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1. YSM Dates and Times:

YSM begins on July 23rd and ends July 30th. There are open calls for the submissions which start and end on the dates noted below:

Early Bird 1st Phase For International Participants (IP)	
Begins: 15 TH NOVEMBER	Ends: 15 TH DECEMBER
Selection Announcement: 18 TH DECEMBER	
Payment Fee Deadline: 25 TH DECEMBER	
Early Bird 1st Phase For International Participants (IP)	
Begins: 16 TH NOVEMBER	Ends: 9 TH FEBRUARY
Selection Announcement: 16 TH FEBRUARY	
Payment Fee Deadline: 3 TH MARCH	
Final Registration For International Participants (IP)	
Begins: 10 TH FEBRUARY	Ends: 20 TH APRIL
Selection Announcement: 30 TH APRIL	
Payment Fee Deadline: 8 TH JUNE	
1st Phase For NationalParticipants (NP)	
Begins: 20 TH APRIL	Ends: 30 TH APRIL
Selection Announcement: 4 TH JUNE	
Payment Fee Deadline: 8 TH JUNE	
2st Phase For NationalParticipants (NP)	
Begins: 30 TH APRIL	Ends: 4 TH JUNE
Selection Announcement: 11 TH JUNE	
Payment Fee Deadline: 29 TH JUNE	

In case of leftover spots for the national participant's registrations, an additional third phase may be open.

2. Eligibility/Limitations:

- In order to be eligible to participate in the YSM participants must:
 - I. Be at least 15 year old during the registration period and no more than 25 years old.
 - II. Have a good understanding of both written and spoken English since the official language of the event is English.
 - III. Fill out all forms given in case of selection.
 - IV. Entry either as an individual or as a Team comprised of up to four (4) individuals.



- Projects that are demonstrations, "library" research or informational projects, explanation models or kit building are not appropriate for the YSM.
- All science categories can be represented at the YSM.
- All national and international participants competing in YSM must abide by all the rules stated forward on this document.

3. Online Application

- In order to apply, please go to <http://www.ajc.pt> or [Click Here](#)- don't forget to fill in all the fields.
- The organizing committee will be responsible for reviewing and checking the originality and quality of the works submitted. After the judges' deliberation, you will receive an email notification. Should you successfully receive confirmation of your entry you should proceed to pay the registration fee in order to validate your participation.

3.1 Entering YSM

I. Entering as an individual:

- Complete all the requested information about yourself and your entry in the registration form (Check Creating your Entry).
- Click the box stating that you have read, accepted, and agreed to the rules and guidelines.
- If and After receiving the confirmation of your selection to participate in the YSM 2019 you must fill out two additional forms, that will be sent to the email you provided upon filling your entry until the event.

II. Entering the YSM as a team:

- The Team Leader will be required to complete all requested information about himself and his teammates and the entry in the registration form (Check Creating your Entry).
- The Team Leader must click the box stating that you have read, accepted, and agreed to the rules and guidelines.
- If and After receiving the confirmation of your selection to participate in the YSM 2019 every single teammate should individually fill out two additional forms, that will be sent to the emails the team leader provided upon filling the team entry until the event.

3.2 Creating your Entry

In order to complete and submit your entry, you must fill out the form at <http://www.ajc.pt/ysm-2019-pt/> or [Here](#) as stated below.

a. Video

All Participants must submit a 5 minutes maximum video in English explaining the project submitted. *The video must be uploaded and available on YouTube and the link must be provided upon registration.

*National participants may submit this video in English or Portuguese due to registration time limitations.

b. Abstract

All Participants are required to fill out an abstract provided in an editable pdf [Here](#). The abstract (brief summary which provides the most relevant aspects of the project) must have a maximum of 250 words and it is recommended that it includes:

- Key-words
- Goals
- Methods and Procedures
- Observations
- Conclusion

The pdf containing the abstract must be submitted with the following file name “**Abstract_Your Projects Title**”.

➤ Categories

Participants must choose up to 3 of the categories, if applicable, stated below:

- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Botany
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Geology
- Informatics
- Mathematics
- Medicine and Health
- Microbiology
- Physics
- Social Sciences
- Zoology

c. Research Paper

All projects must have a research paper written in English with a maximum of 10 A4 pages (max. 6 pages for written content + max. 4 pages with attachments). The research paper must be submitted in pdf.

3.3 Selection Results announcement

The projects selected to attend the YSM 2019 will be announced through an email to the participant(s) and supervisors and published on AJC's social media.

The selection will be announced on the dates stated in YSM Dates and Times.

4. YSM

4.1 YOUTH SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (AJC)

The Portuguese Youth Science Association is a Portuguese group of young people committed to promoting Science among the youth. It was created in the 1980s and since then it has been formed and managed by young people, being the only association of this kind. In the early years, we hosted several activities in diverse fields of science for different audiences spread around the country. The early founders are some of the best Portuguese Scientists and right now AJC counts with more than 1900 associates. AJC is organized in work groups, namely Environmental Resources and Studies group and Aerospace Techniques group. The largest AJC activity is the Youth Science Meeting (EJC, now named YSM), hosted once a year in a different city for one week.

4.2 THE MEETING

The Youth Science Meeting project started in 1982 and has reached present times (with the XXIII edition), with a new edition every year. Created to cultivate students' interest in scientific research, it also promotes the exchange of experiences between the participants, usually aged between 15 and 25 and studying several scientific areas/fields.

In addition to the mandatory and traditional presentation of a project previously developed by the participants, the meeting program further includes: theoretical lectures and practical workshops (scientific component); visits to popular places in the city and region where the meeting is held, such as visits to museums and Scavenger Hunt (recreational and cultural component); tours through the shoreline or biological/environmental interest trails (nature component); and of course the social and group dynamics (social component).

In recent editions, YSM was held in Braga, Castelo Branco, Oporto, Faro, and Lisbon and has counted with the participation of groups from Brazil and Spain. In 2014 we made our first edition in English extending the range of nationalities that we can welcome and receive.

We have also used this meeting to select the best national projects to participate in scientific international events. In fact, AJC took 2 students to promote their scientific projects in Expo Recerca Barcelona 2019.

4.3 37TH YOUTH SCIENCE MEETING

After the success of the 36th edition of the Youth Science Meeting, in Bragança, this year we challenge you to discover the “city of the students”- Coimbra. With one of the world’s oldest universities, Coimbra is not only a city with deeply rooted traditions but also a very meaningful testimony to history, hiding what is recognized as one of the world’s finest libraries.

Join the discussion of your science project with youngsters from all over the world and discover the innovations that will mark your future. Attend lectures about the latest inventions and get to work with workshops from different scientific areas. Everything while you enjoy the wide range of stunning landscapes, architectural wonders that Coimbra has to offer.

The Youth Science Meeting will be hosted between July 23rd and July 30th and will be receiving 90 participants (youngsters with ages between 15 and 25 from several different countries).

Enter this epic demand to uncover the Mystery!

4.4 COIMBRA

Coimbra is full of history. Besides being home to one of the world’s oldest universities, some of Europe’s best-preserved Roman mosaics and old monuments illustrating every chapter of the history of architecture, from Romanesque to Manueline and Baroque, Coimbra was also the stage to a real-life “Romeo and Juliet” story, the tragedy of Prince Pedro and Inês.

Nowadays, Coimbra is known as “the city of the students” and was classified as World Heritage by Unesco in 2013: “Coimbra offers an outstanding example of an integrated university city with a specific urban typology as well as its own ceremonial and cultural traditions that have been kept alive through the ages.”

Students often sing that “Coimbra has more charm in the hour of parting”. Now is your time to prove it.

4.5 PROGRAM/ SCHEDULE

The program/ schedule is available at <http://www.ajc.pt/ysm-2019-pt/>.

4.6 TRAVEL

I. Travel and Flights

You’ll have to book and support the expenses of your own train or plane tickets. The main Portuguese Airports are Lisbon (LIS), Porto (OPO) and Faro (FAR). However, since the meeting is taking place in Coimbra, we highly recommend that you book flights arriving at Oporto’s airport since it’s closer and we only provide transfers from Oporto’s airport. If you’re having trouble with booking, there are some websites which expedite the process, e.g. skyscanner.com or edreams.com.



You can book extra nights, if you wish, provided that you cover the extra cost. Please inform the organizing committee in time if that is the case, until 10th June to ysm2019@ajc.pt, and we will see if there are still rooms available.

4.8 MENTORING

A few weeks prior to the event you will be assigned to a mentor that will help you prepare for the presentation day. You will have the chance to clarify any doubt that you have with them. The day before presentations you will have the chance to work on a closer level with your mentor for the presentation, this will be during the mentoring event, take this time to perfect details and get tips for the presentation.

4.9 PRESENTATIONS

During Presentation Day, all students will present their projects in an auditorium. Some considerations:

Prepare an oral presentation in slide format (Microsoft PowerPoint or Apple Keynote). Presentations may last up to 15 minutes and are followed by a discussion session with the jury lasting up to 5 minutes. This presentation should be delivered to the staff team in person after the mentoring.

No posters are required.

There's no specific dress code for this session.

The order of the presentations is picked randomly and will be published after the selection of the projects.

If you require any specific equipment or conditions for presenting, please contact the organization by email, at least 24 hours before the presentation, we will be happy to help with anything that we can (ysm2019@ajc.pt).

4.10 PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT

During the YSM 2019 we expect all of our participants to represent their country and AJC to the highest standard possible.

In order to attend the YSM 2019, each participant must agree to abide by our participant code of conduct. The lack of respect for the rules of conduct on the part of that person(s) may result in expulsion from the event.

Participant agrees to:

- Be respectful at all times.
- Attend all activities and arrive punctually for said activities.
- Discuss any problems with a staff member initially. The staff member may then then may refer you to the Head Organizer or President of AJC.
- Behave at all times, with self-discipline.
- Listen carefully to the information given by the staff.
- Provide notice and reasons for any absences to the staff.
- Always behave in a sociable manner, be polite and make an effort to talk to people.
- Remember to eat sensibly, make sure you get the right amount of sleep.
- Never leave on your own, always make sure you are with somebody at all times.
- YSM has a very strict NO DRUGS policy.
- If over 18, remember to consume alcohol responsibly. All actions are a reflection upon you and the YSM.
- If under 18, you cannot consume alcohol, as it is against the law in Portugal.
- A student shall not impair, interfere with, or obstruct the orderly conduct, process, or function of YSM or any of its students, faculty members, officials, guests or the surrounding community.

4.11 EXPECTATIONS

Please be advised that traditions, customs, and expectations may be different from your home country and you must respect the customs, rules, and obligations during your stay in Portugal. In case of any doubts or problems don't hesitate to talk to any of the staff members during the event. We will always be available to help you!

4.12 PHOTOGRAPHY

During the YSM, AJC regularly takes photographs and videos for promotional and training purposes. Before your arrival, you will be asked to fill out a form of consent for these purposes.

5. Fees and Payment

After your selection (following the notification e-mail), you should pay the registration fee, otherwise, your participation will not be valid.

The fees cover the total cost of the programme; all meals and accommodations; lectures, programmed visits and entry charges, and transportation to activities during the days of the event.



The fees are charged as follows:

Member of AJC	90€
Nacional Participants non-members of AJC	130€
Nacional Participants Merit Scholarship*	50€
International Participants **	300€
International Supervisors**	350€

* Attributed to participants of projects that take part in a special contest designed by the organizing committee. By entering the contest, the participants accept to become AJC's members. (Check Merit Scholarship)

**The registration fee includes transfer at arrival and departure from the airport of Oporto at a fixed time (only on the respective days of arrival and departures), if this time does not work for you other alternatives could be arranged.

And should be paid to the following accountant:

Bank Name: Caixa Geral de Depósitos (CGD)

Account name: Associação Juvenil de Ciência

NIB: 0035 0836 00002689430 75

IBAN: PT50 0035 0836 00002689430 75

BIC/SWIFT: CGDIPTPL

Please notice that once paid, fees are not refundable.

6. Merit Scholarship

6.1 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

- The merit scholarship is an entryway designated only to Nacional Participants.
- When applying to this merit scholarship, participants agree to become members of AJC.

To apply to the merit scholarship, participants must select a “Merit scholarship” as entry type and then send 5 minutes maximum video with the theme “The periodic table” to ysm2019@ajc.pt with the subject “ Merit scholarship Entry- YOUR PROJECT NAME”.

Your entry is completely up to you (content, format,...), just be as creative as possible.

You will receive your confirmation of selection for merit scholarship up to two days after you submit your entry.

7. Awards

All the submitted projects will be subject to a review regarding the written work as well as the presentation delivered during the meeting. This appreciation will be performed by a qualified jury appointed by the organization of the meeting. National participants that perform the best work will be able to have the opportunity to participate in several international activities with all expenses (Fee + Accommodation + Traveling) covered by AJC. International Participants can also win some prizes that will be announced later (see our website and facebook).

8. Other Considerations

8.1 AJC ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Mission :

AJC is committed to making a positive contribution to society and our shared future by always keeping in mind environmental practices and social responsibility in all its events and activities.

Business Summary:

As a science promotional association created by youngsters and for youngsters, AJC thrives to offer green and socially responsible events and activities making sure to improve each and every year.

Environmental Statement and Impact Reduction:

AJC recognizes the importance of acknowledging the negative impacts that its modus operandi causes in the environment: from audience and contractor travel, food supply chain, energy and fuel consumption to waste production and management.

As an organization, AJC is committed to a minimal impact on nature by actively measuring and monitoring its environmental impacts, reducing waste and managing disposal responsibly and reducing supply chain impacts of all types.

So as of 2018, AJC commits itself to :

- Not indulge in single-use plastic
- Reduce its paper use in 75% and if ultimately necessary utilize environmentally friendly alternatives.
- Support Local but also think global
- Improve our supply chain, contractors and audiences to lead to a more sustainable future
- Implant better recycling systems and food waste management
- Improve energy efficiency and employ renewable energy
- Apply ethical purchasing
- Review annually progress and performance to ensure standards.

This Environmental Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Direction Board.

8.2 PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITY

Is the responsibility of the participant to inform the YSM 19 organizing committee of any dietary restrictions, emergency contact details, illness, and disabilities, social or behavioral problems which might affect the person or other guests during the travel arrangements.

It is also the responsibility of the participant to refrain from inappropriate behavior during the event, which may include but it's not restricted to:

- Underage buying or consumption of alcohol
- Suspect involvement with illegal drugs
- Smoking outside of designated areas and underaged smoking (18 years old)
- Theft or illegal activities
- Threatening behavior, bullying, offensive or insulting language to other participants, YSM staff or any other person

Personal property, including luggage, is each person's responsibility at all times.

8.3 OTHER

The organizing committee for the YSM 19 will do its best to provide all the arrangements as confirmed but reserves the right to alter or cancel any activities, accommodations or other arrangements without notice subject to operational, weather or other considerations.

The organizing committee for YSM 19 reserves the right to change this document to allow for further considerations.

9. Contacts

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