The President’s Lecture

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 International Council selects the speaker. 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 is funded by a generous donation from Roberto Bolli, MD, winner of the ISHR 2004 Research Achievement Award, who declined to collect the monetary prize associated with the Award and requested that it be used for this purpose.

Honored Speaker

Manuel Mayr, Ph.D.

“Proteomics Strategies to Identify New Diagnostic and Therapeutic Targets”
Manuel Mayr is the British Heart Foundation (BHF) Professor for Cardiovascular Proteomics. He qualified in Medicine from the University of Innsbruck (Austria) in 1999. He then moved to London to undertake a PhD on combining proteomics and metabolomics. Upon completion of his PhD in 2005, he achieved promotion to Professor at King's College London in 2011. In 2017, he has been awarded a BHF Personal Chair.

His group uses proteomics in combination with other -omics technologies to integrate biological information in disease-specific networks that drive pathophysiological changes. While studying molecular interactions has been a research focus for many years and has provided important insight into biology, the attention has now shifted towards a more integrative network biology approach.


His academic achievements have been recognised by the inaugural Michael Davies Early Career Award of the British Cardiovascular Society (2007), the inaugural Bernard and Joan Marshall Research Excellence Prize of the British Society for Cardiovascular Research (2010), the Outstanding Achievement Award by the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) Council for Basic Cardiovascular Research (2010), the President's Distinguished Lecture of the International Society for Heart Research (ISHR, 2022).

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Yoshihiko Saito, MD: Beijing, China 2019
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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