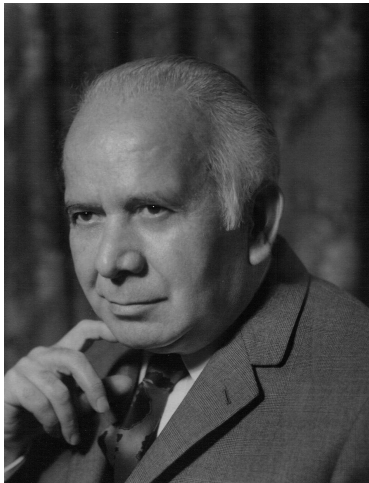


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## Centenary congress Juan José López Ibor

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An International Congress of Psychiatry was organized in Madrid to honor the centenary of the birth of prof. Juan José López Ibor. The congress was held from April 19 to 22, 2006, in the Convention Center of Madrid and was organized by the J. J. López-Ibor Foundation, together with the World Psychiatry Association. It counted on the support the Spanish Society of Psychiatry, The Spanish Society of Biological Psychiatry, the Spanish Society of Neurology, the Association of Latin American Psychiatry and the American Society of Hispanic Psychiatry.

His Majesty the King of Spain Juan Carlos I, accepted the honorary presidency of the Congress, whose slogan was

«Thresholds and confines of psychiatry». This congress dealt with subjects such as:

- Anxiety as basic root of human existence and disease.
- Psychiatry and society.
- Thresholds and confines of mental disease.
- Thresholds and confines of neuroscience in relationship with psychiatry.
- Facts and values in psychiatry.
- Management of resources and knowledge in mental health.

The congress made it possible to stress the changes that this speciality has undergone in recent years and to identify the keys to the current mental health panorama, such as the stigma of mental illness, eating behavior disorders, somatic disorders, early diagnosis of mental disease, recent advances of research and treatments or intervention in mental health under conditions of disasters and catastrophes, to mention some of the subjects.

Among the speakers were psychiatrists of maximum national and international prestige as well as two Nobel prize winners: John Nash, Nobel prize in Mathematics who suffered schizophrenia, and David Carlsson, Nobel prize in Chemistry, a prize he obtained for his research in the field of antipsychotic drugs.

Participation in the Congress was a success since almost two thousand people attended.