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On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to express our deepest and most heartfelt gratitude for joining us on such an important occasion—an occasion that undoubtedly would not have been possible without your generous presence.

Today's event seeks to reflect the very essence of the Foundation's purpose: our commitment to encouraging and recognising those individuals and institutions whose work, initiative and dedication have the power to inspire society and bring lasting benefits to the wider community. We are here to celebrate those dreamers who have the courage and determination to believe in an idea, invest in a project or pursue a goal—and who, through perseverance and commitment, turn those dreams into reality.

As many of you already know, this Foundation was created at the initiative of Pepín Corripio and Ana María Alonso. Supported by their four children—Manuel, José Alfredo, Lucía and Ana—they wish to make a meaningful contribution to the cultural, social and human development of this land we call home, by recognising and supporting projects and initiatives that help shape the future and development of our community.

In his most recent speech here in Asturias, on the occasion of the ASICOM–University of Oviedo Ibero-American Awards, Pepín spoke about two defining periods in life: the time for sowing and the time for harvesting. On that occasion, Pepín accepted, on behalf of his family, recognition for their achievements and remarkable journey. As he said at the time, his has been the generation of the harvest: the generation entrusted with gathering the fruits of what had been sown by those who came before him. They were, without doubt, words that modestly sought to attribute the credit to others rather than to himself.

But he will not be able to do the same here today—much as he may wish to—because for the CORRIPIO ALONSO family, today is a time for sowing. It is the beginning of a project that will undoubtedly strengthen the family's roots in this region even further,



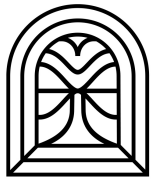
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creating a bond with present and future generations which, by the express wish of its founders, will never be broken.

In gratitude to, and in constant remembrance of, the land where their roots lie—a land to which they remain deeply connected, both emotionally and personally—the Foundation reflects the founders' clear wish to recognise, encourage and reward the work of those individuals, organisations and institutions who contribute, in so many different ways and across so many fields, to the development and future of the region. In doing so, the Foundation recognises their work as a vital pillar in building the values that serve as an example and benefit the entire community.

The Foundation's aim is to promote and support social, cultural, artistic, heritage, scientific, technical and sporting projects and activities. It seeks to recognise and celebrate those values that transcend the individual and become part of our shared human heritage, while strengthening the ties between the municipalities of Villaviciosa, Cabranes and Piloña and all those individuals and organisations connected with them, directly or indirectly.

The governing body of this FOUNDATION we are presenting to you today—its Board of Trustees—is made up of its two founders and their four children, together with myself, standing alongside them here as Secretary, though not as a Trustee.

The Board is supported by an Advisory Council, which will assist the family in their decision-making and help ensure the proper fulfilment of the Foundation's aims.

As you already know—or may perhaps have guessed—the Foundation intends to establish the Corripio Alonso Foundation Awards, created to recognise outstanding cultural, artistic, heritage, scientific, technical, humanitarian, social and sporting achievements by individuals and institutions whose work, initiative and dedication make a significant and exemplary contribution to social progress and well-being.



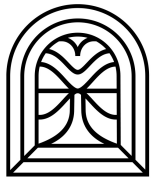
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To this end, juries will be appointed on the basis of their members' experience and expertise and will carry out their work in accordance with a Code of Ethical Conduct inspired by the aims that guide the Foundation.

There will be four Award categories:

- Corripio Alonso Award for Literature, the Arts and Historical Heritage Preservation
- Corripio Alonso Award for Social Sciences, Communication and Humanities
- Corripio Alonso Award for Entrepreneurship, Scientific and Technical Research
- Corripio Alonso Award for Social Welfare and Sports

Each Award will include:

- A sculpture, the symbol of the Corripio Alonso Awards
- A certificate of recognition
- An insignia
- A significant cash prize

Details of the nomination process and submission deadlines will be announced and published on the Foundation's website following today's event.

The Corripio Alonso Foundation Awards ceremony will take place here in Villaviciosa during the third quarter of each calendar year.

Paying tribute through these Awards to those whose achievements set an example for us all, embody our highest values and contribute to the common good is the Foundation's ultimate aspiration.

And so, this afternoon, we would like to share with everyone gathered here the special sense of emotion and gratitude we feel as we embark on this new chapter, in the hope that the Foundation's contribution to society will help build a better future.



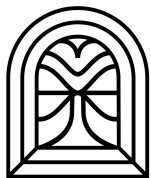
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Before concluding my remarks, it would not be right for us, at the FCA, not to publicly acknowledge the support, commitment and outstanding contribution of the Mayor of Villaviciosa from the very moment when, here in this town, back in 2022, Pepín announced the family's intention to bring to life the project that we have the privilege of presenting to you today. Alejandro has undoubtedly been—and continues to be—an example of collaboration and unwavering support for this project, which in many ways is also his own.

If you will allow me, I would now like, in closing, to step briefly beyond my role as Secretary of the Foundation for one purpose only: to express, on behalf of the entire team working on this project, our deepest and most sincere gratitude to the Corripio Alonso family—and especially to Pepín and Ana María.

"There is no success that can be celebrated as an individual achievement; success is always the result of a collective effort."

I imagine you can all guess to whom we owe those words.

From the very beginning, Pepín has been a constant source of inspiration. With his wisdom, empathy, insight and subtle sense of humour, he encourages everyone around him—and has undoubtedly passed those qualities on to his children.

Ana María, through her presence, wisdom and quiet dignity, has played an indispensable role in the history of the Corripio Alonso family. She has undoubtedly been an essential pillar behind every successful endeavour.

We feel, from the bottom of our hearts, that it is a true privilege to accompany you on this journey.

Thank you both.



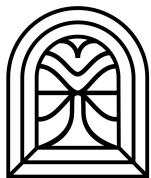
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