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Dr. Fernandes developed and published some innovations in the Scientific Community, such as a new technique for Periodontal Plastic Surgery (MiTT – Mixed Thickness Tunnel Access); a new Index System for assessment of the Researchers' Productivity (GFsa – "GF scientific age"); a critical review for modification of 7 points to classify the stage in Periodontal and Peri-implant diseases and conditions; a new algorithm for Periodontal Diagnosis and Risk Assessment (GF-PeDRA®) – with prognosis; new bacterial clusters (GF-MoR's complexes) to improve the Socransky' complexes (1998); development of a new and most standardized tool (iMPACT) and new protocol (Quadrant Protocol) to treat peri-implantitis; and founder of the GF10 Foundation, non-profit and non-governmental organization that supports Science/Research, Development, and Evolution; and a Periodontal Assessment Protocol (GF-PAPro) helping students and clinicians to achieve a precise periodontal diagnosis.

He has over 200 peer-reviewed articles published, and more than 30 master's and Ph.D. students mentored. Received/participated as a P.I./member of 4 Grants. Currently is a reviewer for over 150 journals and a board member of 24 journals. Moreover, he received in 2022 the Academic Innovation Fund (AIF) Prize (Problem Roulette), developing a new approach to teaching; in 2023, he was nominated professor of the month (November 2023 – University of Michigan School of Dentistry, U.S.A.); in 2024, achieved the 2nd runner-up for the Year's ATSU Innovation in Teaching for Learning Award (A.T. Still University, Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health, U.S.A.); in 2025, received 1st and 3rd prize in the Research Day for the presentation of GF-PeDRA and GF-MoR (oral presentation); and was awarded as Outstand Faculty of the Year (Class 2025).