

In Memoriam

*Professor Dr. Antonio Sastre Castillo*



Dr. Antonio Sastre Castillo, President of The Spanish Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology during the period 1978-1982, passed away on July 4th, at the age of 85 in Madrid.

Born in Lorca (Murcia) in 1930, he was always in contact with his relatives and friends from his home town. He studied in Universidad Complutense in Madrid where he first met Prof. Jimenez Diaz. In 1955 Prof Jimenez Diaz decided to set up the Service of Allergy and Respiratory Therapeutics at Clinica de la Concepcion and Institute of Clinical Research (later Fundacion Jimenez Diaz),

Dr Antonio Sastre took part of the staff of the service together with Dr Fernando Lahoz (Chief), Dr Perez Guerrero and Dr Francisco Marin. In 1972 the Service was renamed as Pneumology and Allergy. In 1982 the Service was splitted to create the Service of Allergy, in which Dr Antonio Sastre was the chief till his retirement in 1993. This group was the pioneer in pulmonary and allergic diseases, as well as techniques to study pulmonary physiology, bronchial challenge tests and bronchial inflammation in Spain. Author of many scientific articles and abstracts to congresses. During all these years of professional practice he trained many generations of pulmonologists and allergists. He actively participated in the recognition of Allergology as full specialty in Spain. From 1978 to 1982 he was President of the Spanish Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology. He will remain in our memory as a tireless worker and excellent teacher and as a prominent part of the history of Allergology in Spain.