

The Collegium Ramazzini and the Comune di Carpi are proud to recognize

Daniel Teitelbaum

as the Ramazzini Award recipient for 2023.

Each year the Collegium Ramazzini makes an award to someone who ‘has made outstanding contributions to furthering the aims of Bernardino Ramazzini in safeguarding public health’ through research, advocacy and strengthening the Collegium Ramazzini.

The 2023 Ramazzini Award recipient, Dr. Danny Teitelbaum, has enjoyed a career which embodies the highest principles of the Collegium and its mentor, Bernardino Ramazzini, as an empathetic and persistent champion of worker rights to health and safety, working in the Americas and beyond. He has held industry accountable while promoting the highest standards of professional conduct for our field.

Danny’s work as a clinician, a prolific researcher in occupational and environmental medicine and toxicology and his legal advocacy for worker safety has had ‘an exceptional impact on the field of occupational safety and health’.

Trained in both rabbinical studies and medicine, he has always led with ethical insight to respond to the plight of working people and those affected by environmental contamination. One of his nominators for this award and another recent honor he received wrote: “Danny was acting on behalf of workers and communities faced with environmental and work-related health hazards before we really talked about ‘environmental justice’.

An active participant in the Collegium for almost 40 years, he has guided conversations to advocate for workers, always with solid science, even as he kept his camera ready to capture the humanity and conditions of people as they worked.

A productive writer and educator, Danny has made significant contributions to research authoring more than 50 peer-reviewed papers, monographs and chapters on occupational and environmental medicine topics including organophosphate poisonings, groundwater contamination, the toxicity of semiconductor industry processes and benzene contamination of solvents to name a few. He taught not only in the classroom, but the workplace, often inviting trainees to accompany him on walk- through surveys of hazardous workplaces throughout the Americas.

He has also served as a consultant to the US EPA and OSHA, including notable roles in the writing of eleven OSHA standards among them, the lead, ethylene dibromide and benzene standards.

Over his 57-year career, Danny has ‘made outstanding contributions to furthering the aims of Bernardino Ramazzini in safeguarding public health’ through his research, legal advocacy and his personal leadership in strengthening the scope and reach of the Collegium Ramazzini.