



## **THE 2012 WALTER F. SNYDER AWARD**

for Achievement in Advancing Environmental Health

Presented by NSF International and the National Environmental Health Association to:

**HARRY E. GRENAWITZKE, RS, MPH, DAAS**

Harry E. Grenawitzke, RS, MPH, DAAS is the 2012 recipient of the distinguished Walter F. Snyder award. He is being honored for more than 40 years of significant and lasting contributions to the fields of public and environmental health at the international, federal, state and local levels. This award is given in honor of NSF International's Co-Founder and first Executive Director Walter F. Snyder and is presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of environmental health.

A highly regarded public health professional, Harry was also the recipient of the 2007 Davis Calvin Wagner Award from the American Academy of Sanitarians and the 2002 Walter S. Mangold Award from the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). With the addition of the Walter F. Snyder Award for achievement in the advancement of environmental health, Harry has earned the Triple Crown of Environmental Health awards.

Harry Grenawitzke's expertise and commitment to environmental health led to important roles in several public health organizations, including the Michigan Environmental Health Association and NEHA, the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, the American Academy of Sanitarians, and NSF International's Council of Public Health Consultants. His work in mentoring colleagues and developing innovative programs and standards that protect public health strengthened these organizations and has led to lasting improvements in environmental health.

Harry began his public health career in 1969 as a Sanitarian for the Berrien County Health Department in Michigan. By 1975, he was serving as the Director of Monroe County Health Department's

Environmental Health Division, a position he held for 16 years. During this time, he became very active in the Michigan and National Environmental Health Associations, serving as Chairman of several committees and was elected President of NEHA in 1989. Harry is well known for his ability to develop cooperative agreements between environmental health professionals in the US and international communities, organizing the first cooperative conferences with Canada and England.

Harry's personable and effective teaching and training skills have played a key role in his career. Starting in 1989, he became an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan School of Public Health for courses such as Environmental Health Management and Organizational Behavior. He also worked with university officials to develop the environmental health program at Central Michigan University.

In 1990, Harry joined the public health and safety organization NSF International to manage their auditing and training programs. Seven years later, Harry was serving as Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Field Services at NSF, a role that truly utilized all of Harry's passion for environmental and public health policy. He managed and maintained regulatory relationships with local, state and federal governments and served as a regulatory facilitator due to his understanding of the political and economic factors that contribute to the creation of fair and achievable public health standards. These skills were also put to use during Harry's service on the NSF International Council of Public Health Consultants, which advises NSF in the development of standards and environmental health programs.

Harry's expertise was often sought by international authorities. In 1988 and again in 1991, Harry joined a team of experts who viewed the Chernobyl disaster area at the request of Russian officials. After the investigation, Grenawitzke consulted with Russian scientists regarding the environmental health impacts that resulted from the nuclear accident. In 1992-93, Harry visited Mexico City to highlight the role harmonized standards could play in the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Since 2003, Grenawitzke has worked as a public health consultant and food safety trainer. He works closely with the U.S. Department of Justice to elevate standards and living conditions at U.S. correctional institutions. He also teaches courses on Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP), Safe Quality Food (SQF), Internal Auditing, and NSF/ANSI Food Equipment Standards. His food safety teaching extends to the retail food sector, with courses on Retail Food Service Plan Review and Retail Food Manager Certification.

Kevan P. Lawlor, NSF International President and CEO, congratulates Harry on this well-deserved honor, "Harry Grenawitzke's career achievements reflect the principles expressed by Walter F. Snyder and the public health mission of NSF International. His work as a celebrated public health advocate, trainer and consultant, as well as past work with local, federal, and international environmental health organizations, demonstrate his strong commitment to the promotion of public and environmental health. These accomplishments make him a very worthy recipient of the Walter F. Snyder Award."

"Harry Grenawitzke is a respected leader in both the public and private sectors of the environmental health field. He is also highly regarded and liked because he has mentored numerous environmental health professionals, helping them to realize their potential. His leadership in developing effective organizations and more responsive programs both in the field and in educational institutions, has made his contributions to professional improvement enduring. Harry is an inspiring model of professionalism and for this he is deserving of the Walter F. Snyder award," said Nelson Fabian, Executive Director and CEO of NEHA.

### Walter F. Snyder

Executive Director, National Sanitation Foundation (Now NSF International), 1944 - 1965

For ten years, Walter F. Snyder directed the environmental health program for the City of Toledo, Ohio. Through his studies and first-hand experience, he was convinced that progress on countless vital problems of public health could best be resolved by bringing representatives of government, industry and user groups together on neutral ground where they could discuss their differences and reconcile their viewpoints. In 1944, Walter F. Snyder resigned from his position in Toledo and returned to the University of Michigan to help found the National Sanitation Foundation at the School of Public Health. He served as Executive Director until his death in 1965.



The Walter F. Snyder Award is presented annually by NSF International and the National Environmental Health Association to a recipient who has achieved peer recognition for outstanding accomplishment in the field of environmental health, for notable contributions to public health and the quality of life, for work with all interests in solving environmental health problems, for utilizing voluntary consensus standards to attain environmental health objectives, and for leadership in securing action toward advancement of environmental health goals.

#### *The Past Recipients of the Walter F. Snyder Award*

1971 Callis A. Atkins	1987 George A. Kupfer	1996 Robert M. Brown
1972 Ralph C. Pickard	1988 Mark D. Hollis	1997 J. Roy Hickman
1973 William A. Broadway	1989 Boyd T. Marsh	1998 Chris J. Wiant
1974 James J. Jump	1990 Harvey F. Collins	1999 Khalil H. Mancy
1975 Charles L. Senn	1991 Trenton G. Davis	2000 Friedrich K. Kaefenstein
1977 Charles C. Johnson, Jr.	1992 Robert Galvan	2001 Robert W. Powitz
1978 Larry J. Gordon	1993 Amer El-Ahraf	2002 Gayle J. Smith
1979 John G. Todd	1994 Nelson E. Fabian	2004 Peter D. Thornton
1980 Ray B. Watts	1995 Leonard F. Rice	2005 John B. Conway
1981 Charles H. Gillham		2006 Arthur L. Banks
1982 Emil T. Chanlett		2007 Wilfried Kreisel
1983 John R. Bagby, Jr.		2008 Craig A. Shepherd
1984 William Nix Anderson		2009 Terrance B. Gratton
1985 William G. Walter		2010 James J. Balsamo, Jr.
1986 Albert H. Brunwasser		2011 Gary P. Noonan

