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Andreas Grüntzig Lecture of the Swiss Society of Cardiology 2013

This years awardee of the Andreas-Grüntzig Lecture of the Swiss Society of Cardiology was Prof. Roberto Ferrari from the University of Ferrara. Roberto Ferrari is a well known clinician scientist interested in remodeling and vascular disease. He has published vastly in the entire field of cardiovascular medicine and was primary investigator of several large randomized trials. From 2008–2010 he was president of the European Society of Cardiology.

In his lecture held in Lugano on Wednesday June 12, 2013 at the occasion of the annual congress of the Swiss Society of Cardiology, Roberto Ferrari described the changes in the pathophysiological understanding (and the consequent therapeutic achievement) of heart failure from the 1970's to the present day. He described his own research, from the early studies on neuroendocrine activation in the untreated patients of Chandigarh (India) to those on pulmonary hypertension performed at high altitude in Ladakh (India) and Tibet (China) and eventually those on remodeling based on embryonic re-programming of the life and death cycle of the myocyte.



Prof. Thomas Lüscher, Prof. Roberto Ferrari, Prof. François Mach.

The prize fund for the award was donated entirely to European Heart for Children, the humanitarian foundation that he established during his presidency at the European Society of Cardiology to help children with congenital heart disease.