



In Memory of EDUARDO FAYOS-SOLÀ, PhD

We deeply mourn the loss of Dr. Eduardo Fayos-Solà who died March 11, 2019. He was an active member of the International Academy for the Study of Tourism. His visionary leadership and search for innovative practices will be remembered and emulated in the coming years. The following summarizes some of the accomplishments of this remarkable man.

Dr. Eduardo Fayos-Solà was the Founding President of the Ulysses Foundation. He served as a Senior Adviser of the International Institute for Tourism Studies at the George Washington University (Washington DC, USA). He was Full Professor of Applied Economics (1987 onwards), and taught Tourism Policy at the University of Valencia. In other circles, he performed as the Executive Secretary for the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Knowledge Network (1994-2011) and Director for Europe at the UNWTO from 2007 to 2010, Director of Joint Cooperation for Development projects of UNDP, UNESCO, UNWTO and the Government of Spain (1985-2016). He was the Founder and Director of the UNWTO Volunteers for Development, and UNWTO Director of Education and Knowledge Management (1994-2008), Founder and President of the UNWTO.Themis Foundation and the *TedQual* System for Quality in Tourism Education and Training (1998-2008).

From 1991 to 1994, Fayos-Solà was Director General of Tourism for Spain, and the Government of Spain Representative for Tourism at the European Commission. Spearheading a new era of Tourism Policy in Spain, as well as the new organization of the UNWTO Affiliate Members, he directed the tourism activities of global events, such as the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona and the Universal Expo in Seville. Notably, he was the Founder and Director of the Tourism PhD Programme at Nebrija University (Madrid, Spain),

Assistant Professor of Economics of Development at the University of Stockholm (Sweden), Founder and Director General of the Institute for Tourism in Valencia (ITVA –a Government public agency) until 1991. Between 1979 and 1985, he was a member of the Diplomatic Missions of Spain in Sweden and the United Kingdom, actively involved with Spain's application for membership in the European Union.

Professor Fayos-Solà was a lecturer and keynote speaker, participating in some 15-20 public events each year. He was the Vice-President of the Official School of Tourism of Spain (1991-94) with responsibility for the Spanish Tourism Education System. He was the Director of the academic journal *Estudios Turísticos* and was the Founder of *Papers de Turisme* and *UNWTO TedQual*. He was on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Pasos*, and *Acta Economica et Turistica* and it was planned for him to act as the Chief Editor of Springer's *Tourism Innovation Series*. He had also served as Associate Editor of *Annals of Tourism Research*, *The Encyclopedia of Tourism* and on the Editorial Board of *Tourism Management*. He was the editor and co-author of four recent books: *Tourism as an Instrument for Development* (Emerald, 2014), *Innovation in Tourism and Hospitality* (Papers de Turisme, 2013), *Knowledge Management in Tourism* (Emerald, 2012), and *Tourism and Climate Change* (PUV, 2010), as well as the author of other books, articles and research studies on subjects concerning tourism economics, development, and governance. He was the co-editor and author of a new publishing project on *The Future of Tourism* (Springer, 2018).

Dr. Fayos-Solà received a Doctorate in Economics from the University of Valencia (Spain) and a master's in economics from the University of Stockholm (Sweden). He had also completed courses in the United States (University of Minnesota) and the United Kingdom (Oxford University). He was a Fellow of the *International Academy for the Study of Tourism*, based in Hong Kong, and the *Academia de Turismo* in Argentina. He was a Member of the Board of Directors of Transmediterránea, Banco Hypothecaries and Sociedad Estatal Quinto Centenario. Among the awards he received were the Knight of the Order of Civil Merit of Spain and the 2016 UNWTO Ulysses Prize for Excellence in the Creation and Dissemination of Knowledge.

In the past year, he was actively engaged in developing a wine tourism certification program as Vice President of the Association Española Enoturismo-AEE, which would include a short course on Spanish Wine Tourism Strategies in cooperation with the Tourism Innovation Lab at the George Washington University. He will be missed as a friend and colleague.

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