Prestigious Award Named in Honor of Valentin Fuster, During American College of Cardiology Scientific Session

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CNIC leader will be recognized for his exceptional achievements at the 71st annual conference

The American College of Cardiology(ACC) is establishing a new award in honor of Valentin Fuster, **General Director of the Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares Carlos III** (CNIC) in Madrid and Director of Mount Sinai Heart and Physician-In-Chief of The Mount Sinai Hospital.

The first "**Valentin Fuster Award for Innovation in Science**" will be announced at ACC's 71st Annual Scientific Session in Washington. It will go to Dr. Fuster to honor his significant contributions to cardiovascular medicine as a champion of scientific research and an innovator in the delivery of science through novel mechanisms, and his international voice on the importance of embracing scientific inquiry to improve the care of cardiovascular patients and promote life-long heart health.

The award will be given to a single physician annually for the next 15 years.

"**I am grateful to have this award established in my honor. I am proud to begin this legacy and hope this motivates others to have a significant impact in the field of cardiovascular medicine**," says Dr. Fuster. "I look forward to meeting future honorees and learning about their contributions to combating heart disease and promoting health."

Dr. Fuster is currently the Editor in Chief of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology *(JACC),* which ranks among the top cardiovascular journals in the world for its scientific impact. He is a past president of both the **American Heart Association and the World Heart Federation**. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, where he served as chair of the Committee on Preventing the Global Epidemic of Cardiovascular Disease, and was a Council member of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Dr. Fuster was also President of the Training Program of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Fuster's research is unparalleled in areas relating to the causes, prevention, and treatment of cardiovascular disease globally, and spans the full range from hardcore basic science and molecular biology through clinical studies and large-scale multinational trials to population health and global medicine. He has 35 worldwide honorary degrees and is the **most highly cited Spanish research scientist** of all time, according to Google Scholar.

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