



## **Ricardo Baptista Leite, MP, MD, PhD(c) | Summary Biography**

*Member of Parliament | Head of Public Health | Medical Doctor | University Professor | Public Health Advocate*  
Born 31<sup>st</sup> May 1980 | Portuguese-Canadian Citizenship (Born TO, Canada)

**Member of the Portuguese Parliament, National Spokesperson for Health of the Social Democratic Party, Medical Doctor** trained in infectious diseases and **Head of Public Health at Católica University of Portugal.**

**Founder and President of 'UNITE – Global Parliamentarians Network to End HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and other Infectious Diseases'**, a global platform of current and former policy makers created under the auspices of **UNAIDS** and committed to ending these public health threats by 2030 in accordance with the UN SDG's.

**Vice President of the 'Parliamentary Network on The World Bank & International Monetary Fund'**. By working directly with The World Bank Group and IMF, the network's mission is to provide a platform for parliamentarians around the globe to advocate for increased accountability and transparency in International Financial Institutions and multilateral development financing.

Awarded by **'The Economist Intelligence Unit'** as a **'HCV Change Maker'** (2016). This acknowledgment, attributed to solely six people globally, came in due recognition of Ricardo's academic work and policy leadership in the field of hepatitis c.

**National Spokesperson for Health of the Social Democratic Party and Member of the Portuguese National Parliament**, currently on a 2<sup>nd</sup> term (2011-Present). Serving as coordinator of the *Social Democratic Party* in the *Parliamentary Health Committee*, member of the *Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee*, member of the *Parliamentary all-group on Population and Development*, Vice-President of the *Portuguese-Canadian Parliamentary Friendship Group* and Member of the *Portuguese-UK Parliamentary Friendship Group*; having served as Vice-President of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Chair of the *all-party Parliamentary HIV/AIDS workgroup* Member of the *Digital Parliament all-party Working Group* and President of the *Portuguese-Canadian Parliamentary Friendship Group*.

**Head of Public Health** at the *Institute of Health Sciences of Católica University of Portugal*. **Guest Lecturer** at *NOVA Medical School* (Infectious Diseases and Microbiology) and at *NOVA Information Management School* (Coordinator of Sustainable Healthcare Unit), both at *NOVA University*. **Senior Fellow** at *New Westminster College* (BC, Canada) and **PhD candidate** in Public Health and Health Systems at *Maastricht University* (The Netherlands). Previous experience includes having been an elected member of the supervisory board of the *National Genetic Database Protection Agency* and a decade of experience in **health technology** as a medical consultant at *Glintt Healthcare Solutions* (2009-2016), a multinational software house.

From 2015 to 2017, **Deputy Mayor and City Councilor of Cascais**, responsible for local health policy, academic partnerships, international relations (including economic diplomacy), youth (including Cascais European Youth Capital 2018) and employment policies.

In the past, **practicing physician** during 7 years, including a 5-year **Infectious Diseases** residency program at the Western Lisbon Hospital Center, Coimbra Hospital Center and Amadora-Sintra Hospital. Intern in public health (HIV, Hepatitis and STI's) at the **World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe**, based in Copenhagen (2011).

Post-graduate studies in many universities in Europe and abroad, among which are **Johns Hopkins University** (MD, USA), **Harvard Medical School** (MA, USA), **Harvard Kennedy School of Government/IESE** (Madrid, Spain), **Albert Einstein College of Medicine** (NY, USA), **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona** (Spain) and **AESE Business School** (Lisbon, Portugal).

**Volunteer work** related with health and development organizations, such as being member of the **Center for Health and Development International Advisory Board (Mangalore, India)**, member of the board of the **Hepatitis B and C Public Policy Association** (Brussels, Belgium), member of the **European AIDS Treatment Group** (EATG) External Advisory Board, among many other affiliations with **Patient Associations**.

Alumin of the **Millennium Fellowship** at **The Atlantic Council** and of the **Marshall Memorial Fellowship** at the **German Marshall Fund of the United States**. Member of the **European Leadership Network** ([www.europeanleadershipnetwork.org](http://www.europeanleadershipnetwork.org)), **European Young Leaders** (Friends of Europe | Europanova), **European Young Leaders Forum** (BMW Foundation), **Emerging Leaders in Environmental and Energy Policy Network** (ELEEP | The Atlantic Council), **Chatham House** (The Royal Institute of International Affairs). Fellow at the **ZEIT Stiftung - Fundação Gertúlio Vargas 2015 Latin American Forum on Global Governance** and member of the ZEIT Stiftung alumni. Member of the **Antigua Forum** alumni at *Universidad Francisco Marroquín* (Guatemala).

**Founder of CREATING HEALTH – Research and Innovation funding**, a sustainable nonprofit which has been set up within the Católica University of Portugal to help capture funding for health innovation and research projects (<http://creatinghealth.ics.lisboa.ucp.pt>). **Co-founder of the Estoril Conferences**, which are focused on the issue of globalization under the motto *Global Challenges, Local Answers* ([www.estorilconferences.com](http://www.estorilconferences.com)). **Main author of the book "Citizenship for Health"** (PT, 2015) and of the book **"Strategic Consensus on Integrated Management of Hepatitis C in Portugal"** (PT, 2014), among other publications.