

AVALIAÇÃO EXTERNA DO IHA Maio de 2008

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Resultado Global da Unidade:

Very Good

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GENERAL COMMENTS

The panel concentrated its comments upon the following 3 research groups: 1. Contemporary art studies; 2. Architecture and visual art; 3. Museum studies: museums and collections. As we did not receive any comments or information, during the site visit, about the three other groups (Plastic Arts and Experimentalism, theory and history of the architecture in Portugal, Monographs about Portuguese creators) we assume that these research lines no longer exist as separate entities and are integrated in the above mentioned research groups.

The Panel appreciated the unit eagerness to focus on the rich artistic heritage of Portugal. Attractive research activities are going on within this field. We especially think of the research activities within the context of “Architecture and visual arts”. The strongest interaction between heritage and research on (contemporary) art is within the confines of the third research group. “Museum studies” has it all: the right name, the right approach, the right connaissance, the right professional know-how.

Within the confines of the Unit research program the Panel misses a contribution of new knowledge: the program still looks at researchers writing their PhD’s virtually alone. We sense there is no intense interaction, no sharing of research lines. We suggest creating a research culture with many researchers sharing ideas. The big challenge is to start this new research culture along the line of their traditional scholarly and purely academic studies. This will strongly improve the research process of talented students.

The research lines in Contemporary Studies and in Architecture and Visual Arts are very confusing. They need a very clear strategy of research.

The group seems motivated and well structured.

The productivity is growing but it is strongly recommended to do efforts to publicize in English magazines and to participate to English oriented colloquia and symposia.

This will give to the unit research an international status that is still missing.