The Department of Chemical Engineering congratulates Robert S. Langer, Kenneth J. Germeshausen Professor of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering, who this summer was awarded the 2002 Othmer Gold Medal at the Chemical Heritage Foundation (CHF)'s annual June Othmer Award Luncheon held in CHF's new Philadelphia headquarters.

Langer's address to the prestigious gathering, explored the topic of biomaterials, and how they will change people's lives. He highlighted the critical emerging roles that chemists and chemical engineers will play in the advancement of life sciences, particularly with the spread of pathbreaking technologies such as tissue engineering and drug delivery.

Established in 1997, the annually-awarded Othmer Gold Medal honors outstanding individuals who have, like Donald Othmer (1904-1995), made multifaceted contributions to our chemical and scientific heritage through outstanding activity in such areas as innovation, entrepreneurship, research, education, public understanding, legislation or philanthropy.

Othmer, was a noted researcher, consultant, editor, engineer, inventor, philanthropist, professor, and served as co-editor of the Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology.

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