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The Collegium Ramazzini and the Town of Carpi

are proud to recognize

XAVER BAUR

As Selikoff Award recipient for 2026

A Collegium Fellow since 2012, Xaver Baur has devoted his medical career to occupational and environmental medicine. Educated at Ludwig Maximillian University (LMU), University School of Medicine, he received his M.D. degree in 1975, where he later interned and received a Doctorate of Science in 1985. Dr. Baur is board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiology,, Pulmonary Medicine, Occupational Medicine, Allergy and Environmental Medicine. He served as Professor of Medicine, University of Bochum and Director of the Institute for Occupational Medicine/Research Institute at the Ruhr-University of Bochum and as Professor of Medicine, University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf and Chair of Occupational Medicine, and since 2012 has been President of the registered professional charity organization, European Occupational and Environmental Medicine Society, which he initiated and is a founding member. He was also a Professor of Medicine at the Institute for Occupational Medicine, Charité, University of Medicine in Berlin and Visiting Professor at the Haukeland University Hospital in Bergin, Norway.

Dr. Baur taught Occupational and Environmental Medicine at LMU, Bochum, Hamburg and Berlin from 1985 to 2017 and since 2014 has lectured on Occupational Medicine at the Academy of Occupational Medicine and Health Protection in Berlin. He provided concept development of several post-graduate and professional courses in Pulmonology and Occupational Medicine. Dr. Baur has served the larger community as Director of the WHO Collaborating Centers for the Health of Seafarers (2001-2012), as Head of the section on Airways and Lungs of the German Society of Occupational Medicine (2004-2012), Member of the GLI task force of the European Respiratory Society (2004-2012), Head of the section of allergology of the German Society of Pulmonary Medicine (2002-2012), and member of the Advisory group for Occupational Diseases of the German Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (1992-2013).

Dr. Baur lists his main topics of clinical and research work as standardization and quality management in compensation issues of occupational disease; ethical issues in occupational medicine; prevention and health promotion in seafaring, standardization and quality control in diagnostics and prevention of allergic occupational diseases and pneumoconiosis, especially of silicosis, asbestosis, mixed dust pneumoconiosis; characterization and analyses of occupational airborne allergens (enzymes, flour, latex, isocyanate); health hazards of fumigants and toxic industrial chemicals; and development of new lung function reference values. The result of his efforts have appeared in over 450 publications listed in PubMed, including Science, The Lancet, American Journal of Industrial Medicine and European Respiratory Journal.
In the spirit of Dr. Selikoff, for whom this award is named, Dr. Baur has taken on commercial interests to ensure that injured workers receive fair compensation and uses sound science to document his positions.

Preserving the important history of the field in Germany, Dr. Baur has spearheaded the archiving of the important papers of Dr. Hans-Joachim Woitowitz, also a Collegium Fellow, so these important documents will remain accessible to future practitioners of our field.

In collaboration with many Fellows, and particularly Prof. Lygia Budnik, he led important scientific and training projects in the European Union, such as the Diagnosis, Monitoring and Prevention of Exposure-Related Noncommunicable Diseases (DiMoPEx).

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Like Dr. Selikoff, he has been fiercely attacked by industry for his independent scientific work and for exposing how corporate influence affected regulatory processes and decisions on substances of great public health concern, like asbestos and, most recently, glyphosate.

It is with great pleasure that the Collegium Ramazzini awards the Selikoff Award to Dr. Xaver Baur to recognize, in the spirit of a founder of the Collegium, the outstanding contribution he has made to the field of occupational and environmental medicine and his support of the Collegium.

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