

The international snow sports medicine and safety community mourns the loss of Dr. Aleix Vidal Font

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The ISSS – International Society for Snowsports Safety and the SITEMSH – International Snowsports Medicine Society express their deepest condolences following the passing of Dr. Manuel Aleix Vidal Font, a key figure in the global field of winter sports medicine and trauma care.

With over four decades of professional excellence, Dr. Vidal Font was an internationally recognized leader in sports traumatology and orthopaedic surgery, with a particular dedication to injury prevention and athlete care in ski resorts.

Commitment and leadership at the global level

A member of the SITEMSH Board of Directors since 1991, Dr. Vidal Font became President of the society during the Inawashiro Congress in Japan in 2016, succeeding Professor Anton Wicker. His leadership was instrumental in strengthening the international presence and scientific influence of snow sports medicine.

He played a decisive role in promoting the collaboration and eventual institutional fusion between SITEMSH and ISSS, marking a historic milestone for the global scientific community, now reflected in the unified organization of the world's leading snow sports medicine and safety congresses.

A pioneer in medicine and slope safety



Born in the Aran Valley (Catalan Pyrenees), Dr. Vidal Font transformed his personal passion for skiing into a lifelong professional commitment. He led the medical services at Baqueira Beret and Boí Taüll ski resorts, providing care to over 70,000 injured athletes, and directed the prestigious sports trauma and orthopaedic surgery unit (TMEH) at Teknon Medical Centre in Barcelona.

An expert in hip, knee, and shoulder surgery, Dr. Vidal Font was also co-author of the first Spanish textbook on ski traumatology, a reference work for snow sports medicine professionals worldwide.

His legacy will endure at the 2026 Korea Congress

As we look ahead to the upcoming ISSS/SITEMSH Congress in Korea in March 2026, the global community remembers Dr. Vidal Font not only as a highly respected physician and researcher, but also as a tireless promoter of international scientific collaboration and continuous improvement in winter sports safety.

His legacy and vision will continue to inspire future generations of professionals dedicated to mountain medicine and slope safety.

Rest in peace, Dr. Aleix Vidal Font. Your contribution will never be forgotten.