One hundred and fifty years ago, more precisely on the 24th of November of 1859, Darwin introduced a new paradigm in natural history with the publication of On the origin of species by means of natural selection, or the preservation of favoured races in the struggle for life. As epistemology has already acknowledged, the Darwinian theory of descent with modification or natural selection took around twenty years to be formulated, roughly between 1837 and 1859. The history of Darwinism and of evolution clearly illustrates the fertility of the theory of natural selection. Although Darwinism is a theory that is known and recognized everywhere across the globe, Portugal’s reception of Darwin began in the 1860’s, featuring surprising novelties, especially if we take into account the country’s level of development at the time. The meeting “Darwin, Darwinisms and evolution” took place in Coimbra between the 22nd and the 23rd of September 2009. This meeting’s main purpose was to provide a space of open discussion to all of those interested in the issue, both on the national and the international level.