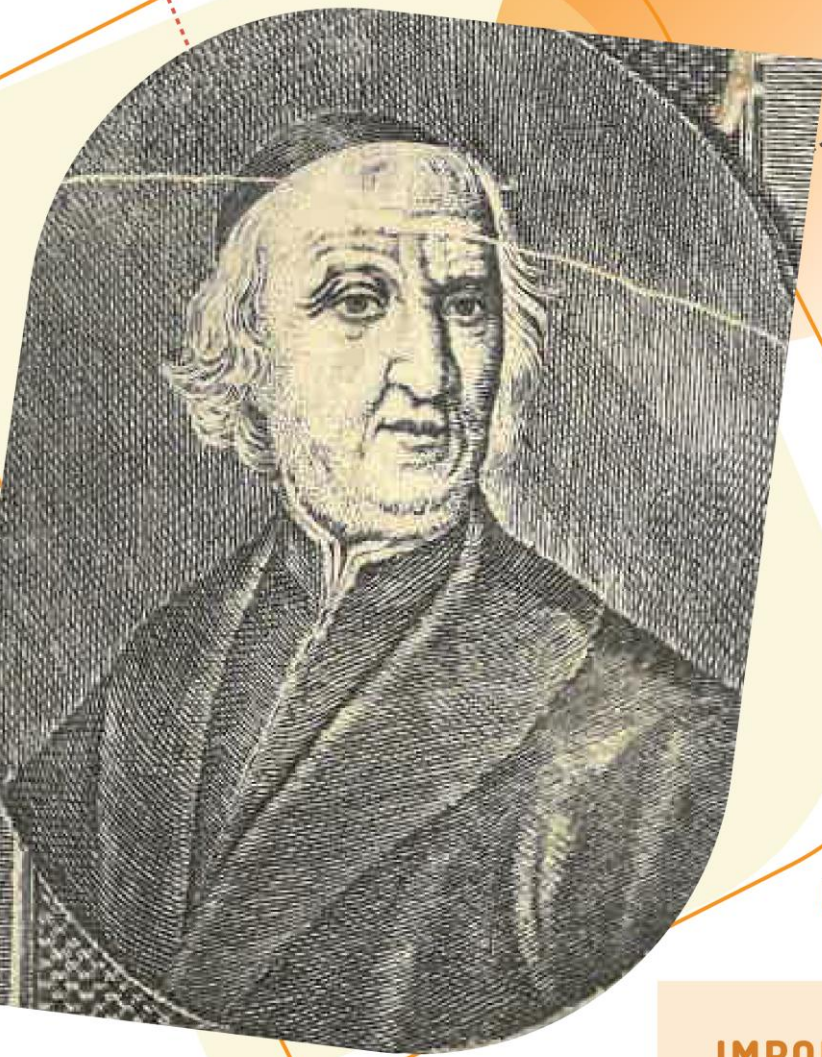


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- > **Abstract submission deadline:** January 31, 2026
- > **Notification of results:** March 2, 2026
- > **Early-bird registration deadline:** April 2, 2026
- > **Registration deadline:** May 18, 2026

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The 4th of June 2026 marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of one of the most influential figures in the history of European and worldwide grammar: Father Manuel Álvares, S.J. (1526–1583), a native of Ribeira Brava, on the island of Madeira. Author of the famous Latin-Portuguese grammar *De institutione grammatica libri tres*, first printed in Lisbon in 1572, Álvares is recognized as the most important Latin grammarian of the Modern Age, having his work been adopted as a normative model in Jesuit schools around the world for more than two centuries.

The celebration of the 500th anniversary of the grammarian's birth is, therefore, a unique opportunity to revisit critically the monumental reception of his work in light of current paradigms in linguistic historiography, missionary linguistics, and the history of education. The conference, to be held in his hometown of Ribeira Brava, at the school which proudly bears his name, intends to bring together experts from different countries and disciplines, promoting a space for interdisciplinary dialogue on the pedagogical, cultural, historical, and linguistic projections of Álvares' legacy.

This conference, held under the patronage of the Regional Government of Madeira, the Municipality of Ribeira Brava, the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Madeira, Padre Manuel Álvares Primary and Secondary School in Ribeira Brava, the Center for Classical and Humanistic Studies (CECH), and the Center for Studies in Letters (CEL), aims not only to honor an internationally renowned historical figure from Madeira, but also highlight the central role of language, schooling/education, and grammar in the construction of cultures and identities. More than a memorial celebration, this meeting will be a moment of research and debate around one of the most enduring monuments of Western linguistic pedagogy.

With an evident openness to any topics related to Manuel Álvares, the following thematic sections are planned for a future call for papers:

- Manuel Álvares, S.J., Jesuit from Ribeira Brava: the man, his work, and the culture of his time;
- Manuel Álvares S. J., the humanist, the professor, the rector (in Lisbon, Coimbra, and Évora), and the priest;
- The literary production of Manuel Álvares S.J.: linguistic, didactic, poetic, and oratorical works;
- The work of Manuel Álvares and the educational policy of the Society of Jesus in the first century of its existence;
- *De institutione grammatica libri tres* (1572, 1573) and its global impact from the 16th to the 21st centuries;
- Controversial aspects of the Alvaresian grammar and the Jesuit teaching.

Oral presentations should not exceed a maximum duration of 20 minutes (allowing for 10 minutes of discussion). Proposals must be submitted using the form:

<https://forms.gle/r1gmNiH5pN4AZY896>