



COLLEGIUM RAMAZZINI



TOWN OF CARPI

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

## PHILIPPE GRANDJEAN

*as Ramazzini Award recipient and Ramazzini Lecturer for 2015.*

Philippe Grandjean is Professor and Chair in the Department of Environmental Medicine at the University of Southern Denmark and Adjunct Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health. He has been an active member of the Collegium Ramazzini since 1987.

Professor Grandjean earned his medical degrees from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, followed by postdoctoral training at the same institute and a two-year fellowship with Dr. Irving Selikoff at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, USA. He has had a long and extraordinarily productive academic career in environmental health on both sides of the Atlantic. Professor Grandjean is renowned for his groundbreaking research on the developmental neurotoxicity of methylmercury in children, work that has expanded the frontiers of scientific knowledge and has had major impacts on public health policy around the world. He has also published significant scientific research on the health effects of exposure to mineral fibers, fluorides, and endocrine disrupting agents. He has in total authored over 500 scientific publications.

Professor Grandjean has served on numerous scientific advisory committees in Europe and the United States. Committed to the dissemination of science to safeguard public health, he launched a new scientific journal, *Environmental Health*, and developed international fora for debate such as the Prenatal Programming and Toxicity Conference (PPTOX). He has received honors ranging from the Knight of Dannebrog, First Degree, awarded by the Queen of Denmark to the “mercury madness award” for excellence in science in the public interest from environmental organizations in the United States.

Philippe Grandjean has followed in the footsteps of Bernardino Ramazzini, Irving Selikoff and Cesare Maltoni. Throughout his career, he has tirelessly combined scientific research with evidence-based activism to protect the health of the public - especially the health of vulnerable populations such as children and workers - from the adverse effects of environmental and occupational exposures. He has manifested a keen sense of strategy that has enabled him to persuade reluctant and even hostile governmental agencies to take steps to address pressing public health problems. At every meeting of the Collegium Ramazzini, he has reminded his peers of the necessity and urgency of protecting current and future generations from exposures to environmental and occupational toxins, and he has proposed new and practical steps to accomplish this goal.

Philippe Grandjean exemplifies the character traits of scientific honesty and willingness to speak truth to power that are the foundation of the Collegium Ramazzini. He is the embodiment of the activist physician envisioned by the academy's founders and a most deserving recipient of the Ramazzini Award.

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