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IEM testimonial

There have been few pleasures greater in my professional career than my association with the Instituto de Estudos Medievais: a center, first and foremost, of supportive, sophisticated, and intellectually dynamic scholarship. Like my colleagues on the external advisory committee—Professors Maria Helena da Cruz Coelho, Silvia Maddalo, Denis Menjot, and Juan Antonio Quirós Castillo, and Harvey Sharrer –I invariably found a visit to Lisbon both inspiring and reinvigorating.

As members of the committee, we saw the IEM flourish over the past decade, consolidating its role a nationally and internationally recognized hub of research into medieval studies, with an impressively active program of interdisciplinary investigation. Its research programs have been outstanding in both quality and quantity; despite the financial difficulties arising from the financial crisis in Portugal in the early 2010s, it always maintained a wide-ranging and cutting-edge research agenda.

The IEM’s high international profile has been reflected in the enthusiastic response to the advertisement of doctoral and postdoctoral scholarships. Meanwhile, scholars affiliated with the IEM have published prolifically and

imaginatively, not least in the *Journal of Medieval Iberian Studies*. As editor of this journal, it was a delight and pleasure for me to work with María João Branco, Alicia Miguélez, and other truly collaborative, forward-thinking, scholars.

Within Portugal, the institute has played a pivotal role in the development and diffusion of knowledge of the Middle Ages, within the scholarly community and in society as a whole. The IEM is a national treasure. Congratulations, and long may it continue to flourish!

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