Maria Teresa Cidade

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Professor Maria Teresa Cidade graduated in Chemical Engineering at Instituto Superior Técnico, University of Lisbon (IST/UL, 1983) and obtained a PhD from the School of Science and Technology, NOVA University Lisbon (NOVA, 1994). In 2006, she received the Habilitation in Polymer Engineering (NOVA). Teresa was an active researcher, among others activities, as Associated Professor with Habilitation in the Materials Science Department (DCM) at NOVA, Coordinator of the Polymeric and Mesomorphic Materials Group at DCM, Coordinator of the Doctoral Program in Materials Science and Engineering and co-Coordinator of NOVA Doctoral Program in Advanced Materials and Processing, a FCT/MCTES Doctoral Program in Association with six other Portuguese Universities: Lisbon, Coimbra, Beira Interior, Aveiro, Porto and Minho, and founding member of CENIMAT/i3N.

Maria Teresa Cidade was also a founding member and the latter President of the Portuguese Society of Rheology (SPR). She was an Associate Editor of Physica Scripta (IOP) and a member of the Editorial board of Fluids (MDPI). Teresa collaborated enthusiastically with the Spanish Group of Rheology (GER) to promote a community of Iberian rheologists, giving birth to the biannual Ibereo conference and the Prize for the best Iberian doctoral thesis on rheology.

The main scientific interests of Teresa were related with the characterization, in particular of the rheological behavior of complex fluids: polymers, liquid crystals and their composites, hydraulic grouts, hydrogels for tissue repair, and electrorheological fluids.

Maria Teresa Cidade has started and developed the Rheology Laboratory at DCM and established strong collaborations with international groups from France, Spain, Brazil, and India, among others.

Teresa has supervised several PhD and MSc students, disseminating her interest and knowledge on rheology to many others.

Teresa balanced well her refined qualities in the relationships with everyone: intelligence, tenacity, determination, and education, maintaining, above all, a strong sense of justice.

Teresa disseminated and spread her profound knowledge and good practices to many institutions, in Rheology, in Materials Science and Engineering and in associated areas. Maria Teresa Cidade will be sorely missed by all those who knew and loved her!

Teresa is survived by her husband, António Portugal, two sons Filipe and Tiago, and her granddaughter Ema.

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