The Association of Cardiovascular Imaging of the Spanish Society of Cardiology (SEC) awards its Gold Medal to Dr Valentín Fuster

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Dr Valentín Fuster, Director of the Spanish National Centre for Cardiovascular Research (CNIC) is to receive the Gold Medal of the Association of Cardiovascular Imaging of the Spanish Society of Cardiology (SEC) for his original and innovative scientific activity in cardiovascular imaging to reach new frontiers in cardiovascular health of the heart and brain.

The Association of Cardiovascular Imaging of the Spanish Society of Cardiology (SEC) will award the Association's Gold Medal to Dr Valentín Fuster, General Director of the Spanish National Centre for Cardiovascular Research (CNIC), during its annual conference, when close to 1,150 professionals will review the latest developments in cardiovascular imaging.

Dr Valentín Fuster receives the medal for his innovative research activities related to public health that highlight cardiovascular imaging. In the words of Dr Luis Jesús Jiménez Borreguero, President of the SEC Association of Cardiovascular Imaging, "Dr Fuster has promoted major studies in this field, such as the High-Risk Plaque Initiative or the Progression of Early Subclinical Atherosclerosis, an original, pioneering project in the use of non-invasive imaging techniques to improve the estimation of cardiovascular disease progression before the onset of symptoms".

Dr Jiménez Borreguero adds, "Dr Fuster's original, fresh perspective in promoting translational research is key for many scientific projects. In this sense, his concept and the provision of an advanced multi-modal cardiovascular imaging system as an effective nexus between basic, pre-clinical and clinical research is already bearing its scientific fruits".

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Dr Jiménez Borreguero also highlighted Fuster's, "d**etermined dedication to stimulating a scientific spirit among young people through his inspiring conferences**, the CNIC programmes and grants, as well as his actions to promote cardiovascular health among the general public and, in particular, that of children and the least fortunate."

For Dr Fuster, "Cardiovascular imaging is an essential element for the advance of research and an essential pillar for the population studies that are the future of promoting health." He also emphasised that "this recognition of the Association of Cardiovascular Imaging is received on behalf of all of the teams, and is a great incentive to continue collaborating to promote this field".

Also in attendance at the Gold Medal award will be Dr **Amparo Martínez Monzonis**, President-elect of the SEC's Association of Cardiovascular Imaging, Dr Teresa López Fernández, the outgoing president of the Association, joined by Dr Antonio Rodríguez, co-director of the conference. The scientific merits of Professor Valentín Fuster are also acknowledged at this event by the highest representatives of Cardiovascular Imaging Society of the Interamerican Society of Cardiology (SISIAC) in the person of its president, Dr. Ricardo Pignatelli, and its vice-president, Dr. José María Hernández, and the CEO of the Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (SCMR), Dr Chiara Bucciarelli-Ducci.

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