

IN MEMORIAM

Professor D. José Conde Hernández

The 13th April 2010 Dr. José Conde Hernández passed away in Seville.

Dr Conde practiced in the field of allergology for more than 40 years with unusual mastery. He dedicated most of his professional life to the Department of Allergology in the Hospital Virgen Macarena, in Seville.

Dr Conde was an outstanding teacher in the Faculty of Medicine in the University of Seville. His teaching extended to the training of residents in Allergology and he actively participated in continuous professional training in Allergology.

He received the title of professor a few days before his death.

Throughout his long career he was actively involved in research at all levels: directing doctoral theses, undertaking clinical trials, promoting basic and clinical research, carrying out epidemiologic studies, presenting papers at both national and international congresses, and publishing in national and international books and journals.

Dr Conde was a magnificent speaker and in his classes, papers and conferences there was always something for the audience to learn.

He was a very active collaborator in the Spanish Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology (SEAIC). He formed part of the governing board as acting vice-president and president. He played an essential role in the organization of the national and international congresses held by our Society in Seville. He was a member of the editorial boards of the Spanish

Journal of Allergology and Immunology (Revista Española de Alergología e Inmunología Clínica) and the Journal of Investigational Allergology and Clinical Immunology. He had also been a member of the Scientific Committee of Rhinitis and Conjunctivitis since its foundation till the present.

His prestige extended beyond our frontiers. He worked in close contact with international organizations and institutions such as the Latin American Society of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology.

Throughout his life he was the recipient of many prizes and in the last SEAIC symposium received a very fitting tribute.

His longest-lasting legacy is the Department of Allergology in the Hospital Virgen Macarena, the numerous specialists trained under his supervision in the teaching and immunological and allergological research unit in the hospital. There can be no doubt that Dr Conde was a indeed a trend-setter who marked a path for others to follow..

Apart from all these merits that we have briefly outlined, the human qualities of Dr Conde greatly surpassed his excellence as a professional, teacher and researcher. His affection and care for his closest family, his friends and colleagues was clear for all to see.

I hope these lines will serve to remember our dear teacher, colleague and friend.

Farewell Pepe, we will not forget you.

Dr. Tomás Chivato Pérez
President of SEAIC