



COLLEGIUM RAMAZZINI



TOWN OF CARPI

The Collegium Ramazzini and the Town of Carpi are proud to recognize

FIGURELLA BELPOGGI

as *Ramazzini Award* recipient and *Ramazzini Lecturer* for 2007.

Figurella Belpoggi is a pathologist who has devoted her professional life to understanding and preventing cancer of industrial and environmental origin.

Dr. Belpoggi obtained a degree in Biological Sciences with a focus on Comparative Anatomy and Physiology in 1975 at the University of Bologna. She went on to earn a specialization in Histology from the Institute of Human Pathological Anatomy and Histology of the University of Bologna and conducted additional graduate studies as a Visiting Scientist at the Pathology Institute of Kiel, Germany and at the International Agency for Research on Cancer in Lyon, France.

In 1981 she began her career alongside mentor Professor Cesare Maltoni at the Institute of Oncology “F. Addarii” in Bologna. In 1983 she embarked upon her twenty-five year quest as researcher and pathologist at the Cancer Research Center of the European Ramazzini Foundation, where she has participated in all major projects related to industrial carcinogenesis and chemoprevention. In 2001 she was named Vice Scientific Director and Chief of the Pathology Laboratory. Dr. Belpoggi’s work on the carcinogenicity of fuels, their constituents and oxygenated additives has earned her international recognition. Her long-term studies on benzene and methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) have contributed to the adaptation of international standards to better protect public health.

Dr. Belpoggi is a true follower of Ramazzini and has participated in the life of the Collegium Ramazzini since its inception in 1983. She has actively promoted a culture of cancer prevention and awareness in her local community. Dr. Belpoggi approaches her work with her personal motto “*per aspera ad astra*” (Seneca), which, in Latin, signifies that “one only arrives at the stars by overcoming great difficulties.” Her perseverance, pursuit of the truth and defense of independent scientific research have greatly advanced the use of long-term bioassays to determine cancer risk from agents present in the industrial and general environment.

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