Valentin Fuster, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Valentin Fuster is Director of Mount Sinai Heart and Physician-in-Chief at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, and General Director of the National Center for Cardiovascular investigation in Madrid, Spain.

After qualifying in medicine at the University of Barcelona and a research fellowship in cardiovascular pathology at the University of Edinburgh, Dr. Fuster moved to the Mayo Clinic, rising to the rank of Professor of Medicine and Cardiovascular Diseases. In 1982, he joined the faculty at Mount Sinai as Chief of Cardiology and was named Mallinckrodt Professor of Medicine at the Harvard Medical School and Chief of Cardiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He returned to Mount Sinai in 1994 as Director of the newly created Cardiovascular Institute at Mount Sinai, a post later combined with the leadership of the Center for Cardiovascular Health and Cardiovascular Research Laboratories.

Among numerous other positions, he served as president of the American Heart Association and the World Heart Federation, as a member of the U.S. National Academy of Medicine, where he chaired the Committee for the document “Promotion of Cardiovascular Health Worldwide”. He is presently the Co-Chair of the Committee on “Global Health and the Role of the United States” as an advisor to the President of the United States, He is a member of the European Horizon 2020 Scientific Panel on Health, and has been counselor to the U.S. National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and President of the Training Program of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Fuster is the only individual to receive the highest research awards from all three leading cardiovascular organizations, the Gold Medal and Research Achievement Award of the American Heart Association, the Living Legend and Life Achievement Awards of the American College of Cardiology, and the Gold Medal of the European Society of Cardiology.

The recipient of honorary doctorates from 33 universities, Dr. Fuster has authored more than 1,000 scientific articles (HI-145). He was Editor-in-Chief of the journal Nature Reviews: Cardiovascular and since 2014 serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, the highest impact journal in the cardiovascular field. His research into the origin of heart attack and translational research in atherothrombotic disease was recognized in 1996 with the Prince of Asturias Award for Technical and Scientific Research, the highest scientific award in Spanish-speaking nations, and in 2011 with the Grand Prix Scientifique of the Institute of France.

In 2014, King Juan Carlos I of Spain granted Dr. Fuster the title of Marquis for “outstanding and unceasing research efforts and educational outreach”.

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