

## All the Royal Academies of Medicine of Spain meet at RANME

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the proclamation of His Majesty Felipe VI as King of Spain, the Royal National Academy of Medicine of Spain (RANME) and the sixteen Royal Academies of Medicine and/or Surgery throughout Spain met last March 18th at the RANME headquarters for a commemorative event. It was a historic meeting—in the last ten years—that is part of the tributes to the King that all the Royal Academies are holding to highlight the activities they have carried out in the service of medicine and Spanish society over the last decade.

The event began at 11:30 a.m. with opening remarks from the president of RANME, Professor Eduardo Díaz-Rubio, who welcomed all attendees and thanked them for their participation in this special event. Following this, and continuing until almost 6:00 p.m., the Territorial Royal Academies made their presentations in order of seniority since their creation:

- Prof. Carlos A. Infante Alcón, president of the Royal Academy of Medicine and Surgery of Seville.
- Prof. Luis Javier García Frade, president of the Royal Academy of Medicine and Surgery of Valladolid.
- Prof. Josep Antoni Bombi i Latorre, president of the Royal Catalan Academy of Medicine.
- Prof.<sup>a</sup> Felicidad Rodríguez Sánchez, Vice-President of the Royal Academy of Medicine and Surgery of Cádiz.
- Prof.<sup>a</sup> María Trinidad Herrero Ezquerro, honorary president of the Royal Academy of Medicine and Surgery of the Region of Murcia.
- Prof. Armando Zuluaga Gómez, president of the Royal Academy of Medicine and Surgery of Eastern Andalusia.
- Prof. Joan Besalduch Vidal, president of the Royal Academy of Medicine of the Balearic Islands.
- Prof. Francisco Martelo Villar, president of the Royal Academy of Medicine and Surgery of Galicia.
- Prof.<sup>a</sup> Carmen Leal, president of the Royal Academy of Medicine of the Valencian Community.
- Prof. Luis Miguel Tobajas Asensio, president of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Zaragoza.
- Prof. Francisco José Perera Molinero, president of the Royal Academy of Medicine of the Canary Islands.
- Prof. Javier Aranceta Bartrina, president of the Royal Academy of Medicine of the Basque Country.

- Prof. Francisco S. Lozano Sánchez, president of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Salamanca.
- Prof. Fernando Vázquez Valdés, member of the Royal Academy of Medicine of the Principality of Asturias.
- Prof. José Antonio Riancho Moral, president of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Cantabria.
- Prof. Pedro J. Tárraga López, president of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Castilla-La Mancha.
- Prof. José Miguel García Sagredo, general secretary of RANME.

They all presented their main objectives and themes of interest addressed in their respective academies over the last ten years and expressed their desire to work together on future projects.

Around 6 pm, the official presentation of the commemorative book 'Contribution of the Royal Academies of Medicine of Spain' and the exhibition 'The Panhispanic Medical Language. A Language. A Medicine. A Dictionary' took place. On the one hand, the exhibition covers the history and evolution of human language and medical language, and on the other hand, the book is an extraordinary work, fruit of the work and participation of all the Royal Academies of Medicine, coordinated by RANME, which can be consulted here: <https://ranm.es/aportacion-de-las-reales-academias-de-medicina-de-espana/>

The welcome was offered by the president of RANME, the presentation of the book was in charge of the secretary general, and the presentation of the exhibition was carried out by Prof. Antonio Campos, vice president of RANME. There were also institutional interventions by Manuel Pizarro, president of the Instituto de España, and Eva Ortega Paíno, secretary general for research at the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities.

Finally, and before proceeding to the visit of the exhibition, the president of RANME issued a very emotional message where not only thanked all the Royal Academies for their attendance, but called them to action to go out on the street, reach out to the general public and give visibility to the great work that all academics do on a daily basis. "It is not an easy task, but it is essential for society to know our institutions and our values in the service of science and Spanish health, we are living and dynamic academies," he concluded.