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DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN MARKETING AND STRATEGY

I – THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The Doctoral Programme in Marketing and Strategy is a joint project from the Universities of Minho (UM), Aveiro (UA) and Beira Interior (UBI). Drawing on the synergies of the three organising universities, this Programme aims at endowing doctoral students with a state of the art vision about the advance of scientific knowledge in these areas while benefiting from the resources of three universities.

This document provides some general information regarding scientific and administrative aspects of the Programme. The Regulation of the Programme is also included (Appendix 1). However, you should note that the Programme Regulations may change according to the general guidelines of the University.

Direction

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II – PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Venue

Classes will take place in the organising universities according to a pre-organised schedule plan:

- ✓ University of Minho, Campus de Gualtar, Braga
- ✓ University of Aveiro, Campus Universitário de Santiago, Aveiro
- ✓ University of Beira Interior, Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas, Estrada do Sineiro, Covilhã.

Schedule

Friday afternoon/ Saturday morning.

Exceptionally, classes may occur on Friday morning or Saturday afternoon or another day of the week. Should this happen, students shall be notified in advance.

The detailed timetable is attached.

Language

English is the language of communication in the classroom. Lectures are in English as well as oral presentations by the students. Maximum effort will be dispensed to assure all PowerPoint presentations and class materials are in English. When invited lecturers are present, this may not always be possible. Written assignments can be either in Portuguese or English, depending on lecturer's decision. The thesis can also be written in Portuguese or English as per students' choice.

Lecture Attendance

For students to pass a curricular unit, it is compulsory they attend a minimum of 60% of the unit's allocated time.

Studying & Computer lab facilities

University of Minho

Doctoral students are assigned a desk space in an office in the School of Economics and Management (EEG), UM at their disposal. Please ask in *Gabinete de Apoio à Investigação* for more information as this is subject to availability.

The Opening hours for the EEG building are from 08:30 to 20:00

Computer labs: In the UM there is a Lab in Building 1 and another one in Building 2 located near the staff office. The lab located in Building 2 is open from 08:00 until 20:00. The Lab located in CP1 is open from 08:00 until 23:30.

University of Aveiro

Room 10.3.43 is available for PhD students. Ask for a key in the Administrative Services.

Computer labs: there is a computer lab for students lab 10.1.22. Opening hours: from 08:30 to 20.00.

University of Beira Interior

Computer labs: There is a computer lab – LABA[Laboratório de Autoaprendizagem] – available for students. Opening hours are from 08:15 to 19:15/20:15 during the week and 08:00 to 14:00 on Saturdays. Computers for students are also available at the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences. There is technical support for students from the Computer Centre located at UBIExecutive's building – right in front of the Faculty (opening hours during the week: from 09:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 17:30).

Students also have access to the facilities of NECE - Research Unit for Business Sciences to study and/or work.

E-learning

Each University has an e-learning platform. Once all the information regarding students' registration has been exchanged between universities, students have access to all services in each University regardless of where they have enrolled.

Library and databases

Students will have access to the resources of the University in which they enrolled shortly after registration. Access to the other universities' libraries and digital resources will be granted after the exchange of information among universities.

Parking

Students enrolled at the University of Minho ought to request for access to the car parks. from the Academic Portal (<http://alunos.uminho.pt>), in the Electronic desk, under "Parks". Students from the other Universities should inform the administrator they wish to have access to the car park so that Campus Security is informed.

The Universities of Aveiro and Beira Interior have open campi.

Administrative services

Students have access to the resources of the University where they have enrolled immediately or shortly after registration. However, it will take some time before they have access to the services of the other two universities of the Programme. The universities' administrative services will have to exchange the final lists of registered students to grant them full access as students. These aspects are being solved as the joint Programme develops. In case of doubts and for any questions, please contact the administrative services of the University in which you have enrolled:

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University of Beira Interior _ Carla Loureiro: carlalou@ubi.pt

III – PROGRAMME ORGANISATION AND OUTLINE

Duration: 6 semesters (180 ECTS)

Part-time/Full-time registration

Students have the option to register as part-time students. This implies doing the Programme in no less than six years. This choice should be taken when registering in the PhD programme.

Part-time students should take the following courses in the first year:

- ✓ First Semester – **Research Methodology** and **Option 1** [16 ECTS]
- ✓ Second Semester – **Data Analysis** and **Innovation & Entrepreneurship** [14 ECTS].

To submit the thesis project, all curricular units from the first year of the Programme ought to be completed successfully

Table 1 – Programme Outline

Curricular Unit	Scientific Area	ECTS	Hours
first year / first semester			
Research Methodology in Marketing and Strategy	G(ME)	8	32
Consumer Behaviour	G(ME)	6	24
Strategic Management	G(ME)	4	16
Optional 1 – Advanced Studies in Marketing or Advanced Studies in Strategy	G(ME)	8	24
Optional 2	G(ME)/G/E/O	4	12
first year / second semester			
Data Analysis	G(ME)	8	40
Thesis Project	G(ME)	8	16
Innovation and Entrepreneurship	G(ME)	6	24
Business and Marketing Ethics	G(ME)	4	16
Optional 3	G(ME)/G/E/O	4	12
Total first year		60	
second year / first semester to third year / second semester			
Thesis	G(ME)	30	

Equivalences/Creditation

Requests for equivalence/creditation should be presented to the administrative services. These will be analysed by the Programme's Scientific Committee. However, generally, Master courses grant no equivalence to PhD programme courses.

COURSE SILLABI

Research Methodology in Marketing and Strategy

Professors José Carlos Pinho - UM and António Carrizo Moreira – UA – 32 hours

Epistemological foundations. Constructing the research problem. Ethics and Research. Data collection and managing the data structure. Validity and Reliability. Causal Analysis and Modelling. Systematic Literature Review. Qualitative data analysis. Mixed Research Methods.

Option 1: Advanced Studies in Marketing

Professors Elisabete Sampaio and Beatriz Casais – UM – 24 hours

What is marketing? Historical development of marketing. Marketing concepts. Constructing theory. Theory and research. Marketing and science. Theoretical paradigms. Philosophy and marketing. Scientific realism. Perspectives in contemporary Marketing.

Option 1: Advanced Studies in Strategy

Professor António Carrizo Moreira - UA - 24 hours

What is Strategy? The strategy Dimension: Process, Content and Context. Viewing Strategy as a Paradox. Resource Based View - Internal Competencies and Capabilities. Acquiring New Capabilities. Strategic Thinking: the paradox of Logic and Creativity. Strategy Formation: the paradox of Deliberateness and Emergence. Strategic Change: the paradox of Evolution and Revolution. Industry Context and Porter's Five Forces: the paradox of Compliance and Choice

Competitive Positioning via Cost Leadership. Competitive Positioning via Differentiation; sustainability. Business Strategy: the paradox of Markets and Resources. Corporate Strategy: the paradox of Responsiveness and Synergy. Cooperative Strategies: the paradox of Competition and Cooperation. International Context: the paradox of Globalisation and Localisation. Organisational Context: the paradox of Control and Chaos; the paradox of Profitability and Responsibility.

Consumer Behaviour

Professor Paulo Duarte - UBI - 24 hours

Overview: What is Consumer Research. Theoretical Advances in Consumer Research. Information Processing Theory of Consumer Behaviour. Affect and Emotions. Motivations. Social psychological dimensions of consumer behaviour - Self, Social Behaviour and the Psychology of Attitudes. Culture, Emotion and Persuasion. Message Framing and comparative advertising.

Strategic Management

Professor João Ferreira – UBI – 16 hours

Overview: To understand and analyse the main theories underlying strategic management; to characterise the strategic management process, and to provide the means and tools of strategic formulation and implementation.

Learning outcomes of the course unit: Knowledge of the major theories of management, ability to identify and develop the strategic management process, ability to articulate and analyse the concepts and techniques of strategic management; and domain of the strategic formulation and implementation tools.

Course unit contents / Syllabus: Basic concepts of strategic management. Analysis of environment and industry. Internal analysis: organisation analysis. Strategy formulation. Strategy implementation, Assessment and control.

Option 2: Tourism Marketing

Professor Elisabeth Kastenholz – UA – 12 hours

Overview: What is Marketing in Hospitality and Tourism? Marketing Research in Hospitality and Tourism Services versus (or plus) Research in Destination Marketing. The specificities of the "Tourism Product" and implications on its Marketing: distinguishing single services, packages and destinations within an overall "Tourism System". Consumer Behaviour in Tourism: market trends, motivations, facilitators and inhibitors of travel, attitudes and perceptions, the decision making process, satisfaction and loyalty. The relevance of segmentation and "management of demand". The central role of positioning, image and brand building in the competitive international environment. The enlarged "marketing-mix". *E-Marketing* in Tourism. The Challenge of Sustainable Tourism and implications on Marketing.

Option 2: Services Marketing

Professor Cláudia Simões – UM – 12 hours

The scientific context and challenges in services marketing research. Relevant topics in services. Relationship Marketing. Emerging strands in service research.

Data Analysis

Professor Pedro Mota Veiga– UBI – 40 hours

1. Research philosophy and Data Analysis – the relationship among ontology, epistemology, methodology and method;
2. Interdependence Analysis; a. Factor Analysis. b. Cluster Analysis. 3. Dependency Analysis; a. ANOVA. b. Regression. c. Discriminant. 4. Second Generation Analysis. a. Structural Equation Modelling. b. PLS

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Professor António Carrizo Moreira - UA – 24 hours

Innovation: Concepts, Types, Classes and Models; Innovation: Key-success factors; factors hindering innovation; Systems of Innovation; Innovation Metrics; Entrepreneurship: Concepts, theories and models; The entrepreneur: main theories; Environment and Entrepreneurship; Particular forms of entrepreneurship.

Business and Marketing Ethics

Professor Teresa Heath - UM – 16 hours

Understanding business and marketing ethics; Ethics, business ethics, marketing ethics and corporate social responsibility – key concepts, importance, challenges and barriers; Ethical issues in marketing management – marketing research, marketing mix and marketing strategy;

The case for critical thinking and critical marketing: notion, importance and scope. Issues of criticism - marketing concept, micro approach to marketing versus macromarketing; the impact of marketing on individual consumers, society and natural environment: excessive consumption, sustainability and marketing; deceptive practices in marketing, manipulation versus sovereignty of consumers.

Option 3: Public, Non-profit and Social Marketing

Professor Helena Alves - UBI – 12 hours

Extending the scope of marketing: From for-profit marketing to non-profit and social marketing. The concept of marketing in the public sector; the detection of needs and development of public services; the public marketing plan. The application of marketing in the non-profit sector; types of non-profit organisations: the Non- Governmental Organisations and Private Institutions of Social Solidarity; analysis of target audiences: donors, clients and other stakeholders; the importance of volunteering and fundraising. The concept of social marketing; principles and tools in social marketing, communication, emotion and fear in social marketing. Influencing decision makers and public policy; relational marketing in the context of social marketing.

Option 3: Internationalisation and Global Marketing

Professor José Carlos Pinho – UM – 12 hours

The Decision to internationalise: Global marketing in the firm; Initiation of internationalisation; Internationalisation theories; Development of the firm's international competitiveness; Deciding which markets to enter: The macro-environment; political, economic and sociocultural; The international market selection process; Market entry strategies.

Thesis Project

Professor Cláudia Simões – UM – 4 hours (+thesis project presentation seminar)

The thesis project consists of a structured and formal document where the candidate presents and justifies the research idea and design. It must include a title that demonstrates the content of the proposal; the introduction to the research theme and the justification for its relevance; a literature review evidencing a solid theoretical knowledge of the field and a critical perspective (although not exhaustive); and the research methodology. This project should also express the originality of the proposed project.

The project will be presented and discussed before a panel of academics. The panel may approve the project unconditionally, make a conditional acceptance subject to changes, or reject it, inviting the candidate to reformulate the project. Two rejections of the project will result in the student being excluded from the Doctoral Programme. Following approval, the investigation must proceed based on the proposed project and with the supervision of an academic holding a PhD. Supervisor(s) must also agree with the project.

Presentation of the thesis project

The presentation of the thesis projects will take place on October 2022. Should it be impossible for a student to work on her/his project, for justifiable reasons, the deadline will be suspended for a period corresponding to the time of her/his impediment. Students should contact the Academic Services of the University in which they are enrolled to request this interruption.

Should it be impossible for a student to present the research project in the date defined, for justifiable reasons, the project will be presented following the calendar, unless otherwise decided by the Scientific Committee of the Programme.

Second Year Report (TESE 2)

The doctoral Programme, in its second year, is composed of a module named "TESE" with 60 ECTS. Students need to submit and publicly defend their work during the second year of the Programme. This work is labelled second-year report. Reports should comply with the following instructions:

1. The titles of the proposal should clearly reflect the research under study;
2. Maximum length of 40 A4-sized pages. Written with 1.5 line spacing. Margins of 2.5 cm. Font: Times New Roman 12.
3. Key elements of the work:
 - a. Title
 - b. Abstract
 - c. Keywords: Max 5
 - d. Main Study Purpose and Contribution
 - e. Literature Review (LR)
 - f. Methodology
 - g. Main Results or Logical Development of the Theme (if applicable)
 - h. Conclusions and Implications
 - i. Bibliography

The assessment will be based on two topics:

1. Oral presentation:
 - a. Topic scientific pertinence
 - b. Organisation and structure of the presentation
 - c. Clarity of the scientific content
2. Written report:
 - a. LR Structure and coherence
 - b. Integration and critical interpretation of the distinct contributions of the LR
 - c. The relevance of Research Question
 - d. Methodological coherence with research questions or study purpose
 - e. Rigour, quality and diversity of references/citations
 - f. Text quality and clarity
 - g. Degree of proficiency in the work

The second year report is not supposed to be an "add on" to the Thesis Project (Relatório de Tese) of the 1st year. The second-year report should reflect the degree of evolution of the student's research and thus, should underpin his/her way up the ladder of the PhD thesis.

Doctoral thesis

The thesis can follow either the traditional dissertation format or the article based format. Should this be the case, the articles must either be published or accepted for publication or accepted with minor changes in journals indexed in widely accepted scientific databases.

In the preparation of your dissertation, you should follow the formatting and style guidelines of the University in which you are enrolled.

This information can be accessed in each of the Universities, in the following sites:

University of Minho: e-learning platform – Pedagogical Council/3rd cycle students

University of Aveiro: <http://www.ua.pt/sga/PageText.aspx?id=4630>

University of Beira Interior: https://academicos.ubi.pt/online/PageText.aspx?id=legislacao_ubi
(Normas de Formatação Gráfica)

Please note that the University where you are enrolled is the University in which you will present your thesis. All administrative and formal questions should be per this University rules.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty and will not be tolerated in the Doctoral Programme. Such practice may result in severe disciplinary and legal sanctions, in addition to the expulsion from the Doctoral Programme. Accordingly, students must always apply the principles of referencing.

Students will be asked to present with each work a signed declaration stating that they clearly identify and duly quote the published work of others that have been used to develop the project. Professor Moritz von Schwedler has prepared a quick guide of referencing presented below.

Referencing

Proper referencing is an essential part of academic work. On the one hand, you are giving credit to the original author, and on the other, you provide evidence that you are well versed in the appropriate body of knowledge. Moreover, it helps the reader to assess which perspective work was written from, if there is any bias, etc.

There are numerous different referencing styles, and you need to apply whatever is the standard which is favoured by your institution. In social sciences, APA and Harvard's style are some of the most common ones.

There are a few different practices that you should be aware of. Here are some examples.

1 - Indirect referencing

You use an indirect reference when you use someone else's ideas and concepts and also to substantiate your arguments (if other people agreed).

Example:

What is obvious is that it is rather challenging to define what responsible and even more so sustainable behaviour is. It is, therefore, easier, even though it receives less attention, to define unsustainability (Callens and Wolters, 1998; Bebbington and Gray, 2001; Gray and Bebbington, 2007).

2 - Direct referencing

A direct reference needs to be used when you are paraphrasing someone else's work. For instance, it can be used if you think that another author provided an important definition or maybe if something has already been said in a very good and striking way.

Example:

Another important motivation for engaging with CSR is part of stakeholder management initiatives (Steurer et al., 2005; Solomon, 2006; Unerman, 2007; Dunfee, 2008). The importance of this issue is explained by Freeman (1984) as:

"[A] shift in traditional relationships with external groups such as suppliers, customers, owners and employees, as well as the emergence and renewed importance of government, foreign competition, environmentalists, consumer advocates, special interest groups, media and others, mean that a new conceptual approach is needed." (p. 27)

In this case, you need to use the exact same quote and indicate any change and/or omissions. Moreover, you have to provide the page number that you got the quote from.

Referencing websites

A particular case of referencing represents websites. They are often being used, but frequently can be an unreliable source. Nevertheless, they are a valid source of information.

Example:

When it comes to the business case, it is interesting to consider what are the means and the ends or in other words are businesses made more sustainable or is CSR used to gain an advantage for the business. This point is summed up best by asking the question to whether businesses strive to "become a sustainable business – not just a business 'with a sustainability program'" (Strategic Sustainability Consulting, 2009).

In the bibliography the website would appear in the following way:

STRATEGIC SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTING (2009) Sustainability for Every Company. Available from <http://sustainabilityconsulting.squarespace.com/> [Accessed 19/11/2009]

Alternatively, if used as a footnote, the following example could be helpful.

Example:

Despite having the highest metering rate this is only at 28.1%¹, only a legislative push could make a major difference here, as interviewees point out because it is avoided to be leading on unpopular decisions.

¹ Source: BBC (1998) BBC Water Week. Available from

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/static/waterweek/index.html> [Accessed 19/11/2009]

Appendix 1 – Regulation for the Doctoral Programme in Marketing and Strategy

REGULATION FOR THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN MARKETING AND STRATEGY

Article 1.

(Creation of the Programme)

The Universities of Minho, Aveiro and Beira Interior, fully designated as Universities, have established a Doctoral Programme in Marketing and Strategy, henceforth designated as a Programme, by which they may jointly confer the degree of *Doctor of Philosophy in Marketing and Strategy*.

Article 2.

(Governing bodies of the Programme)

1. The following governing bodies are in charge of the organisation of the Programme:
 - a) One Director and two Vice-Directors of Programme, one seat from each of the universities involved, with a mandate of two years, to be shared on a rotational basis.
 - b) The Scientific Committee of the Programme, with six members, one professor and one member from each University, with a mandate of two years, to be appointed by the Programme's teaching staff. The Committee will include the Director, who shall preside, and the two Vice-Directors.
2. The Programme's Scientific Committee is answerable to the relevant bodies of the Universities of Minho, Aveiro and Beira Interior.

Article 3.

(Tasks of the Scientific Committee and the Director)

1. The Programme's Scientific Committee will decide upon the scientific and pedagogic materials relevant to the normal functioning of the Programme, namely:
 - a) Annually decide upon the teaching staff for the Programme.
 - b) Annually decide upon the composition and content of the Programme's curricular units, as well as propose the corresponding distribution of service, for the approval of the relevant University bodies.
 - c) Define the terms of the national and international publicity for the Programme.
 - d) Propose the criteria, dates and any other items covered under Article 7 of this regulation.
 - e) Propose the candidates for admission to the Programme and define the curricular component for each student.

f) Accompany the progress of each student, in the case of a supervisor not having been appointed to that effect. In this role, the Scientific Committee for the Programme may also nominate a tutor to jointly assist in accompanying the student.

g) When applicable and as agreed by the supervisor, nominate co-supervisors. The supervisor should be, except in exceptional cases, a member of the teaching staff from the Programme.

h) Propose the members for the doctoral examining boards, based on the supervisor's recommendations, and submit them for official approval and nomination.

2. The Director will guarantee the normal functioning of the Programme and be dedicated to its overall quality, namely:

a) Coordinate the activities of the Programme's Scientific Committee.

b) Take charge of all matters relating to the current management of the Programme, in particular, the Planning and Budget proposals for the Programme, as well as the Progress Reports, submitting them for official approval;

c) Officially represent the Programme.

Article 4.

(Collaboration with other institutions)

The doctoral Programme in Marketing and Strategy can be carried out in collaboration with other foreign universities under the terms of the protocol of cooperation established with these institutions.

a) In the public examination for the doctorate, one part of the defence of the thesis must take place in one of the official languages of the European Community, other than Portuguese, with this being explicit in the minutes.

1. Under the terms of item (b) of the previous point, there must be a specific signed protocol between the Universities of Minho, Aveiro and Beira Interior and the candidate's host University, with this institution providing a certificate of the work completed.

Article 5.

(Organisation and functioning of the Programme)

1. The Programme is organised according to a system of credits which includes a curricular component of 60 ECTS and a research component resulting in the production of an original thesis, so that the student completes, in total, at least 180 ECTS.

2. The Programme will be of at least three years duration, in the case of full-time students, or six years, in the case of part-time students. The maximum period for completion of the Programme is five years on a full-time basis and eight years part-time.

3. The curricular units are divided into six compulsory and three elective units. One of the elective curricular units must be selected from among two variants, Advanced Marketing Studies and Advanced Strategy Studies, in accordance with the specific area of knowledge being developed in the thesis.

4. In each academic year, the Programme's Scientific Committee will publish the complete list of elective curricular units for the taught component of the Programme, including the elective curricular units offered in the ambit of Masters Programmes or other doctorate programmes administered by the Universities. The functioning of the curricular units will be subject to a minimum of 5 students.
4. The curricular component will be conducted in Portuguese, English or Spanish and correspond to one year of full-time study.
5. The curricular units will be given at the University of Aveiro, The University of Minho or the University of Beira Interior, in accordance with the calendar and timetable defined by the Programme's Scientific Committee.
6. Within the Curricular component, some of the credits may be taken in a scientific area outside that of the doctorate, subject to the approval of the Programme's Scientific Committee.
7. Depending on the student's curriculum, the Programme's Scientific Committee can award credits towards the curricular unit for work already done. In this case, the student must submit a request to the University at which they are registered. The request will be reviewed by the Programme's Scientific Committee and then submitted to the relevant bodies of the institution for approval.
8. The taught part of the Programme cannot exceed a period of two consecutive academic years for full-time students, and three years for part-time students.
9. By the end of the taught part of the Programme, the student must define their project for the thesis: this will comprise a full revision of the literature, a theoretical framework for the intended hypotheses, and the methodology to be applied.
10. In exceptional cases, the Programme's Scientific Committee may, at the request of the interested party, authorise an extension for the submission of the project up to a maximum period of three months, without this implying an extension of the overall duration of the doctorate.
11. The project will be defended before a jury of doctorates.
12. The jury may approve the project unconditionally, make a conditional acceptance subject to changes, or reject it, inviting the candidate to reformulate the project.
13. Two rejections of the project will result in the student being excluded from the Doctoral Programme.
14. A positive evaluation of the project and the defence of the thesis project are the absolute requirements for continuing on the Programme.
15. This Doctoral Programme has a minimum registration period of three years for completion.

Article 6.

(Selection, calendar, number of places and fees)

The details of the selection criteria, registration dates, academic calendar, number of places, the minimum number of students and fees are set annually by joint decree of the Rectors of the Universities, following the proposal from the Programme's Scientific Committee.

Article 7.

(Conditions of Access, application and registration)

1. To join the Programme, the candidate must satisfy the conditions set down by national legislation, in the specific applicable norms and, in particular, comply with at least one of the alternatives stated in the items below:

a) Have a Masters Degree or a certificate of a second cycle of higher education in Marketing, Strategy, Management or Economics or other areas.

b) Have an Undergraduate Degree in Marketing, Strategy, Management or Economics or other areas (from either a national or foreign institution) and a specifically relevant academic or scientific curriculum which is recognised by Programme's Scientific Committee as evidence of the candidate's ability to complete this cycle of studies.

c) Have a professional or scientific curriculum which is recognised as relevant and appropriate by the Programme's Scientific Committee.

2. Application to the Programme may be made at the University of Minho, Aveiro or Beira Interior.

3. Registration will be completed at the University where the application was made.

Article 8.

(Thesis and public examination)

1. The doctoral thesis may be presented in English, on the condition that the title and the abstract are also presented in Portuguese.

2. The doctoral thesis must be presented under the terms of the legislation and regulations in force.

3. The examining jury for the doctorate will be proposed by the Programme's Scientific Committee, under the terms of Article 3 (1) (h) of the present regulation, and the legislation and regulations in force.

4. The doctoral examinations will take place under the terms of the legislation and regulations in force.

5. Subject to the provisions in the previous number, the doctoral diploma will be awarded, in accordance with the applicable norms.

Article 9. (Intellectual property)

1. Author's rights for the dissertation belong to the doctorate.

2. Without prejudice to the provisions in the previous number, the participating Universities can freely use the title and the abstract of the doctoral dissertations and permit their full consultation, namely through their documentation and library services.

3. If the research carried out by the doctoral student, in the ambit of preparing the doctoral

thesis, produces innovative products or systems which warrant protection by legislation of industrial property and/or author's rights, the title of the respective rights will belong to the participating University or Universities in which that research took place or, when applicable, the respective organic bodies, as well as the research bodies or centres.

4. The terms of commercial exploration of the products or systems referred to in the previous number, as well as the sharing of any eventual profits from this exploitation, will be the object of an autonomous agreement between the doctoral student and the entity/entities referred to in this same number.

Article 10.

(Alterations to the Regulation)

Alterations to the present regulation are at the initiative of the Programme's Scientific Committee and should respect the terms of Article 2 (2) of this regulation.

Article 11.

(Omissions)

Any omissions in this regulation will be considered concerning the rules of the 3rd cycle of the Universities of Minho, Aveiro and Beira Interior and resolved by the initiative of the Programme's Scientific Committee, respecting the terms of Article 2 (2) of the present regulation.