



35th edition of the Dona Antónia Awards

TERESA PATRÍCIO GOUVEIA AND INÊS DE CASTRO GONÇALVES ARE THE 2022 WINNERS

Vila Nova de Gaia, 4 July 2023 - Teresa Patrício Gouveia, one of the best-known names in Portuguese female politics in the last 40 years, was distinguished at the 35th edition of the Dona Antónia Awards with the Career Consecration Award. Biomedical researcher Inês de Castro Gonçalves received the Revelation Award for her contribution to innovation in science, with the development of biomaterials and medical devices for antimicrobial and cardiovascular applications.

Awarded since 1988, the Dona Antónia Adelaide Ferreira Awards aim to distinguish and honour Portuguese women with an exceptional life path who stand out for their human qualities, entrepreneurial spirit, leadership skills, social responsibility, openness to innovation and constant striving for their own development. Since its genesis, and throughout these 35 editions, it has distinguished personalities who have made a difference in the Portuguese economic, social, and cultural panorama. All the winners are the protagonists of a singular and different story, following the example of the life and work of Dona Antónia and identifying with the personal and professional values embodied by her.

The autonomous jury, chaired by Artur Santos Silva, annually awards the Career Consecration Award, which pays tribute to a consolidated life path deserving of unequivocal public recognition, and the Revelation Award, which seeks to honour an important career in a phase of affirmation and development.

"One of the goals of our Global Sustainability Approach - Seed the Future - is to actively contribute to the empowerment of 100 women, inspiring them to make a positive impact on society and the development of our country, following the example that Dona Antónia left us," said Raquel Seabra, Executive Board Member of Sogrape. *"All possible forms of tribute will always be few, whether the Dona Antónia Awards*

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to recognise unique women for their humanism and professional skills, the Antónia Adelaide Ferreira DOC Douro Tinto wine with the new 2019 vintage launched on 4 July, or the name of the future bridge over the Douro River, where a popular vote chose to call it Ponte da Ferreirinha," she said.

The 2022 winners

Teresa Patrício Gouveia (b. 1946) graduated in History from the Faculty of Arts of the University of Lisbon. She soon went into a career in politics and female culture in Portugal. She has held various political positions, starting as a Member of Parliament for the Social Democratic Party (PSD) between 1987 and 2004. She was also Secretary of State for Culture (1985-1990), Secretary of State for the Environment (1991-1993), Minister of the Environment (1993-1995) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2003-2004).

In parallel with her political career, she maintained a strong connection to the cultural area, where she was President of the Steering Committee for Cultural Cooperation of the Council of Europe (1985-1987); Governor and member of the Executive Council of the European Cultural Foundation, in Amsterdam (1990-1995); and Director (1997-2000) and Chair (2000 and 2003) of the Serralves Foundation.

She was also a Member of the Advisory Board of Público newspaper (1990-1991) and the University of Lisbon (2007-2008); Member of the Council of the Portuguese Honorific Orders - National Orders (2002-2003); Trustee of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (2004-2019); and, more recently (since 2020), Member of the Board of Trustees of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR).

This is the third time that the Dona Antónia Awards highlight one of the most outstanding personalities of national politics, following the recognition of Elisa Ferreira in 1992 at the 5th edition, and Leonor Beleza in 2010 at the 23rd edition.

Inês de Castro Gonçalves (b.1981) graduated in Microbiology at the Escola Superior de Biotecnologia da Universidade Católica do Porto (2003). After that, she got her PhD in Biomedical Engineering at FEUP - Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto (2009), with a thesis

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on the development of biomaterials for contact with blood, hoping to prevent the formation of thrombi associated with the use of cardiovascular implants.

Since then, she has had a brilliant career in scientific research. She has been a researcher at INEB - Institute of Biomedical Engineering since 2012, where she developed a new research area using biocompatible and antimicrobial graphene-based materials for different biomedical applications. She is currently the Principal Researcher and leader of the Advanced Graphene Biomaterials Group at i3S - Institute for Health Research and Innovation and, within this, at INEB. She is also a board member of the Iberian Society of Biomechanics and Biomaterials and co-founder of the startup GOTech Antimicrobial.

Her main research and innovation interest is the development of biomaterials and medical devices for antimicrobial and cardiovascular applications. Highlights include catheters and disinfection devices coated with antimicrobial graphene, as well as decellularised polymers and matrices reinforced with graphene for vascular prostheses.

She regularly participates in speeches to talk about Science, having coordinated the "Children's Port" initiative for over 10 years carried out by INEB in partnership with the Porto City Council, to provide primary school children with their first contact with Science.

She has led several technology transfer projects funded by different international entities, which have led to the submission of 5 patents, one of which has already been granted. She has also been distinguished with some of the most prestigious awards given in the country to promising scientists up to the age of 35. She was the Portuguese representative of the *Young Scientist Forum*, of the European Society for Biomaterials (2018 - 2021) and the author of more than 40 scientific publications in high-impact international journals. She has coordinated several national and international projects, organised more than 25 international scientific conferences, and her research has been presented at more than 120 international events. She leads an extensive team of post-docs, research assistants and PhD and MSc students, having supervised more than 25 MSc and PhD theses.

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About Dona Antónia Adelaide Ferreira

Two centuries after the birth of Dona Antónia Adelaide Ferreira (1811-1896), who her fellow countrymen affectionately called "Ferreirinha", evoking this unique figure in the history of the Douro Wine Region is a fitting tribute to a woman who became a symbol of Douro entrepreneurship, winegrowing and a major example of altruism and generosity towards the most needy, contributing to Portugal's economic, social and cultural development.

Dona Antónia died on March 26th 1896, when she was almost 85 after an intense life of service to the cause of the Douro Wine Region and its inhabitants, especially the poorest and most disadvantaged. She was, without doubt, one of the most remarkable personalities in the history of one of the first and most important demarcated wine-growing regions in the world.

This frail but vibrant and courageous woman became a rare symbol of entrepreneurship and is remembered today as an example of tenacity in fighting the drama and misery that befell the Douro region as a result of the phylloxera plague, destroying large vineyards and the dreams of many farmers. A desolate scenario that Ferreirinha knew how to respond with firmness in the fight against the grapevine disease through the investigation of the most evolved processes of wine production, new large vineyards plantations and large acquisitions of land and wines from fearful and decapitalized owners.

As the heiress of a wealthy Douro family with an important activity in wine growing and Port production, Dona Antónia had to take over the leadership of the family business after having been widowed at the age of 33 and develop what was to become the FERREIRA house - a mission she fulfilled with rare brilliance, revealing an extraordinary entrepreneurial vocation.

Dona Antónia didn't limit herself to managing the fortune she inherited. She invested passionately and intensely in the Douro Region that she loved so much, without waiting for the protection or support of the state. Ferreirinha was said to be generous with the poor and weak but haughty with the rich and powerful. And that was with the same naturalness in the house of the most modest workers or in the Royal Palace. All these attributes, together with her fine wines, which won awards at the most prestigious international exhibitions, contributed to this unique woman having acquired a mythical aura in the business world, in the Douro Region, with her recognition extending nationwide.

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Previous Editions' Winners

1st edition - 1988 Award

Maria do Rosário Nunes de Carvalho Teixeira

Award presented by Maria de Jesus Barroso on 4 July 1989

2nd edition - 1989 Award

Maria Cândida Oliveira Sousa Morais

Award presented by Isabel Mota on 4 July 1990

3rd edition - 1990 Award

Catarina Hall (Stimulus Award / MBA)

Award presented by Fernando Guedes on 4 July 1991

4th edition - 1991 Award

Maria do Carmo Portela de Herédia Vieira da Fonseca

Award presented by Simonetta Luz Afonso on 4 July 1992

5th edition - 1992 Award

Elisa Maria da Costa Guimarães Ferreira

Award presented by Teresa Patrício Gouveia on 8 July 1993

6th edition - 1993 Award

Ana Maria Guedes Antunes de Oliveira (Stimulus Award / MBA)

Award presented by Maria Adelina Spratley Ferreira on 30 June 1994

7th edition - 1994 Award

Maria Rosalina Tavares Machado

Award presented by Raquel Bettencourt Ferreira on 4 July 1995

8th edition - 1995 Award

Isabel Maria Lucena Vasconcelos Mota

Award presented by Maria José Ritta on 12 December 1996

9th edition - 1996 Award

Maria Teresa da Silva Lopes (Stimulus Award / MBA)

Award presented by Carlos Barral (representing Luísa Amélia Oliveira Guterres) on 4 July 1997

10th edition - 1997 Award

Vera Nobre da Costa

Award presented by Agustina Bessa-Luís on 3 July 1998

11th edition - 1998 Award

Estela de Magalhaes Barbot

Award presented by Francisco Javier de Olazabal on 5 July 1999

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12th edition - 1999 Award

Graça Maria Cavaco de Morais (Stimulus Award / MBA)

Award presented by Graça Morais on 4 July 2000

13th edition - 2000 Award

Maria de Jesus Barroso Soares

Award presented by Catarina Vaz Pinto on 4 July 2001

14th edition - 2001 Award

Graça Viterbo

Award presented by Margarida Sousa Uva Durão Barroso on 4 July 2002

15th edition - 2002 Award

Ana Teresa Tavares (Stimulus Award / MBA)

Award presented by Isabel Alçada Vilar on 4 July 2003

16th edition - 2003 Award

Inês Costa Garcia and Maria João Teixeira Queiroz

Award presented by Prof. Maria de Sousa on 15 July 2004

17th edition - 2004 Award

Mafalda Mendes de Almeida

Award presented by Manuela Ferreira Leite on 4 July 2005

18th edition - 2005 Award

Catarina Sismeiro / Joana Resende (Stimulus Award / MBA)

Award presented by Leonor Beleza on 4 July 2006

19th edition - 2006 Award

Maria da Purificação Tavares

Award presented by Eunice Muñoz on 4 July 2007

20th edition - 2007 Award

Maria Isabel Torres Baptista Parreira Jonet

Award presented by Fátima Barros on 4 July 2008

21st edition - 2008 Award

Joana Santos Silva

Award presented by Isabel Cluny on 2 July 2009

22nd edition - 2009 Award

Joana Carneiro

Award presented by Teresa de Sousa on 8 July 2010

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23rd edition - 2010 Award

Leonor Beleza

Award presented by Maria de Lurdes Rodrigues on 4 July 2011

24th edition - 2011 Award

Raquel Seabra

Award presented by Maria de Fátima Bonifácio on 4 July 2012

25th edition - 2012 Awards

Maria do Carmo Fonseca

Award presented by Maria de Lurdes Rodrigues on 4 July 2013

26th edition - 2013 Awards

Career Consecration Award for Luísa Bastos Almeida

Revelation Award for Marta Brandão

Awards presented on 16 July 2014

27th edition - 2014 Awards

Career Consecration Award for Teresa de Sousa

Revelation Award for Ana Ventura Miranda

Awards presented on 8 July 2015

28th edition - 2015 Awards

Career Consecration Award for Teodora Cardoso

Revelation Award for Raquel Oliveira

Awards presented on 4 July 2016

29th edition - 2016 Awards

Career Consecration Award for Maria Amélia Ferreira

Revelation Award for Leonor Teles

Awards presented on 4 July 2017

30th edition - 2017 Awards

Career Consecration Award for Ana Pinho

Revelation Award for Nádia Piazza

Awards presented on 4 July 2018

31st edition - 2018 Awards

Career Consecration Award for Isabel Furtado

Revelation Award for Cristina Fonseca

Awards presented on 4 July 2019

32nd edition - 2019 Awards

Career Consecration Award for Maria Manuel Mota

Revelation Award for Sara do Ó

Awards presented on 9 July 2020

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33rd edition - 2020 Awards

Career Consecration Award for Catarina Furtado

Revelation Award for Alexandra Machado

Awards presented on 5 July 2021

34th edition - 2021 Awards

Career Consecration Award for Maria João Avillez

Revelation Award for Maria do Carmo Teixeira Bastos

Awards presented on 1 July 2022

More information about the Dona Antónia Awards is available at

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