EOQ Press Release


The European Organization for Quality (EOQ) has celebrated the recipient of the EOQ European Georges Borel Award at the Gala Dinner of the 63rd EOQ Congress of Lisbon/Portugal, in Lisbon/Portugal on October 23rd, 2019.

The Georges Borel Award has born from the idea that the development and the promotion of the European Quality Movement is done by outstanding individuals who spend their time and energy in sharing their beliefs and knowledge for the benefit of the European Society.

The recipient of the 2019 EOQ Presidential Georges Borel Award is Mr. António de Almeida Júnior - awarded with the EOQ Georges Borel Award for European achievements for being at the edge of the development, use and diffusion of quality in Europe through his professional activities and behaviors and thus he has not only brought an outstanding contribution to the realization of EOQ mission at European level but also personally contributed to the development of the European Quality movement.

Graduate in Mechanical Engineering by Higher Technical Institute (IST) of Lisbon in 1961, he has a long career dedicated to quality. He started his activity in 1962 as quality manager of a big industrial company named Metalúrgica Duarte Ferreira and later, from 1974 to 1979, as quality manager at Mague. He was founder and first President of Portuguese Association for Quality (APQ), from 1969 to 1973, and he returned later as APQ President from 1997 to 2002. He represented APQ in EOQ from 1971 to 1997 and he was EOQ Vice-President from 1986 to 1992. With a long experience as trainer (from 1966) and consultant (from 1976) he was consultant at Ministry of Industry in the field of products development from 1976 to 1979. Mr. António de Almeida Júnior gave a strong support to the Portuguese associative movement being President of Portuguese Association of Foundry (APF) from 1972 to 1974, Vice-President of Portuguese Industrial Association (AIP) from 1974 to 1976 and Vice-President of Welding and Quality Institute (ISQ) from 1968 to 1972. He did a lot of lectures in Portugal and other European countries, as well as in Latin America, and he has several manuals and articles published about quality tools and methodologies and related subjects. He was distinguished by the Portuguese State with the Commendation of Merit (Industrial Class).

EOQ Georges Borel Award recognizes individuals who have brought an outstanding contribution to the EOQ mission, who is: “Improve European society through the promotion of Quality in its broadest sense”. The European Organization for Quality wants to show them recognition and to thank them for their contribution.

The European Organization for Quality (EOQ) associates more than 70,000 members and 500,000 companies within its member and partner organizations in Europe and worldwide. EOQ is the European interdisciplinary organization striving for effective improvement in the sphere of quality management as the coordinating body and catalyst of its Member Organizations aiming to improve European society through the promotion of Quality in its broadest sense.

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