

## Autobiography of Jorge Magalhaes, from Garland

I was born in the city of Porto on May 13, 1961, but I live all my life on a city around Porto, where where I spent my entire childhood and studied until the end of primary school. After that I had to go to the high school to the city center. I started work with seventeen years in part-time and I start working for Garland with 19 years old. With 21 years old, I had to interrupt my professional life, to serve during two years in the army, but the place in my company was reserved, to return at the end.

I married for the first time and I had 2 daughters, who have also been family and have given me 3 grandchildren, in which they are now my happiness. I got divorced later and got married again for the second time, from where my third son born, who is now 14 years old.

After finishing the army, as I said, I returned to the company and then became a shipping operational, where I stayed around 10 years, which gave me a lot of knowledge to be later a knowledgeable and respected guy in this area.

Later, when the seafreight forwarder department was created, I, together with another colleague, were invited to take up this challenge and together with two other colleagues, we began to develop our department. It was then that Garland needed some help and partners from some destinations of our cargoes and an invitation came up from GLA. I believe that this come from Albert Hoek, who got on extremely well relationship with one of our managers at the time and at 1997, we started to be part of this network, which allowed us to develop some business around the world. We were later developing the department, with the air cargo and also with another business area of dry bulk in container and in the isotank in the liquids.

I had forgotten to say that I am a great fan of FC Porto and confirming that my son and grandsons are all affiliate of this great club also.

Going back to my professional situation, I am now in a stable stage and as you know I am in GLA board of directors, after having accepted an invitation, in which I couldn't refuse, because Garland, who already has more than 20 years membership and we never had been on the board and I thought it would be the time to give our contribution to the association. I'm in the board for the last two years and will end in the next meeting. I can say that it's always important to know what it's like to be on the other side and not complain all the times, unknowing what's to be on other side with responsibility to take difficult decisions.

I still have a few years until my retirement, so I hope to continue to manage my department with commitment, in order to be recognized by all and leave my mark for the future with my staff.