

Life Sciences Mission to Portugal

The Life Sciences Trade Mission to Portugal was organized and facilitated by the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon to establish relationships between U.S. and Portuguese entrepreneurs, companies, investors and research institutions.

Hosted by U.S. Ambassador Robert Sherman, Jason Collins (Director, Process Architecture at IPS) had the opportunity to engage with Portugal's top leaders in the Life Science field and pursue new opportunities for IPS and its growing business in Europe.

Not only for his extensive, international experience as a leading process architect, but also his knowledge of the Portuguese language and culture made Jason a perfect candidate for this event.



Jason Collins participates in the Life Sciences Mission to Portugal, organized by the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon and chaired by Nobel Laureate, Dr. Craig Mello.

In addition to meeting with both well established and start-up pharmaceutical companies, the packed agenda included visits to the historic University of Coimbra as well as the only International Nanotechnology Research Laboratory in the world which located in the northwest town of Braga.

Why is there interest in Portugal?

- The Life Sciences sector is a prominent and fast evolving sector in Portugal.
- Portugal hosts several world class R&D institutions of excellence supporting researchers at the cutting-edge of medical science.
- Portugal has a highly skilled and educated workforce.
- Portugal ranks as one of the top countries in Europe for the number of PhDs per 1,000 inhabitants.
- Portugal hosts the only international research organization in Europe in the field of nanoscience and nanotechnology.
- Prestigious academic institutions such as MIT, Harvard, Carnegie Mellon and University of Texas at Austin have formed partnerships with Portugal to further R&D and academic exchange.

The Mission concluded with a reception hosted by the Mayor of Porto and a farewell dinner at the Palácio da Bolsa where the attending delegates and Portuguese participants celebrated newly established friendships and business opportunities.