



Dr Miguel Pavão (Portugal)

Miguel Pavão (1980) is a Portuguese dentist and is the founder and president of the NGO “Mundo a Sorrir” (“*Smiling World*”) – Portuguese Solidary Dentists. He graduated in Dental Medicine at Fernando Pessoa University, Porto in 2004. He’s specialist in Dental Implants and Prosthesis by the Complutense University of Madrid (2006, Spain) and Master in Dental Aesthetics by Catalunya International University (2009, Spain). He post-graduated in Entrepreneurism and Social Innovation at the Medicine Faculty of Porto and at “Porto Social Foundation” (Portugal).

When he made a trip to Cape Verde, in 2005, as a volunteer, realized the importance of creating an innovative and non for profit organization in Portugal in the oral health area, in order to promote health and oral health as a universal right.

In 2009 Miguel was chosen among 650 applicants to join an assembly of 20 youth association leaders, the YouthActionNet Global Fellow, belonging to the worldwide network of the International Youth Foundation (IYF). Due to his effort in the NGO “Mundo a Sorrir”, he was the winner of the 1st Social Portuguese Prize: “*Portugueses Heroes*” (2013) and won the INSEAD Social Entrepreneurship Prize in 2014. This prize was a one-week participation in the INSEAD Program, in the Business School in Singapore. In June 2015, Miguel was awarded with the Official Order of Merit by the President of the Portuguese Republic. In July 2015 made a GPSUN – Graduate Study Programme United Nation at United Nations Office in Genève.

Fellow and Vice Regent at ICD Portugal - International College of Dentists, he is also member of the PSDA Board-Portuguese Society of Dental Aesthetics.

Presently he is an active member and published writer of the Portuguese "Think Tank" – PCS - Sustainable Growth Platform, participates in the publication of the book “The Future and Youth” and he’s member of the Board of ESLIDER PORTUGAL, a network of Social Entrepreneurs and Civil Society Leaders that looks forward to building bridges and collaborative solutions as a way to accelerate Social Innovation.