About the Award...

Each year, the International Council selects a speaker to deliver the Pfeffer Distinguished Lecture at the World Congress or American Section meeting. The purpose of this lecture is to honor the memory of Dr. Pfeffer and to recognize her contributions to cardiovascular research. The topic of the lecture must be in the field of remodeling, heart failure, and/or hypertrophy. The speaker receives a plaque and $1,000 honorarium in addition to travel expenses.

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Honored Speaker

Edward D. Frohlich, M.D.

"LEFT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY: An Adaptive Cardiac Response With Multifactorial Risks"
Dr. Frohlich is the Alton Ochsner Distinguished Scientist at the Ochsner Clinic Foundation and a staff member of the Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans. Internationally recognized for his investigative work in clinical and experimental hypertension, his clinical studies have included physiological and hemodynamic characterization of different clinical forms of hypertensive diseases including their cardiac and renal involvements. His clinical pharmacological studies have focused on all antihypertensive drug classes from the diuretics to the inhibitors of the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system. His laboratory studies have been concerned with development of techniques for hemodynamic assessment (electromagnetic flowmetry, radiomicrospheres for organ blood flows, echocardiography) of experimental hypertension in small animals; pathophysiological alterations of cardiac and renal involve; and elucidation of early mechanisms of target organ involvement. He was a member of the early VA Cooperative Studies on Antihypertensive Agents and a major contributor to each of the seven Joint National Committee's national guidelines as well as the earlier 1970 guidelines.

He was Editor-in-Chief of Hypertension, an official journal of the American Heart Association, from 1994 until January 2002 and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine. He has served on the editorial boards of many peer-reviewed scientific journals including: Hypertension, Journal of Hypertension, Circulation, Journal of the American College of Cardiology, American Journal of Cardiology, Archives of Internal Medicine, and many others. He is the author of over 1000 peer-reviewed scientific papers and editor of several textbooks including Pathophysiology: Altered Regulatory Mechanisms in Disease (3 editions), Rypins’ Intensive Review Series (currently in its 16th Edition), Hypertension: Evaluation and Treatment (single author), Preventive Cardiology, and Take Heart, a book discussing cardiovascular risk factors for laymen. His elected memberships include the Association of American Physicians, American Society for Clinical Investigation, Central and Southern Societies for Clinical Investigation, American Physiological Society, American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics; and others. He has been Chairman of the Medical Advisory Board of the AHA Council for High Blood Pressure Research, President of the American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics and the Society for Geriatric Cardiology and was the first Governor for Louisiana, Treasurer and member of the Boards of Governors and Trustees of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Frohlich was presented with the Okamoto International Award in Tokyo for his “outstanding contributions to the study of the pathogenesis, pathophysiology and treatment of hypertension.” He was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award of the AHA, Lifetime Achievement Awards by the AHA Council for High Blood Pressure Research and the Inter-American Society for Hypertension for outstanding contributions to the field of hypertension research, patient care and education. He was also honored by the American College of Physicians with Mastership and Laureate Awards for distinguished contributions to the medical profession. He was elected to the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences, received an honorary degree from the University of Buenos Aires, and is an honorary member of the Colombian and Peruvian Cardiovascular Societies. He presently holds academic appointments as Professor of Medicine and of Physiology at Louisiana State University, New Orleans and Clinical Professor of Medicine and Adjunct Professor of Pharmacology at Tulane University; and was George Lynn Cross Research Professor of Medicine and Professor of Physiology and of Pharmacology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.