

## Order nº 50/2010

### **SUBJECT: Update of the General Regulation for Doctorates of the ULHT**

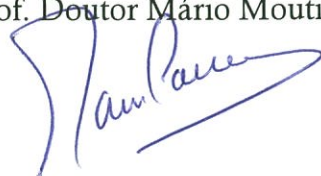
Given the need to clarify the application of some aspects of the General Regulation for Doctorates of the Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias, I approve the new version, thus revoking Order No. 81/2009 of 17/04/09.

This Regulation shall enter into force immediately.

Lisbon, 18 of March 2010.

The Rector

(Prof. Doutor Mário Moutinho)



## **GENERAL REGULATION FOR DOCTORATES**

at the

**Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias**

### **Preamble**

The Law-Decree n. 42/2005 of February 22, came to establish the regulatory instruments for the creation of the European area of higher education, changing the paradigms of education, and centring it in essence on the acquired skills and on the perspective of a transnational exchange sustained by the mobility of students and professionals through the establishment of a system of credits (ECTS - European Credit Transfer System).

Thus, according to the Law-Decree n. 74/2006 of March 24, laying down the legal framework of degrees and diplomas of higher education, amended and republished by Law-Decree n. 107/2008 of June 25, the Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias approves the General Regulation for Doctorates.

### **Article 1 Scope and Objective**

1 — This regulation lays down the rules applicable to the Doctorates offered at the Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias, hereinafter designated as ULHT.

2 — This regulation applies to all organic units responsible of the ULHT responsible for the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycles of higher studies leading to a doctoral degree.

### **Part I General Provisions**

#### **Article 2 The Doctoral Degree**

1 — The ULHT teaches the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle of higher studies leading to a doctoral degree in a specific scientific field.

2 — The Doctorate degree is awarded to those who were successful in the public defence of their thesis.

3 — According to the provisions of Article 28 of Law-Decree n. 74/2006 of March 24, the ULHT confers a Doctorate degree to those who demonstrate:

- a) Ability to understand systematically the scientific field of study
- b) Competencies, skills and research methods associated with a given scientific field
- c) Ability to conceive, design, adapt and perform significant research, respecting the requirements imposed by the standards of academic quality and integrity
- d) Having completed a significant body of original research that has contributed to expanding the frontiers of knowledge, the dissemination of which deserves national or international publications with a referee committee
- e) Ability to critically analyze, evaluate and synthesize new and complex ideas

- f) Ability to communicate with their peers, the academic community and the society at large on the area of specialization
- g) Ability to promote, in an academic and/or professional setting, the technological, social or cultural progress

### **Article 3**

#### **Cycle of Studies leading to a Doctorate Degree**

The cycle of studies leading to a Doctorate degree at the ULHT integrates:

- a) The completion of the doctoral programme, consisting of a set of curricular units aimed at basic scientific research training, when provided for in the statute creating that cycle of studies
- b) The elaboration of an original thesis designed especially for this purpose, appropriate to the nature of the relevant scientific field.

### **Article 4**

#### **Doctorate in Association**

1 — The units of the ULHT may establish agreements with other higher education institutions, be they national or foreign, for the definition and creation of cycles of studies leading to a doctoral degree.

2 — The units of the ULHT can also establish protocols among them with a view to creating transdisciplinary Doctorates, governed by the rules laid down in this Article.

3 — These protocols depend on the previous approval of the Rector of the ULHT who shall establish the rules to conduct the proceedings, after hearing the Scientific Council(s) of the respective Organic Unit(s)

4 — The allocation and the titling of the degree of Doctor in association shall be governed by the provisions of Articles 42 and 43 of the Law-Decree n.74/2006 of March 24.

**Single Paragraph** — The operating norms of each doctorate in association shall be set in their specific regulation, as provided in Article 12 of this regulation.

### **Article 5**

#### **The Scientific Committee for the Doctorate**

1 — Each cycle of studies leading to a doctoral degree has a Scientific Committee appointed by the Scientific Council of the respective organic unit, under the proposal of the Director of the course, and whose duties and operational procedures shall be stipulated in the specific regulation.

2 — The Scientific Committee is composed by:

- a) The Director of the Doctorate degree, who holds the office of President
- b) The teachers of the doctoral programme
- c) The directors of organizational units, I&D units and study centres of the scientific area of the Doctorate or of related fields, belonging to ULHT
- d) Persons of recognized merit, of the scientific area of the Doctorate or of related fields

3 — The Scientific Committee monitors the functioning of the cycle of studies having a say, in particular, about:

- a) The subject areas of the doctorate
- b) The specific standards for the admission of candidates
- c) All cases submitted by the Director of the Doctorate

4 — The Scientific Committee shall convene, ordinarily, twice a year and, extraordinarily, whenever justified, as asked by the Director or a by a third of its members.

## **Part II**

### **Admission to the Cycle of Studies leading to a Doctorate degree**

#### **Article 6**

##### **Candidacy to the Cycle of Studies**

1 — The following may apply to the cycle of studies leading to the Doctorate degree:

- a) The holders of a master's degree or of a legal equivalent
- b) The holders of a bachelor's degree, in possession of an academic or scientific curriculum, recognized as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the Scientific Commission of the Doctorate
- c) The holders of an academic, scientific and professional curriculum recognized as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the Scientific Commission.

2 — What is mentioned in subparagraphs b) and c) above is subject to the following conditions:

- a) Favourable opinions of two professors or researchers with a doctoral degree, considered as experts in the scientific field of the applicable study, and appointed by the respective Director of the Doctorate, under proposal of the respective corresponding Scientific Committee
- b) It does not give the holder the equivalence to the degree of bachelor or master, or to its recognition

#### **Article 7**

##### **Formalization of the Candidacies**

1 — The candidacies for access to the cycle of studies leading to the doctoral degree shall be open for a specified period, and dates announced publicly and timely.

2 — According to the availability of conditions at the ULHT, upon proposal of the Scientific Commission, and approved by the Rector, the maximum number of vacancies shall be set.

3 — The formalization of the candidacy shall be done at the administrative services of the ULHT upon presentation of the following elements:

- a) a document proving that the candidate meets the conditions referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 6
- b) A Curriculum Vitae in the DeGóis format or equivalent, duly updated and documented
- c) A pre-defined research project under the specific regulation for each Doctorate
- d) A copy of the candidate's scientific work composed by the five published works considered to be more relevant

4 — The candidacy process may also include an interview whenever the Scientific Commission may see fit.

### **Article 8**

#### **The Selection of Candidates**

1 — The selection of candidates is made by the Director of the Doctorate.

2 — The decision about the candidacy process shall take place within 10 working days following the end of the period referred to paragraph 1 of Article 7 of this regulation.

3 — To the candidates referred to in subparagraphs b) and c) of paragraph 1 of Article 6 of this regulation, the Scientific Commission of the Doctorate may, upon acceptance of the candidacy, impose the need for approval and attendance in the curricular units of post-graduate or master's degrees taught at the ULHT.

### **Article 9**

#### **Waiving of Curricular Units**

1 — The candidates may request a waiver of the curricular units of the doctoral programme whenever:

- a) They have obtained approval in curricular units belonging to another doctoral programme in a Portuguese or foreigner higher education institution
- b) They gather the conditions set out in paragraph 1 of Article 10 of this regulation
- c) They deliver the thesis as defined in Article 17 of this regulation.

2 — The request for a waiver of curricular units shall be addressed to the Director of the Doctorate, shall be appreciated by its Scientific Committee, and shall contain:

- a) The justification for the request
- b) The documents proving the dispositions of paragraph 1 of this Article

3 — Based on the assessment of the Scientific Committee of the Doctorate degree and on the candidate's request, to the holders of a master's degree in the area of specialization of the Doctorate may be awarded ECTS, in accordance with specific regulations.

### **Article 10**

#### **Special conditions for registration waiving the curricular units**

1 — Candidates can apply for enrolment in the doctoral programme, waving the attendance of the curricular units if they hold one of the following requirements:

- a) Have their theses in an advanced stage of development
- b) Submit a thesis plan, based on research already developed in the specific area of the Doctorate.

2 — The candidacy for enrolment in the Doctorate under this article shall be addressed to the Director of the doctoral programme, evaluated by the relevant Scientific Committee, and shall contain:

- a) A well reasoned justification for the request

- b) A written proof that the candidate meets the conditions referred to in the paragraph 1 of Article 6
- c) An updated and documented Curriculum Vitae in the DeGóis format or equivalent
- d) Five printed copies of the thesis prepared in accordance with the "Standards for the Preparation and Submission of Doctoral Theses" in use at the ULHT, or a Thesis Plan with a demonstration of the work already done and the timing of the work to be develop validated and duly approved by the Scientific Advisor
- e) An opinion of the Scientific Advisor with whom the candidate has worked
- f) A copy of the candidate's scientific work composed by the five published works, considered to be more relevant

3 — The request, referred to in the preceding paragraphs, shall be appreciated within 30 days after delivery by the Scientific Committee.

**Single Paragraph** — The Scientific Committee may require an interview with the candidate. This shall be accompanied by the opinion of the scientific advisor.

4 — The Scientific Committee shall deliver its opinion upon request. These shall contain the specific conditions for registration and enrolment in the doctoral programme.

5 — Candidates who enrol under this Article shall be subject to a Proof of Scientific Qualifications that shall consist of the presentation, analysis and discussion of the elaborate part of the thesis before a jury, named with a basis on number 9 of this Article.

6 — The Proof of Scientific Qualifications is adjourned by the Director of the doctoral programme in one of the following circumstances:

- a) No later than sixty days from the date of enrolment in the course for the cases described in subparagraph a) of paragraph 1
- b) 60 days after receiving the assent of the scientific advisor in the remaining cases

7 — The Proof of Scientific Qualifications is not to take place in public and has a maximum duration of 120 minutes divided equally between the jury and the candidate.

8 — The Proof of Scientific Qualifications shall validate the continuation of the work in view of the final registration of the subject of the thesis and its public presentation

9 — The jury for the Proof of Scientific Qualifications consists of the following elements:

- a) The Course Director, who shall preside, or his/her appointed delegate
- b) The scientific advisor(s)
- c) An examiner external to the ULHT with a Doctorate, and whose domain of expertise is within the subject of the work being submitted
- d) Two doctorate members at most, whose area of expertise is within the subject of the work being presented
- e) The decisions of the jury concerning the Proof of Scientific Qualifications are taken by the majority of members that constitute it, by a recorded justified vote, having the president the power of a casting vote, and no abstentions being permitted

10 — The meetings of the jury shall be recorded in minutes, which include the votes of each of its members and its respective fundaments.

11 — After providing Proof of Scientific Qualifications, and respecting the jury's decision, the formal delivery of the thesis and the candidacy of Proof follow the provisions set for the general cases.

12 — In the cases under this Article, and for the purposes set out in paragraph 3 of Article 13, the decision of the Scientific Committee expresses the acceptance and the appointment of the Scientific Advisor.

13 — The favourable opinion concerning the request referred to in paragraph 2 and the approval of the appropriate Proofs of Scientific Qualification do not constitute any attribution of equivalence to the curricular units of the course.

### **Part III** **Functioning of the Doctorate**

#### **Article 11** **Enrolment**

The right to admission, acquired after acceptance of the candidacy, is formalized at the act of enrolment in the relevant administrative services, by meeting the requirements set by the ULHT.

#### **Article 12** **Organization of the Cycle of Studies leading to the Doctorate Degree**

1 — On recommendation from the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Council of the respective organic unit shall adopt a specific regulation, in addition to this regulation, where the following is expressed:

- a) The curricular structure
- b) The syllabus
- c) The evaluation procedures
- d) The credits in the ECTS system of each curricular unit, and other complementary scientific activities
- e) The procedures for the preparation of the thesis
- f) The lines of research or scientific areas of the respective organic unit in which the themes of the theses may fit
- g) The functioning of the juries for the Proof of Scientific Qualifications and for the Doctorates
- h) The constitution, powers and procedure of the Scientific Commission for the Doctorate
- i) Other provisions of the responsibility of the Scientific Committee and which may not be contrary to the provisions of this regulation

2 — The cycle of studies leading to the doctoral degree must include a minimum of 180 ECTS, structured in compliance with the provisions of the Law-Decree-Law n. 42/2005 of February 22.

#### **Article 13** **Designations of the Thesis Advisors and Registration(s) of the Theses**

1 — The preparation of the thesis must be carried out under the guidance of a teacher or researcher of the ULHT who holds a Doctorate.

**Single Paragraph** — In exceptional cases, one may admit the guidance of professors or postdoctoral researchers external to the ULHT, following the approval of the Scientific Committee.



2 — In duly justified cases, one can accept for the preparation of the thesis a co-supervision with a doctoral degree.

3 — The supervisor(s) is/are designated by the Scientific Committee, on a proposal by the doctoral candidate and following the express acceptance of the teacher(s) or researcher(s) proposed .

4 — In exceptional cases duly justified to the Scientific Committee of the Doctorate it is possible to propose a replacement of the supervisor(s).

5 — Faced with the presentation of the advising proposal, the doctoral student should present the topic and the thesis plan, accepted by the proposed supervisor(s), and the relevant services of the ULHT shall proceed to the respective enrolment.

6 — For the registration of the thesis, provided for in Law-Decree n. 52/2002 of March 2, the following elements shall be delivered:

- a) The institution conferring the degree
- b) Designation of the course
- c) Identification of the doctoral student
- d) Title of the thesis plan
- e) Scientific area
- f) Plan of the thesis and keywords
- g) Name(s) of the supervisor(s)

7 — The registration of the doctoral thesis, provided for in Law-Decree n. 52/2002 of March 2, shall be done by the competent administrative bodies of the ULHT.

#### **Article 14**

##### **Elaboration and Presentation of the Thesis**

1 — The thesis advisor(s) should monitor effectively and actively the doctoral students in their scientific preparation, in accomplishing their research projects and in the preparation of the theses, without loss of academic freedom nor of the right of the students to defend their scientific opinions.

2 — The doctoral students shall regularly maintain their advisors(s) informed of the progress of their work, in the terms agreed between them, and whose procedures are established in the regulations specific to each Doctorate.

3 — The use of the results of previously published works may be admitted in the preparation of the theses.

4 — After the registration of the thesis, the incumbent advisor(s) shall submit annually a written report to the Scientific Committee on the progress of the work of the doctoral student, based on the information provided by him/her, following the procedures in the specific regulation for each Doctorate.

#### **Article 15**

##### **Elaboration and Presentation of the Thesis**

1 — The thesis may be printed or polycopied.



2 — The thesis must be prepared in accordance with the "Standards for the Preparation and Submission of Doctoral Theses" in force at the ULHT.

3 — The language of the drafting of the thesis shall be Portuguese, and shall be accompanied by three summaries: one in Portuguese and the other two in two of the other EU languages. Each one should not exceed 200 words.

**Single Paragraph** — In justified cases, upon request of the doctoral student and upon the positive opinion of the supervisor(s) the Scientific Committee of the doctoral course, it may authorize the presentation of theses written in a foreign language. Such theses must then include a summary in Portuguese of at least thirty pages.

4 — It is up to the advisor(s) to ensure compliance with the provisions in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article.

#### **Article 16**

##### **Delivering the Thesis and Requirement of Proof**

1 — The thesis should be subjected to a public discussion and consideration by a doctoral jury proposed by the respective Scientific Committee and approved by the Rector of the ULHT, following the requirements in n. 18 of this regulation.

2 — The following are mandatory requirements upon delivery of the thesis:

- a) The approval of the doctoral course, or the acceptance of the doctoral student under Article 10 and 17 of this regulation
- b) Candidacy for submission to a doctoral jury, signed by the candidate and by the Scientific Advisor
- c) Having elapsed more than sixty days since the registration of the thesis
- d) Opinion of the supervisor(s)
- e) Nine paper copies of the thesis, according to the standards used at the ULHT, an updated Curriculum Vitae in the DeGóis format or equivalent, and twelve copies of the same elements in non-editable digital format (PDF);

#### **Article 17**

##### **Special Regime for the Thesis Presentation**

1 — The candidates who meet the conditions for access to the cycle of studies leading to the Doctorate degree, under Article 33 of the Law-Decree n. 74/2006 of March 24, may require the submission of a thesis for a public doctoral act without enrolment in the respective cycle of studies, and without the guidance referred to in Article 14 of this regulation.

2 — The candidates under this special regime shall hand in:

- a) A reasoned request for the thesis delivery and submission to a doctoral jury, duly signed
- b) A document proving that the candidate meets the conditions referred to in the paragraph 1 of Article 6
- c) Nine paper copies of the thesis, according to the standards used at the ULHT, an updated Curriculum Vitae in the DeGóis format or equivalent, and twelve copies of the same elements in non-editable digital format (PDF)
- d) A copy of the scientific work of the candidate, made by the five published works that may be considered more relevant.

3 — The candidacy process may also include an interview with the candidate, provided that the Scientific Committee of the doctoral programme so desires.

4 — It is incumbent upon the Scientific Committee deciding on the request, after consideration of the academic, scientific and professional suitability of the candidate, and the objectives of the thesis for the degree of doctor—in accordance with Article 2 of this regulation.

### **Article 18**

#### **Appointing the Doctoral Jury and its Constitution**

1 — Upon receipt of the request referred to in paragraph b) of n. 2 of Article 16, or after a positive opinion to the request referred to in subparagraph a) of n. 2 of Article 17, the Scientific Committee has thirty working days to:

a) Meet extraordinarily for the drafting of a proposal for the constitution of the jury, after having checked the compliance of the whole process, according to n. 2 of Article 16, and to n. 4 of Article 15

b) Propose to the Rector the composition of the doctoral jury for his/her approval

2 — The proposal for approval must be accompanied by: a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Scientific Committee, a copy of the thesis, a copy of the Curriculum Vitae, a statement of acceptance by the supervisor(s), and the corresponding minutes of the meeting of the Scientific Committee.

3 — The approval of the jury by the Rector shall be made within ten working days from the date of receipt of the proposal.

4 — The Order of appointment shall be communicated in writing to each member of the jury and to the candidate, and posted in a public place at the ULHT.

5 — The doctoral jury consists of:

a) The Rector of ULHT presiding, or his/her appointed delegate

b) A minimum of five members with a doctoral degree among which the jury shall select two examiners, one appointed principal examiner, always external to the ULHT

c) The supervisor(s)

6 — The members of the jury may be from other institutions of higher education, research and development centres, and may be national or foreign.

7 — After approval of the jury by the Rector's Order, the Director of the Doctorate has a maximum period of thirty days to send to each member of the jury a copy of the Curriculum Vitae, and a copy of the thesis to be defended.

### **Article 19**

#### **Acceptance of the Thesis and mode of Functioning of the Doctoral Jury**

1 — After a previous meeting, it is up to the jury to:

a) Accept the thesis for the public act of defence

b) Reject the thesis for the public act of defence, recommending to the candidate, on reasonable grounds, its reformulation

c) Chose the examiners, naming the principal one that should always be external to the ULHT

d) Set the date of the public defence of the thesis within a maximum period of sixty days.

2 — In case some of the jury members cannot be present at the previous meeting, and provided that the presence of at least one examiner has been assured, all that were absent shall submit in writing their opinion.

3 — Minutes shall be drawn of the decisions taken at the meeting.

4 — Once verified the situation referred to in subparagraph b) of n. 1, the candidate shall have a period of ninety days, non-extendable, to reformulate the thesis.

**Single Paragraph** — It shall be considered abandonment on the part of the candidate whenever, after the term has expired, he/she fails to reformulate the thesis.

5 — As per paragraph 2 of Article 48 of the Law-Decree n.º 74/2006 of March 24, the meetings of the doctoral jury, prior to the public defence of the thesis, can be conducted in person or by teleconference.

## **Article 20**

### **The Public Act of Thesis Defence**

1 — The public defence of the thesis is the last test for the awarding of the degree of doctor.

2 — The public act of defence consists upon the discussion of an original thesis, previously presented following the provisions of this regulation.

3 — The public act of defence of the thesis can only take place with the presence of the candidate, the president of the jury, the supervisor(s), the examiners, and the majority of the remaining members of the jury.

4 — Before the beginning of the discussion, it shall be provided to the candidate a period of thirty minutes for a presentation of his/her thesis.

5 — The interventions of the examiners may not exceed globally more than sixty minutes.

6 — The candidate has for its response time no less than the time used by the examiners and, in any case, no more than thirty minutes.

7 — For a period not exceeding fifteen minutes, the President may grant to other members of the jury the power to submit requests for clarification to the candidate about the subject of the thesis, assuring the right to an answer, for a time equal to that used by them.

8 — Overall, the discussion of the thesis must not exceed 180 minutes.

9 — For the members of the jury it becomes compulsory the use academic dress when it exists at the University where they obtained the degree of doctor.

## **Article 21**

### **Deliberation of the Doctoral Jury**

1 — At the end of the public act of defence of the thesis, the jury shall meet in private to appreciate the performance of the candidate and to decide on the final classification to be allocated, being able to:



- a) Approve the candidate
- b) Fail the candidate

2 — The vote shall be nominal and justified.

3 — The chairperson of the jury has the casting vote.

4 — The jury must, after deliberating, publicly communicate the decision to the applicant.

5 — The jury's decision cannot be appealed.

6 — The jury's meetings shall be recorded in minutes, which include the votes of each of its members and their respective grounds, which may be common to all or some members of the jury and must be specially justified.

## Article 22

### The Process of Attribution of a Final Qualification

1 — Pursuant to Article 36 of the Law-Decree n. 74/2006 of March 24, in the final qualification the marks, if any, obtained in the courses of the doctoral programme shall be considered, and the merit of the thesis appreciated in the public act of the defence of the thesis.

**Single Paragraph** — In the cases where access by candidate is conducted under the provisions of Articles 10 and 17 of this regulation, the final qualification shall correspond to the qualifications obtained in the doctoral jury.

2 — The final qualification of a Doctorate degree is expressed by one of the following formulas:

- a) Approved
- b) Failed

3 — To the successful candidates, the doctoral jury may decide to assign one of the following:

- a) Approved with distinction
- b) Approved *magna cum laude*

## Article 23

### Process of the Legal Deposition of the Theses

1 — Once all the steps have been concluded, the relevant administrative services of the ULHT, with a copy of the final minutes of the doctoral jury and the final qualification of the Doctorate degree, shall proceed to the legal deposit of the thesis, in accordance with the legislation in force, in particular in accordance with the provisions of Article 50 of the Law-Decree n. 74/2006 of March 24.

2 — For the purposes of archiving the thesis, fulfilling the requirements set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article, there shall be delivered:

- a) A paper copy and one copy in non-editable digital format (PDF) to the National Library
- b) A non-editable digital copy (PDF) to the competent service of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education
- c) Three copies in non-editable digital format (PDF), for the Library Victor de Sá, at the ULHT, for the Rectorate and for the Management Unit for Advanced Education

d) Others may be demanded, justifiably, for the administrative or scientific services of the ULHT, or by legal requirement, should they be requested.

3 — For the purpose of legal deposit, the thesis in non-editable digital format shall be in PDF, with all the elements that constitute it, containing printed on the face of the support (CD), and on the cover or protection of the same, the following information:

- a) Identification of the Institution
- b) Designation of the course
- c) Name of the doctorate
- d) Title of the thesis
- e) Name(s) of the advisor(s)
- f) Scientific area to which it pertains
- g) Date of the public defence of the thesis.

4 — The files in digital format should be referenced in accordance with the "Standards for the Preparation and Submission of Doctoral Theses" and where there is more than one, there be an indication about the correct order of viewing.

#### **Article 24**

##### **Certification of the Doctoral Course or of the Curricular Units**

1 — The doctoral student who has completed a doctoral course or curricular units subject to assessment, may request to the administrative bodies ULHT his/her certificate of completion.

2 — The certificate must state the total ECTS completed.

3 — The classification for the doctoral course or curricular units is expressed in a range of 10 to 20 marks, on a numerical scale of 0 to 20.

#### **Article 25**

##### **The awarding of the Diploma, of the Doctoral Chart and of the Diploma Supplement**

1 — The entitlement to the Doctorate degree is attested by a diploma, a certificate corresponding to the registration of the respective final qualification.

**Single Paragraph** — Students can apply for a doctoral chart issued by the ULHT, signed by the respective Rector and Administrator.

2 — The awarding of the diploma, as well as of the doctoral chart is accompanied by the issuance of a diploma supplement prepared pursuant to Law-Decree n. 42/2005 of February 22.

3 — The contents and the format of the documents, referred to in the preceding paragraphs, are defined by the Rector and the Administrator of the ULHT, fulfilling the requirements of the Law-Decree n. 42/2005 of February 22.

#### **Article 26**

##### **Title of European Doctorate**

The European Doctorate, approved by the Confederation of the Board of the European Union Rectors, is a title associated with the degree of doctor, which is assigned by the ULHT, thus being under to the requirements established in the specific legislation.

#### **Article 27** **Final Provisions**

1 — This regulation is complemented by the specific regulations of doctorates and their organizational units, and other regulations of the Rector.

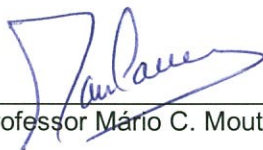
2 — This regulation shall enter into force on the date of its approval by the Rector.

3 — The amendments to this regulation may result from a Rector's decision or from the entry into force of the legal documents amending it.

4 — The meetings of the juries are recorded in minutes, whose elaboration depends upon the respective organic unity.

Approved by the Rector on April 17, 2009

The Rector



Professor Mário C. Moutinho