In October 2004, the International Council created a new distinguished lecture, named The President’s Lecture, which is a highlight of ISHR World Congresses and Section meetings.

The President’s Lecture is held at each World Congress of the ISHR and, in non-Congress years, at the annual meeting of one of the ISHR Sections on a rotating basis. This lecture is intended to be a high profile event and is scheduled as a keynote plenary lecture. The topic of the lecture is in the field of molecular biology, genetics, genomics or proteomics, but the content should be chosen to be of broad interest to the cardiovascular community. The speaker is reimbursed for travel expenses, and receives a plaque and a $1,000 honorarium. A photograph and biosketch of the speaker is published in Heart News and Views, and is posted in the ISHR website.

The President’s Lecture enhances the content of the ISHR scientific meetings by providing a high-quality presentation in a topical area that is not covered by other distinguished lecture awards, and reflects the continuing growth of the ISHR as a professional Society. This award was initiated in 2006 by Roberto Bolli, MD, who generously donated his Research Achievement Award monetary prize for this purpose. President’s Lecture Award winners are nominated and elected by members of the ISHR-International Council.

Honored Speaker
Jennifer Van Eyk, Ph.D.
“Changing the perception of cardiac disease: the impact of proteomics”
Dr. Jennifer Van Eyk received her PhD from University of Alberta, Canada, under the direction of Robert S Hodges. She was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Heidelberg, Germany and the University of Illinois at Chicago, USA. In 1996, she started her lab at Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada, and then went to Johns Hopkins University in 2003 as the Director of the Proteomics Innovation Center in Heart Failure. She joined Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in 2014. There she directs the Advanced Clinical BioSystems Research Institute which has the motto, “from discovery to patient care”. Her research focuses on i) understanding the molecular mechanisms underlying acute and chronic disease and the development of precision therapies and ii) in the development of clinically robust circulating biomarkers for personalization of medical care. As part of this effort she directs the Precision Bio-marker Laboratories to move assays into the clinical chemistry lab for broad adoption.

Dr Van Eyk is the past-president of the US Human Proteomic Organization (HUPO) (2020-2022) and current president of the International HUPO (2023-2024). She serves on the editorial boards of Journal of Proteomic Research, Journal of Physiology, Circulation and Circulation Research. Dr Van Eyk is a Fellow of the American Heart Association and International Society for Heart Research and winner of the 2022 Association for Mass Spectrometry and Advances in Clinical Lab (MSACL) Distinguished Contribution Award as well as International HUPO Distinguished Achievement in Proteomic Sciences Award and the US HUPO The Donald F Hunt Distinguished Achievement in Proteomics Award in 2019.

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Michael Mayr, PhD: Berlin, Germany 2022
Evangelia Kranias, PhD: Virtual ISHR-ES mtg 2021
Yoshihiko Saito, MD: Beijing, China 2019
Jeffery Molkentin, PhD: Halifax, NS, Canada 2018
Junichi Sadoshima, MD, PhD: Osaka, Japan 2017
Thomas Eschenhagen, MD: Buenos Aires 2016
Rui-Ping Xiao, MD, PhD: Bordeaux, France 2015
Keiichi Fukuda, MD, PhD: Miami, FL 2014
Richard N. Kitsis, MD: San Diego, CA 2013
Steven Houser, PhD: Fukuoka, Japan 2012
Sian Harding, PhD: Haifa, Israel 2011
Issie Komuro, MD, PhD: Kyoto, Japan 2010
R John Solaro, PhD: Baltimore, MD 2009
Gerd Hasenfuss, MD: Yokohama, Japan 2008
Jeffrey Robbins, PhD: Bologna, Italy 2007
Mark Sussman, PhD: Toronto, ON 2006