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Nature Clinical Practice Cardiovascular Medicine Editor-in-Chief awarded the Gold Medal of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

Nature Clinical Practice Cardiovascular Medicine is pleased to announce that Dr Valentin Fuster, MD, PHD, Editor-in-Chief, was one of two outstanding clinical scientists recently awarded the Gold Medal of the European Society of Cardiology. Dr. Fuster was chosen for both his outstanding work in the field of atherosclerosis as well as his contribution to health education particularly in third world countries during his Presidency of the World Heart Federation. The awards were made during the Opening Ceremony of the ESC Congress, Vienna, on 1st September 2007.

A spokesperson from ESC stated: "We are proud to be able to recognize these exceptional doctors for their contribution to medicine and hope that by recognizing them, they will be an inspiration to new and future generations of doctors and scientists."

For further information: <http://www.escardio.org/initiatives/esc-awards>

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Dr. Valentin Fuster MD, PHD serves The Mount Sinai Medical Center as Director of Mount Sinai Heart, the Zena and Michael A. Wiener Cardiovascular Institute and the Marie-Josée and Henry R. Kravis Center for Cardiovascular Health. He is also the Richard Gorlin Heart Research Foundation Professor at Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Among the many positions of distinction that he holds are Past President of the American Heart Association, Immediate Past President of the World Heart Federation, a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, a former member of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute Advisory Council, and former Chairman of the Fellowship Training Directors Program of the American College of Cardiology. Seventeen distinguished universities throughout the world have granted him honoris causa. Dr. Fuster is President of the Scientific Advisory and External Evaluation Committee at the Fundacion Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares Carlos III (CNIC) in Madrid, Spain

Dr. Fuster is the recipient of three major ongoing NIH grants. He has published more than 500 articles on the subjects of coronary artery disease, atherosclerosis and thrombosis, and he has become the lead Editor of two major textbooks on cardiology, 'The Heart' (previously edited by Dr. J. Willis Hurst) and "Atherothrombosis and Coronary Artery Disease" (with Dr. Eric Topol and Dr. Elizabeth Nabel). Dr. Fuster has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of the Nature journal that focuses on cardiovascular medicine.

Dr. Fuster received Distinguished Researcher Award (Interamerican Society of Cardiology, 2005) and the Distinguished Scientist Awards (American Heart Association, 2003 and American College of Cardiology, 1993). In addition, he has received the Lewis A. Conner Memorial Award by the American Heart Association, the James B. Herrick Achievement Award from the Council of Clinical Cardiology of the American Heart Association, the 1996 Principe de Asturias Award of Science and Technology (the highest award given to Spanish-speaking scientists), the Distinguished Service Award from the American College of Cardiology, the Gold Heart Award (American Heart Association's highest award), and the Gold Medal of the European Society of Cardiology (the highest of the Society, to be received in Vienna, September 2007).

After receiving his medical degree from Barcelona University and completing an internship at Hospital Clinic in Barcelona, Dr. Fuster spent several years at the Mayo Clinic, first as a resident and later as Professor of Medicine and Consultant in Cardiology. In 1981, he came to Mount Sinai School of Medicine as head of Cardiology. From 1991 to 1994, he was Mallinckrodt Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Chief of Cardiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He returned to Mount Sinai in 1994 as Director of the Zena and Michael A. Wiener Cardiovascular Institute.