

## FEDERICO MAYOR ZARAGOZA

was born in Barcelona in 1934. He holds a Ph.D. in Pharmacy and Professor of Biochemistry. He became Rector of University of Granada and was co-founder of the Centro de Biología Molecular Severo Ochoa. Also Professor Mayor has had other political responsibilities, he has been Member of the Spanish Parliament (1977-78), Minister of Education and Science (1981-82), and Member of the European Parliament (1987). In 1987,



he was elected Director-General of that Organization, and was reelected for a second term in 1993. In 1999, he decided not to run for a third term and, upon returning to Spain, created the Fundación Cultura de Paz, of which he is Chairman.

In addition to his numerous scientific publications, Professor Federico Mayor has published several books of essays: *Un mundo nuevo* (in English *The World Ahead: Our Future in the Making*) (1999), *Los nudos gordianos* (1999), *Mañana siempre es tarde* (1987), *La nueva página* (1994), *Memoria del futuro* (1994), *La paix demain?* (1995), *Science and Power* (1995); *UNESCO: un idéal en action* (1996); *La palabra y la espada* (2002); *La fuerza de la palabra* (2005) and *Un diálogo ibérico: en el marco europeo y mundial* with the former President of Portugal Mr. Mario Soares (2006)(2006); *Enfermedades metabólicas* (2006) (ed.), *Tiempo de acción* (2008)...

Also, he has published seven books of poetry, *A contraviento* (1985), *Aguafuertes* (1991), *El fuego y la esperanza* (1996), *Terral* (1997), *Voz de vida, voz debida* (2007), *Alzaré mi voz* (2007), *En pie de paz* (2008).