

Presentation note

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The *I Forum on Research in Educational Sciences* was held on 16th and 17th October, 2009 in the Institute of Education of the Lisbon University. It was a joint initiative of the Educational Sciences R&D Units with the objective of creating a new space for dialogue and debate regarding research policies and practices, respective problems and perspectives, which was meant to continue in the future.

This Forum was open to researchers, graduates in Educational Sciences and related areas, teachers and other professionals linked to education. As there were hundreds participating, the tasks were organized in thematic sessions in which about sixty communications were presented and discussed, as well as in plenary sessions in the form of conferences and panels. In the panels, the debate was organized under the themes of “Internationalisation Strategies” and “Research in Education: the social, the

professional and the political” respectively. The two conferences which marked the opening and closing of the work, dealt with the themes “Recent trends in higher education assessment systems in Europe” (opening conference given by Alberto Amaral) and “Educational research and researchers: critical notes” (closing conference given by Licínio Lima).

In this edition of the *Sísifo* journal, we gathered the texts relative to both these conferences and the communications presented in the panel sessions, which established an important support for the future record of this 1st. Forum. To the colleagues who were kind enough to facilitate the written version, thus agreeing with the publication, we leave here a word of thanks.

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