
The Dominican Republic Honors Dr. Valentín Fuster with Its Highest Distinction

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The Dominican Republic has awarded the [Orden de Duarte, Sánchez y Mella](#) to Dr. Valentín Fuster, Director General of the National Center for Cardiovascular Research (CNIC). The *Order of Merit of Duarte, Sánchez, and Mella* is the nation's highest distinction, recognizing individuals for their distinguished service to the Dominican Republic, exceptional achievements, contributions to humanity, scientific discoveries, artistic excellence, and other outstanding accomplishments.

"Your example reminds us that medicine is practiced not only with the mind, but also with the heart. Thank you for inspiring generations to serve with humility, knowledge, and love for life," said [Victor Atallah](#), Minister of Public Health of the Dominican Republic, during the award ceremony held on Saturday, October 18.

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