences em 2025. He has also been awarded with the title of Knight of the Royal Order of Nossa Senhora da Conceição and of Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Prof. Vieira has been president and organizer of the main international meetings in his area of expertise, and has been member of the organizing and scientific committees of more than 80 international congresses in countries of the 5 continents.

Prof. Vieira also participated in 83 international missions promoted by the International Amnesty, European Commission, International Red Cross, United Nations, USAID, etc., especially in the field of human rights, in countries from Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Africa, Australasia and Asia (Brazil, Iraq, Paraguay, Palestine, Nigeria, Moldova, Comoros, Mexico, Kazakhstan, Colombia, Peru, Kirgizstan, Indonesia, Morocco, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Tajikistan, Switzerland, Papua New Guinea, East-Timor, Greece, Jordan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Mexico, Macedonia, Ivory Coast, Poland, Palestine, Italy, Ukraine, Kenya, Argentina, Mauritania, Egypt, Mali, Ghana, Chile, Tunisia, Argentina, Tajikistan, Mauritania, Maldives, Senegal, Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Bahrain, Mozambique, Philippines, Serbia, Lebanon, Angola, etc.), and intervene as expert witness in legal proceedings, in countries from the European, American, African and Asian continents. Some of his main fields of work and research are personal injury assessment, the investigation and

documentation of torture and ill-treatment, monitoring detention facilities, gender based violence and forensic services and forensic systems organization.

In recent years, and just by way of example, it has been part of the official investigation missions into the deaths of the Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi and the Lebanese commentator Lokman Slim, the expertise of Julian Assange, the investigation by the Polish National Prosecutor's Office of the Smolenks tragedy and the investigation of the mass graves of Tarhuna, Libya, or Mexico's and Colombia Extraordinary Forensic Identification Mechanisms.