

Teresa Lago

Full Professor of Astronomy, University of Porto (UP), Portugal (retired).

Responsible for setting-up/coordinating the 1st Astronomy Degree in Portugal (1983), the European Inter-university Masters Degree (1994), the “European Astrophysics Doctoral Network” involving 33 European Universities (1986) and the Astronomy Doctoral Program (2004).

Author of the “National Plan for the Development of Astronomy” (1987), founder of the Centre for de Astrophysics (1988) (that she directed for 18 years) and of the Porto Planetarium (1998).

Prepared the Association of Portugal to ESO (1989) and was National Delegate to the ESO Council until 2013.

Chaired the national Scientific Council for “Earth & Space Sciences”.

Member/Chair of numerous international Advisory Boards, namely

- Governing Board-School of Cosmic Physics-DIAS
- Founding member of the EASociety and Member of Council (1996-1999)
- Founding member of Euroscience and Member of Council (1997)
- National Geographic, Portugal
- European Commission (DGXII)
- ESA Space Science Committee
- Space Science & Astronomy (Finland Academy of Sciences)
- Aalto University
- Institute Universitaire de France
- Initiatives d’Excellence, Agence National de la Recherche
- Humboldt Foundation, amongst others.

President of “Porto 2001-European Capital of Culture” (1999-2002).

Elected Member of Parliament (2002) choose not to exercise the mandate.

Member of Porto Municipal Assembly & Metropolitan Assembly.

Founding member of the Scientific Council of the European Research Council (2005-2013) and Chair of the ERC Gender Balance Working Group (2009-2013).

Main interests: Astrophysics, Research & Education, Scientific Culture, Science Management & Science Policy.

Honours: AAS Henri Chrétien Award (1985), Associate of RAS (1990), member of Academiae Europaeae (1992), Medal of Merit (Ministry for Science & Technology, 2016) "for her valuable contribution to the development of science in Portugal", Ciência Viva Montepio Grand Prize 2018 “for her outstanding work in promoting scientific culture as a professor, researcher, author and disseminator in the field of astronomy”.