



## ELLIS Alicante Celebrates Nuria Oliver's Recognition at the 8th Edition of the Trifermed Awards for Social Impact in Healthcare

- The award highlights her pioneering work in human-centric Artificial Intelligence (AI) at the ELLIS Alicante Foundation.

**Alicante, Spain - September 18, 2024.** – ELLIS Alicante is proud to announce that **Dr. Nuria Oliver**, Director of the **ELLIS Alicante Foundation**, has been honored at the 8th edition of the **Trifermed Awards for Social Impact in Healthcare**. The award ceremony, which took place last night at Auditori AXA Illa Diagonal in Barcelona (Spain), celebrated individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to social responsibility and innovation in healthcare.

Dr. Oliver's recognition highlights her pioneering work in human-centric artificial intelligence (AI). During the COVID-19 pandemic, she played a critical role in enhancing public health responses in the Valencian region of Spain using AI and Data Science. Additionally, her international advisory roles in AI policy, governance, ethics and safety continue to influence the responsible and socially sustainable development of Artificial Intelligence.

"We are incredibly proud of Nuria's achievements and her dedication to leveraging AI for social good," said a spokesperson for ELLIS Alicante. "This award is a testament to her innovative spirit and tireless efforts during the harrowing time of the COVID-19 pandemic to improve public health and safety through technology."

This year's Trifermed Awards for Social Impact in Healthcare recognized three other outstanding individuals and organizations:

- **Dra. Elena Carreras:** A gynecologist and professor at Hospital Universitari Vall d'Hebron, honored for her groundbreaking work in maternal and fetal health, including preterm birth prevention and intrauterine spina bifida correction.
- **Pere Albajar Viñas:** From the World Health Organization's Chagas disease control programme, celebrated for his holistic approach and strategic interventions in combating neglected tropical diseases.
- **Candela and Pulseras Candela:** An inspiring grassroots initiative led by 11-year-old Candela, which has raised over four million euros for pediatric cancer research.

The ceremony featured a distinguished jury panel whose expertise and dedication were pivotal in selecting this year's winners. ELLIS Alicante extends its gratitude to the jury members: Clara Campàs Moya, Joan X. Comella, Luis Ruiz-Avila, Mara Dierssen, Marta Aymerich, Montserrat Vendrell, Pedro Regull, Josep Tabernero MD, PhD, Miquel Marti, and Dra. Sara Marsal.

The event was a resounding success, fostering dialogue and celebrating the true impact of innovation in healthcare. For those who missed the event, registration details and highlights are available at [www.trifermed.com/awards/](http://www.trifermed.com/awards/)

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**ELLIS Alicante is a non-for-profit private research foundation** focused on **ethical and responsible Artificial Intelligence (IA)** for social good. Hence, it is also known as the **Institute of Humanity-centric AI**. ELLIS Alicante aims to be an international reference in **AI research by and for people**, by focusing on three areas of fundamental research in the intersection between humans and AI: 1) **AI that understands us**; 2) **AI that interacts with us**; 3) **AI that we trust**.

ELLIS Alicante is part of the European network of excellence in Artificial Intelligence ELLIS (European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems - [www.ellis.eu](http://www.ellis.eu)), being the only ELLIS unit dedicated exclusively to this area. ELLIS Alicante is the only ELLIS unit created from scratch, with the spirit of a scientific startup.

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