



## SFRR-Europe Report - Festschrift to honor Prof. José Viña



A Festschrift to honor Prof. José Viña was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in the Room Sirio at the Ferrero Foundation, Alba, Italy. This Festschrift, sponsored by SFRR-Europe and the Oxygen Club of California, was organized by Prof. Juan Sastre and Prof. Giovanni Mann. Furthermore, the Ferrero Foundation and Prof. Giuseppe Poli provided very helpful support for the Festschrift. The sponsorship provided by SFRR-E was used to support accommodation expenses for invited speakers and Chairs. The Festschrift took place just after the Workshop entitled “*Effects of anti-aging redox medicine on health and lifespan*” held in Alba, Italy on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and sponsored by the Oxygen Club California and Soremartec, the R&D arm of the Ferrero Foundation (see photos below).

Invited speakers for the Festschrift were Prof. Giovanni Mann, Prof. Michael Davies, Prof. Malcolm Jackson, Prof. Federico Pallardó, Prof. Leocadio Rodriguez-Mañas, Prof. Consuelo Borrás, Prof. Tilman Grune and Prof. Juan Sastre. The Festschrift was divided in two sessions (I and II), with 4 speakers in each. Session I was chaired by Dr. Aphrodite Vasilaki and Dr. Niki Chondrogianni, and Session II was chaired by Prof. Daniela Caporossi and Prof. Josiane Cillard.

Prof. Jose Viña retired from the University of Valencia, Spain in August 2023, and he is currently Emeritus Professor at the University of Valencia. The Festschrift highlighted the important and long-term contributions of Prof. Viña to redox biology and medicine. Prof. Giovanni Mann emphasized his outstanding networking activities within the redox field and within SFRR-E and SFRR-I over the decades. Prof. Michael Davies underlined the impact of Prof. Viña in the aging field, particularly regarding his own research work on atherosclerosis. Prof. Malcolm Jackson showed the outstanding contributions of Prof. Viña in the field of physical exercise, highlighting his seminal work on the detrimental effects of antioxidants during exercise training through blockade of adaptive beneficial responses. Prof. Pallardó reviewed with a great sense of humor the special personal capabilities of Prof. Viña when running his large research group at the University of Valencia over decades. Prof. Rodríguez-Mañas highlighted the great contributions of Prof. Viña to the knowledge of frailty and also efficient strategies to attenuates it. Prof. Consuelo Borrás emphasized the enormous importance of Prof. Viña in her scientific career and his outstanding contributions to the aging field. Prof. Grune provided further relevant insights into the scientific career of Prof. Viña, emphasizing joint collaborations and projects in the redox field. Prof. Sastre mentioned the masters of Prof. Viña, Prof. Sir Hans Krebs and his father Prof. José Viña Giner, his numerous national and international awards, highlighted the key role of Prof. Viña in SFRR-Europe during his presidency in 1997-1998 and later on as President of SFRR-International during 2020-2021. In a short video, Prof. Carmen Gómez thanked Prof. Viña for his key role in her scientific career.

Prof. Sastre underscored the most relevant contributions at the beginning of their joint research on aging, together with the great research collaborations developed over the years with Prof. Maximo Vento with outstanding contributions related to the fetal-to-neonatal transition and to the resuscitation of newborns with asphyxia, and with Prof. Giuseppe Poli related to liver diseases, diabetes, and Alzheimer’s disease. Finally, Prof. Sastre thanked SFRR-E, the Oxygen Club of California, and The Ferrero Foundation for their great support for the Festschrift to honor of Prof. Viña.



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