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Scientist plead for Soraya Smaili to preside over CNPq – 01/02/2023 – Mônica Bergamo

A group of scientists, former deans, counselors of the Brazilian Society for the Progress of Science (SBPC), health professionals and collectives from USP and Unifesp plead for the nomination of pharmacologist and former dean Soraya Smaili for the presidency of the National Council of Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq). She could be the first woman to head the institution.

Smaili was president of Unifesp for two terms and participated in research on Covid-19 during the pandemic. She is also a specialist in neuroscience and coordinates the multidisciplinary study center Sou_Ciência, based at the University of São Paulo.

Among those who endorse his name are SBPC counselor Samuel Goldenberg, Fiocruz emeritus researcher Renato Cordeiro, former UFMG dean Ana Lucia Gazzola, epidemiologist Gulnar Azevedo and researchers Carlos Frederico Martins Menck and Aldo Zarbin.

CNPq is responsible for promoting scientific production in the country, funding projects and researchers.

During the government transition period this year, the report by the Science and Technology sector of Lula's (PT) transition cabinet studied a 40% readjustment in research and study grants granted by the body.

The amounts, according to members of the working group, have not been readjusted since 2013 and are insufficient to cover the researchers' expenses.

According to the CNPq, a doctoral scholarship in Brazil costs R$ 2,200 and abroad, US$ 1,300. The master's degree costs R$ 1,500.

NEW WAYS

The governor of São Paulo, Tarcísio de Freitas (Republicans), received guests at his inauguration ceremony on Sunday (1st), in the capital of São Paulo. Sociologist Marilia Marton, who will head the São Paulo Secretariat for Culture and Creative Economy, and the municipal secretary for Culture in the capital, Aline Torres, attended the event, which took place at Alesp. Federal deputy Guilherme Derrite (PL-SP), known as Captain Derrite, chosen for the Secretariat of Public Security, was there.

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