



The Higher Council for Scientific Research ([CSIC](#)) held a tribute to Professor **Javier A. Abadía Bayona**, on **February 17th** in the Rioja Hall of the Ibercaja space Patio de la Infanta (16 San Ignacio de Loyola St., **Zaragoza**, Spain).

Professor Javier Abadía passed on November 18th, 2022, after having worked for 41 years at the Aula Dei Experimental Station ([EEAD-CSIC](#)). About 150 people attended the moving ceremony, organized by the Institutional Delegation of the [CSIC](#) in Aragón and the [EEAD](#), together with the Plant Stress Physiology Group, founded by the professor in 1988. Elena Cartea González, Deputy Vice President of Scientific-Technical Areas of the CSIC, María Jesús Lázaro Elorri, Institutional Delegate of the CSIC in Aragón, and Jorge Álvaro Fuentes, Director of the EEAD-CSIC, opened a [program](#) that included the participation of doctoral students, disciples, national and international collaborators and colleagues of Javier Abadía, who provided personal details in his memory and tribute. The group members gave an overview of the scientific career of their leader. The event concluded with a brief cello concert by Dolores Miravete Martínez.

The video (two parts) recorded during the whole tribute ceremony to Professor Javier Abadía held in Zaragoza (Spain) on February 17th, 2023, is available in the following links:

First act, 1988 – 2005

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rhOLn_gbLV7Cude4CDWjDwkoHzyWM_DB/view?usp=sharing

Second act, 2006 – 2022

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FwRC4YkXcVk-D-q2Q76yYhEjPHK3CKsH/view?usp=sharing>

The '[Plant Micronutrient Stress Physiology Group](#)' would like to give heartfelt thanks to all who contributed with a live speech or video and/or attended to the ceremony. It was a day Javiers' family and group will never forget. Javier's family very warmly thanked the tribute.

Finally, Javier's group and family reiterate our appreciation to everyone who sent condolence messages. They transmitted plenty of respect, affection, love and support and helped us to face the first months after his passing.

TRIBUTE TO JAVIER ABADÍA BAYONA (1954 – 2022)

Rioja Hall of Ibercaja Space Patio de la Infanta
16 San Ignacio de Loyola St, Zaragoza, Spain
10:00 -13:00 h February 17th, 2023

10:00 – 10:15 Opening act

Opening committee:

Elena Cartea González, *Deputy Vice President of Scientific-Technical Areas of the CSIC*

María Jesús Lázaro Elorri, *Institutional delegate of the CSIC in Aragón*

Jorge Álvaro Fuentes, *Director of EEAD-CSIC*

10:15 – 11:15 First act, 1988 – 2005

Narrators: Ana Álvarez, Jorge Rodríguez y Margarita Palancar, *members of the Plant Stress Physiology Group*

Testimonials:

Fermín Morales, *PhD student (1988 – 1992), Investigador Científico of IdAB-CSIC, Navarra (Spain)*

Ramzi Belkhodja, *PhD student (1990 – 1998), Coordinator of Plant Production, IAMZ-CIHEAM, Zaragoza (Spain)*

Massimo Tagliavini, *Collaborator, Professor at the University of Bolzano, Bolzano (Italy)*

Juan José Lucena, *Collaborator, Professor of Agricultural Chemistry at the Autonomous University of Madrid, Madrid (Spain)*

Ana Flor López-Millán, *PhD student (1996 – 2000), Científico Titular at the EEAD-CSIC, Zaragoza (Spain)*

Jean-François Briat, *Collaborator, Honorary Research Director at the CNRS, Montpellier (France)*

Ernesto Igartua, *Colleague, Investigador Científico at the EEAD-CSIC, Zaragoza (Spain)*

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 12:45 Second act, 2006 – 2022

Narrators: Ana Álvarez, Jorge Rodríguez y Margarita Palancar, *members of the Plant Stress Physiology Group*

Testimonials:

Ildefonso Bonilla, *Collaborator, Emeritus Professor of Plant Physiology at the Autonomous University of Madrid, Madrid (Spain)*

Rubén Rellán, *PhD student (2004 – 2011), Assistant Professor at North Carolina State University, North Carolina (USA)*

Jian-Feng Ma, *Collaborator, Professor at the Okayama University, Okayama (Japan)*

Jesús Cuartero, *Co-worker at the Agricultural Sciences Area Committee of CSIC in 2004 – 2008, Emeritus Professor at the IHSM “La Mayora” – CSIC, Málaga (Spain)*

Hipólito Medrano, *Collaborator, Emeritus Professor at the University of the Balearic Islands, Palma de Mallorca (Spain)*

Fodor Ferenc, *Collaborator, Assistant Professor at the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest (Hungary)*

Elain Gutierrez-Carbonel, *PhD student (2010 – 2015), Field Service Engineer at SCIEX S.L., Madrid (Spain)*

Zahra Gheshlaghi, *visiting student (2017), Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Mashhad (Irán)*

Petra Bauer - *Collaborator and host of the next XXI ISINIP, Director of the Botanic Institute of the Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf (Germany)*

12:45 – 13:00 Tribute concert

Musician: Dolores Miravete (Cello)