

Dr. Valentin Fuster Honored by Thailand Royalty for Outstanding Medical Contributions

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Valentin Fuster, General Director of the National Center for Cardiovascular Research (CNIC), traveled to Bangkok this week to take part in ceremonies recognizing him as a Prince Mahidol Award in the field of Medicine recipient.

Dr. Fuster was named the 2020 Award Laureate in recognition of his international leadership in promoting global cardiovascular health and his breakthrough contributions to cardiovascular medicine over the last four decades.

Today Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn presented the Prince Mahidol Awards 2020 and 2021 at the Grand Palace.

Dr. Fuster received the 2020 together with Dr. Bernard Pécoul and the 2021 award laureates Professor Dr. Katalin Karikó, Professor Dr. Drew Weissman and Dr. Pieter Cullis.

"Our more recent research is dedicated to understanding the scientific basis of cardiovascular health, including the heart and brain. This award serves as motivation to continue to work toward achieving global cardiovascular health, and I consider it as an honor to all the teams across the world who have helped with these projects," said Fuster, who also serves as director of Mount Sinai Heart and physician-in-chief of The Mount Sinai Hospital in New York and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Fuster was selected from among 44 nominees from 18 countries. In the past 28 years, the Prince Mahidol Award has been conferred to 85 individuals, groups of individuals and institutions. Five awardees have subsequently received the Nobel Prize.

Dr. Fuster 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 sciences and global medicine. His scientific contribution worldwide can be summarized by his H Index is 205 (Google Scholar), his 35 worldwide Honoris Causa and the most highly cited Spanish Research Scientist of all times (Google Scholar).

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