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Prof. Rui L. Reis is the Director of the 3B's Research Group – Biomaterials, Biodegradables and Biomimetics, a Research Unit of excellence based in U. Minho, Portugal. This is one of the most relevant groups in Europe on the field of Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine. His group is one of the most active and interdisciplinary in the field, going from work with stem cells and its differentiation and expansion up to the in-vitro and in-vivo assessment of the functionality of the developed constructs. He has well established cooperation work with major research groups and companies all over the world. At the present moment he is the co-coordinator of 4 major EU research projects, including the only European Network of Excellence (NoE) on Tissue Engineering: EXPERTISSUES. At the present he is the principal investigator (PI) of grants totalising around 30 MEuros. As a result of these projects he is presently an advisor of around 70 postgraduation researchers coming from all over the world (18 different nationalities) and also directs the work of 3 other faculty members. Prof. Rui L. Reis will head, as CEO, the new European Institute of Excellence on Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine Research, with headquarters in Minho and branches in other 19 locations throughout Europe. Rui L. Reis has also been awarded several prestigious scientific prizes. He has edited several books and journal special issues, organized different meetings and symposiums, and is the Editorial Board of many different journals. He is the Editor in Chief of the new journal Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine, John Wiley & Sons, that will start its publication in early 2007. Rui L. Reis is an author of more than 160 papers on scientific journals, around 100 book chapters in books of international circulation and more than 520 communications in conferences, including around 80 plenary or invited talks delivered worldwide.