

Jaume Vicens Vives Lecture 2023

Cercle d'Economia publishes the invited talk given, by ICFO Director Lluis Torner, commemorating the 65th anniversary of? Jaume Vicens Vives' legendary conference which gave rise to thi influential institution

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2023 marked the sixty-fifth anniversary of the legendary conference "The Spanish captain of industry in the last hundred years" ("El capitan de industria espanol en los ultimos cien anos") given in 1958 by Jaume Vicens Vives, a historian and one of Catalunya's most iconi intellectuals at the time. The talk aimed to identify and guide a new class of leaders committed to helping Catalunya and Spain grow and progress by means of its economy an businesses. The young people to whom he addressed his speech would be the founders o theCercle d' Economia, now a highly influential institution in Catalonia and the whole o Spain

To commemorate that conference and continue the legacy of Vicens Vives, el Cercle decide to institutionalize the Jaume Vicens Vives Conference by inviting a leading intellectual figur to explain, with a long view, a vision of Catalonia and the opportunities and challenge

presented in the new landscape

ICFO's director, Professor Lluis Torner, was given the honor of presenting the inaugura conference at the end of 2023 and did so with a talk titled, i¿½**An infinite spring, a future of opportunities**,i¿½ which is now available in print format in Catalan and Spanish. In his ta k, Torner stated that i¿½program focused on frontier research is an engine of sustainable economic development for an economically and socially advanced society like oursi¿½ a d added that i¿½our country is a well-positioned place to undertake the program and to e joy of its fruits. He also underscored the importance of the entire ecosystem, not just resear h but also i¿½businesses, industrialists, economists, investors, financiers, lawyers, people dedicated to politics and the management and legislation of the common good, entrepreneurs, teachers, and a large number of motivated and committed citizens,i¿½ a l equally important for the success of societ