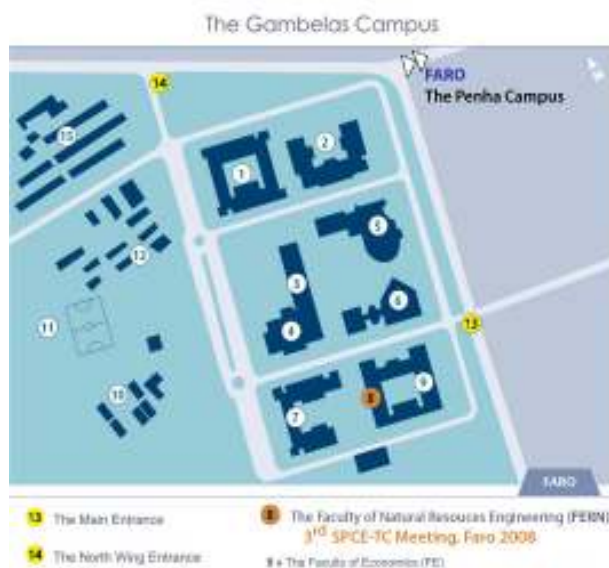


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## LOCATION AND VENUE

The meeting will be held at the FERN Auditorium, in Gambelas Campus of University of Algarve. See the map below for directions on how to get there.



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> International Meeting of the Portuguese Society for Stem Cells and Cellular Therapy (SPCE-TC)

“From Molecular Mechanisms  
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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



**April 23-24, 2008**  
**University of Algarve**  
**Faro, Portugal**

## SPCE-TC 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

The Portuguese Society for Stem Cells and Cell Therapies (SPCE-TC) is proud to announce its Third International Meeting, to be held at the University of Algarve in Faro, April 23-24, 2008. Featuring the latest major advances in the field of Stem Cell Research. International and Portuguese renowned scientists will cover topics ranging from the basic biology of stem cells to specific therapeutic applications. We aim that attending this meeting will bring together Portuguese researchers working either in Portugal or abroad, motivate students interested in pursuing graduate careers, and generate new collaborations, strategies and synergies for the future.

Looking forward to seeing you in Faro,

**José António Belo - Meeting Chair**

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## TOPICS OF INTEREST

The scientific sessions will be organized around three main areas of Research:

- **Biology of Stem Cells and Bioreactors**
- **Stem Cells in Development and Disease**
- **Tissue Repair and Regenerative Medicine**

Relevant topics include (but are not limited to):

- Characterization of stem cell pluripotency
- Differentiation and transdifferentiation
- Stem cells as models for drug research
- Stem cells in development and disease
- Stem cells and cancer
- Development of novel strategies, media and matrices for stem cell growth and differentiation
- Possible application of stem cell-derived products

Selected abstracts will be presented as short oral communications (10 + 5 min).  
The official language of the Meeting will be English.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Submit your abstract online at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting SPCE-TC website:

[www.cbme.ualg.pt/WEBStemCells2008\\_cbme.html](http://www.cbme.ualg.pt/WEBStemCells2008_cbme.html)

## REGISTRATION

**Early Registration (until March 21, 2008):**

<b>SPCE-TC Members (PhD, MD)</b>	<b>150 Euros</b>
<b>Non-members (PhD, MD)</b>	<b>200 Euros</b>
<b>Graduate Students (SPCE-TC)</b>	<b>90 Euros</b>
<b>Graduate Students (Non-SPCE-TC)</b>	<b>120 Euros</b>
<b>Non-Graduate Students*</b>	<b>20 Euros</b>

The registration fee includes conference materials, meeting banquet on April 23<sup>rd</sup> (\*except N-GS), lunch on April 24<sup>th</sup>, and three coffee breaks. Prices for non-members include Society membership (one-year); non-member applicants should fill out a membership form available at the registration site. Dinner cost for guests: 25 euros.

**After March 21, 2008, the registration fees will have a surplus of 50 Euros.**

**Fellowships** covering registration costs will be available for a number of PhD Students presenting a communication (see website for details on how to apply).

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Abstract submission</b>	<b>March 14, 2008</b>
<b>Early registration</b>	<b>March 21, 2008</b>
<b>Notification of acceptance</b>	<b>April 4, 2008</b>

## ACCOMMODATION

See hotel list and rates at  
[www.cbme.ualg.pt/WEBStemCells2008\\_cbme.html](http://www.cbme.ualg.pt/WEBStemCells2008_cbme.html)

**Participants should make their own lodging arrangements.** Hotels nearby include Hotel EVA, Hotel Faro, Hotel St.ª Maria and Hotel Mónaco. Special rates have been negotiated for the Meeting; essential to refer **reservation key: 3SPCE-TC08**. To assure availability and rates, reservations should be done by **29 February**.

**The Meeting Banquet** will take place at the Restaurante Mariscos, which is located at Faro's Marina.