

In Memoriam: Professor Jaime Bosch (1947–2025)



With deep sadness and a profound sense of loss, the Swiss Association for the Study of the Liver joins the international hepatology community in mourning the passing of Professor Jaime Bosch, a towering figure in liver medicine whose work transformed the understanding and management of portal hypertension and chronic liver disease over more than five decades.

Born in Girona, Catalonia, in 1947, Professor Bosch's career was defined by scientific excellence, clinical insight, and a deep commitment to mentorship. After graduating at the top of his class from the University of Barcelona Medical School and completing his PhD on hepatorenal syndrome, he trained in hepatology at the Hospital Clínic of Barcelona and later at Yale University

under the guidance of Professor Roberto Groszmann. This transatlantic collaboration would shape decades of groundbreaking research into hepatic haemodynamics and portal pressure.

Professor Bosch returned to Barcelona to build one of the world's most respected research programs in portal hypertension, integrating advances in vascular biology with rigorous clinical research. His work led to landmark contributions in the prevention and treatment of variceal bleeding, non-invasive assessment of portal pressure, and the exploration of novel therapies such as statins in chronic liver disease. With over 400 peer-reviewed publications and numerous clinical trials, his scientific output has had a direct and lasting impact on patient care around the world.

In addition to his global reputation, Professor Bosch leaves behind an enduring legacy in Switzerland. Since 2015, he served as guest professor of medicine at the Inselspital in Bern, where he played an instrumental role in supporting the liver clinic, mentoring clinical and research fellows, and advancing collaborative research projects. His presence deeply enriched the Swiss hepatology community, and many of our members benefited personally and professionally from his generosity, wisdom, and guidance. He was a respected member of SASL, and his contributions to hepatology in Switzerland will not be forgotten.

Professor Bosch will be remembered not only for his extraordinary academic and clinical achievements but also for his humility, integrity, and the deep respect he showed to colleagues and students alike. His ability to inspire others and his passion for improving the lives of patients made him a cherished mentor and a true leader in our field.

On behalf of SASL, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his beloved partner Professor Annalisa Berzigotti, as well as to his family, friends, and the many colleagues whose lives he touched. His remarkable legacy will continue to resonate through the many he mentored and the countless lives improved by his work.

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