The fourth annual WHF-Thomas K Hunt Endowed Lecture will be given by Robert Langer, Sc.D. from MIT. Dr Langer is one of only 13 Institute Professors at MIT; the highest honor that can be awarded to a faculty member. His h-index of 211 is the highest of any engineer in history and he has over 1,080 issued and pending patents worldwide. His patents have been licensed or sublicensed to over 300 companies. He served as Chairman of the FDA’s highest advisory Science Board from 1999-2002. Dr. Langer is also one of very few individuals ever elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Inventors.

Dr. Langer is one of four living individuals to have receive both the United States National Medal of Science and the United States National Medal of Technology and Innovation. In 2015, Dr. Langer received the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering. He has also received the Charles Stark Draper Prize, the Wolf Prize for Chemistry, the Millennium Technology Prize, the Priestley Medal (highest award of the American Chemical Society), the Gairdner Prize, the Kyoto Prize and numerous other awards.

2016 will mark the 17th anniversary of the 3M Fellow Award presented by the WHF. The WHF-3M Fellowship is a one-year $15,000 gift to stimulate scientific research and career development of young investigators or junior faculty pursuing a career in wound healing research.

The announcement of the 17th annual Fellow will be made. Following the announcement, the 2015 WHF-3M Fellow awardee, Ivan Jozic, Ph.D. from University Miami Miller School of Medicine will speak on the regulation of cutaneous wound healing by caveolins.