



On Thursday 4 and Friday 5 of June 2020, scientists from around the world will be meeting at a Virtual Conference organised by the Centre for Rapid and Sustainable Product Development of the Polytechnic of Leiria based in Marinha Grande, which is focused on Research on Sustainable and Intelligent Manufacturing. This is much in accord with the recent speech from the Minister for Foreign Affairs Augusto Santos Silva who outlined the way forwards at a hearing of the commission for the economy and innovation today saying: “The first axis (of this strategy) is that Portugal means to be at the forefront of Europe’s reindustrialisation and put its enormous capacities in industrial matters at the service of Europe”. This international conference which was planned two years was intended to be held in Barcelona in Spain but the COVID 19 Crisis has resulted in a reorganisation and now the event will take place on line and a team of informatic specialists at CDRSP has been working hard to recreate all of the aspects of the conference originally planned in the Virtual World of the Internet. Professor Geoffrey Mitchell, Vice-Director of CDRSP and leading the organisation team for RESIM said “Participating in international conferences is a key component of the spread and development of scientific knowledge. Meeting other scientists from around the world and sharing ideas and ambitions is a key element of this. We are pleased that even in these challenging times, of travel bands and social distancing we are still able to meet with our Peers at other European and International Research Centres and Universities. We are working hard to replicate the networking opportunities which exist in a physical conference, but online”. The Conference which will be opened by Professor Rui Pedrosa, President of the Polytechnic of Leiria show cases some of the pioneering research performed at CDRSP, the majority of which is performed in partnership with local industry. CDRSP’s Professor Artur Mateus will present the current status of the “Add.Additive” project which is funded by the Innovation Agency of Portugal and involves over 40 industrial partners. Amongst the Countries represented are Brazil, France, Portugal, Spain, UK, and Egypt

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