

Ramazzini Centret: the opening ceremony of the Danish Ramazzini Centre Århus, Denmark, April 2008

Ramazzini Centret: la cerimonia di inaugurazione del Centro Ramazzini Danese Århus, Danimarca, aprile 2008

The occupational health research units in the western and northern part of Denmark have combined their resources and capabilities into a new collaborating research centre with the aim of developing and expanding the research into preventable

causes of disease. The new centre is affiliated to the Aarhus University Hospital.

The name of the father of occupational medicine, Bernardino Ramazzini, was chosen for the new centre in the hope that it will help developing a



Presentation ceremony of the book BERNARDINO RAMAZZINI: BIOGRAPHY and BIBLIOGRAPHY, by Pericle Di Pietro (Eur J Oncol Library, vol. 1. Bologna: European Foundation of Oncology and Environmental Sciences “B. Ramazzini”, 2000), presented by Philippe Grandjean to Jens Peter Bonde, on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the Ramazzini Centret

strong spirit of dedication to fuel open-minded and dynamic research, to the benefit of working people in Denmark and throughout the world.

The working environment has changed dramatically since Ramazzini's time, and many serious occupational hazards have successfully been eliminated in affluent countries. The research strategy of the new centre acknowledges this favourable development and will focus its activities on new challenges of modern working life, such as psychosocial workplace factors, the importance of low-level exposure to chemicals and particles in early critical phases of life, and unsolved paradoxes related to musculoskeletal complaints, sickness absence and return to work.

At the opening ceremony on April 24th, Professor Philippe Grandjean spoke on behalf of the Collegium Ramazzini about the great magister from Carpi, and he presented a book – the European Journal of Oncology's Ramazzini biography – to the founding director, Professor Jens Peter Bonde.

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