

Letter to the Editor

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Professor Paulo Manuel Pêgo Fernandes is Honored with FMUSP Institutional Centennial Medal

As part of the Centenary Celebration of the School of Medicine of the University of São Paulo (FMUSP), on October 26th, 2012, during the opening of the XXXI University Medical Congress (COMU), Associate Professor of the Department of Cardiology, University of São Paulo, Paulo Manuel Pêgo Fernandes, was awarded the FMUSP institutional Centenary Medal, created in order to honor individuals who have contributed in an exceptional and decisive manner for institutional, cultural, social and academic valorization.

The award was handed over by the vice rector of FMUSP, José Otávio Costa Auler Junior, by the idealization of the I University Medical Congress (COMU). The Congress was conceived by the Professor after his participation in academic conferences in other educational institutions during his medical graduation in the FMUSP. After two years of preparation, organization and diligent work, the professor jointly with the Department of Science of CAOC (Centro Acadêmico Oswaldo Cruz), today known as the Scientific Department of the School of Medicine of the USP, managed to realize the I COMU FMUSP, having as academic president its own founder.

Since then, COMU aims to promote scientific, cultural and social congregation of medical professionals and students.



The vice director of FMUSP, José Otávio Costa Auler Junior (left), hands over the medal to Dr. Paulo Pêgo Fernandes

The teacher's initiative of and his concern and help during the later editions were essential to the perpetuation of the congress. In 2011, the COMU reached its thirtieth edition and featured more than 600 registries for its courses, workshops and symposia. There were more than 250 professors and lecturers as well as 50 academics involved in the organization. The Congress gained national prominence and counts with the participation of scholars from various regions of the country.