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Dr. Mamede de Carvalho is a Portuguese physician who has contributed enormously to the care, treatment and management of people with ALS/MND over the last 20 years. He has published more than 250 research papers on ALS/MND during that time. His research has defined appropriate assessment and monitoring parameters for respiratory management, and he has also contributed to nutrition and to general aspects of ALS/MND management. His neurophysiological studies are highly regarded; his neurophysiological findings inform both diagnosis and measurement of change in disease progress and will be critical in moving clinical trials forward in ALS/MND. Dr. de Carvalho's physiological expertise was recently recognised by his appointment to the Chair of Physiology in the University of Lisbon, where he is Director of the Physiology Institute, in addition to his continuing role as a Neurologist and Clinical Neurophysiologist.

In addition to his work in Portugal, Dr. de Carvalho has been instrumental in helping investigators in Brazil and other South American countries set up care and research programs in ALS/MND. He is the founder and enthusiastic supporter of the Portuguese ALS Association, which provides assistance to people with ALS/MND. He is a fine example to investigators both in rich and developing countries as to what can be accomplished without the necessity for generous funding, but simply through hard work and enthusiasm.



The Forbes Norris Award, first presented in 1994, honors the memory of Dr. Forbes "Ted" Norris (1928-1993), a neurologist dedicated to helping people with ALS/MND. The purpose of this prestigious Award is to encourage advancement in the management and understanding of ALS/MND, to the benefit of people living with the disease worldwide.