Facing challenges and seeking solutions to promote human health

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Themes of the conference
Like in the previous MedGeo meetings, contributions from all fields of environmental geochemistry and health are welcome. So far we envisage the following topics to play a major role during the meeting:

Theme 1 Environmental contaminants in health and disease
Theme 2 Environmental toxicology and epidemiology
Theme 3 Climate change and human health
Theme 4 Therapeutic properties of minerals and waters
Theme 5 Urban Medical Geology
Theme 6 Modeling, mapping and monitoring of environmental hazards and diseases
Theme 7 Advances in analytical methods
Theme 8 Environmental risk assessment and remediation technologies

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Where will the conference be held
The conference will be held at the University of Aveiro (UA). Founded in 1973, the UA is known as a promoter of quality and progress, occupying an outstanding position in the field of higher education. Part of the University’s success comes from the fact that it offers innovative courses that are closely linked with regional and national productivity.

The most modern and well-designed infrastructures are at the disposal of the university teaching staff and students, providing all the conditions necessary for their comfort and carrying out their work and study. With buildings designed by well-known Portuguese architects, the Santiago University Campus is itself, an exhibition of modern Portuguese architecture, visited each year by many architects and architecture students from all over the world.

What are the unique aspects of the venue
Aveiro is located at the centre of Portugal, 250 km North from Lisbon (Portela International Airport) and 60 km to the South of Oporto (Francisco Sá Carneiro International Airport). The city is a lovely city with 75,000 inhabitants and is an important region of industry and commerce.

The main characteristic of the surrounding area is a wide coastal lagoon (“Ria de Aveiro”) with about 11,000 ha between the land and the ocean. The city of Aveiro is crossed by water channels, which give it a unique character. In the old quarter of the city, tourists can see the quaint whitewashed houses of the fishermen and visit, early in the morning, the Mercado do Peixe (Fish Market) to see the auction of the fish caught during the night. Of all the boats typical of the region, the “moliceiro” is the most elegant traditional boat, being perfectly lined, painted with bright colours and often with creative and humorous decorations.

The City offers a wide choice of entertainment including bars, restaurants, night-clubs, cinemas, theatres and concerts, and naturally the thriving Portuguese cafés. For those looking for history and art, Aveiro has also museums, churches, monuments and public buildings of architectural importance and the city is very popular for its gastronomy, fairs and exhibitions. Those who appreciate good food can taste the delicious eel stew and a variety of sea and lagoon fish soups. But Aveiro is specially known for its sweets: the most famous is ovos moles (soft eggs), sweetened egg yolk in candied casings shaped like fish or barrels.