

Dr. Henry A. Anderson, III
Selikoff Awardee 2025

The Collegium Ramazzini wishes to honor Henry A. Anderson, III, MD, with the Irving J. Selikoff Award for his work as an exceptional occupational and environmental medicine physician, and also for his long dedication and service to the Collegium Ramazzini, founded by Dr. Irving Selikoff. Dr. Anderson trained under Dr. Selikoff at Mount Sinai and has spent his long career following the principles he learned well from his teacher.

A Fellow of the Collegium since 1990, Dr. Anderson has served with distinction for many years in multiple capacities, including as a member of the Executive Council sharing his extensive public health experience and wise counsel to help guide the Collegium. He has also led, with great diligence, the Awards Committee activities, always with caring and thoughtful leadership. He well deserves this honor for his devoted service to the Collegium.

Beyond that, Dr. Anderson has also had a stellar scientific career having authored more than 275 publications on essential topics to our field including asbestos, lead, mercury, PCBs, and electronic cigarettes. Among the worker groups that he has studied are automotive mechanics, farmers, school teachers, custodians, fishermen, and many others.

Dr. Anderson has also rendered exemplary public service to his home state of Wisconsin, where he earned his medical degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, as well as to his nation, and internationally. He served for many years in various positions in the state government of Wisconsin retiring as Chief Medical Officer of the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Medicine of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

He also held faculty positions at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where a Graduate Student Award has been named for him, recognizing his significant contributions. Serving on many editorial boards, he saw that meaningful science by others would be widely shared.

At the national level in the United States, he was asked to serve on many pertinent occupational and environmental health committees, including, since 2009, as a member of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, to which President Biden appointed him as Chair in 2021.

In many ways, Dr. Henry A. Anderson, III, emulates the best qualities of a scientist devoted to keeping workers and the wider public healthy and safe, guided by the spirit and work of Dr. Selikoff, for whom this award is named.

For these and countless other reasons, the Collegium Ramazzini honors our dear colleague, Dr. Henry Anderson, with this award.