

Dr. O. A. Mercado is awarded the Eschas Prize



Left to right: Drs Kent Mercado, Antonio J. Zalacain Vicuña , O. A. Mercado, José Manuel Ogalla Rodriguez

The **Eschas Prize** is the highest distinction and recognition awarded every two years by the **Catalunya College of Podiatric Medicine** (Colegio de Podólogos de Cataluña) to the individual who has contributed the most to improve the profession of Podiatric Medicine in Spain. Dr. Mercado was chosen for his many lectures that he has given all over Spain (he is a visiting professor at the University of Barcelona) over the last twenty-five, and his numerous articles, books and surgical videos that have “help the Spanish Podólogos (podiatrists) to improve greatly their surgical techniques of the foot and ankle”.

The presentation of the certificate and Eschacs statue was made in Oak Park by Drs Ogalla and Zalacain, the president and vice-president of the Colegio de Podólogos de Cataluña and professors at the University of Barcelona in Spain. Dr. Mercado is the **first American** to be awarded the Eschas Prize.



Susana Castro, clinic administrator, translating Dr. Zalacain's comments, spoken in Spanish, to the audience.



Dr. Kent Mercado delivering the closing remarks at the awards ceremony