

## José Antonio Melero



The International Society of Respiratory Viruses is pleased to announce that the call for applications is now open for the José Antonio Melero Early Career Investigator Award, which will be presented at the International RSV Symposium 2027 in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. The José Antonio Melero Early Career Investigator Award recognizes outstanding early-career scientists whose work advances our understanding of RSV and contributes to improving prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

This award honours the memory and legacy of José Antonio Melero, a pioneer in respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) research and one of the scientists who helped shape the global understanding of this virus. Spain has played a remarkable role in advancing RSV research, and José Antonio was at the heart of these efforts building a body of work that resonated far beyond national borders, contributing fundamental insights and inspiring generations of researchers. His leadership, scientific rigor, and generosity helped establish a vibrant community whose work continues to influence the field today.

It is therefore especially meaningful that the award bearing his name will be presented in Spain during the 2027 symposium in Santiago de Compostela. Bringing the award “home” offers a unique opportunity for the community that continues his legacy to celebrate emerging talent while honouring the scientist, mentor, and colleague who helped build the path they now follow.

We warmly encourage applications from promising young researchers whose dedication and innovation reflect the spirit that José Antonio embodied throughout his career.

We look forward to celebrating the next generation of RSV researchers in Santiago de Compostela and to paying tribute to a legacy that continues to inspire our field.

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