

RUDOLF ZIEGELBECKER HONORED BY AWARD IN GRAZ



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Well known to many readers of this journal, engineer and physicist Rudolf Ziegelbecker, born August 26, 1924, in Veitsch, Austria, was honored on April 19 of this year by a “Citizen of Graz” award presented by the Magistratsdirektion of the City of Graz, Austria.¹

Ziegelbecker’s scientific career began in earnest 50 years ago at the Research Center for Electron Microscopy of the Technical University of Graz. There, through his publications in the field of electron microscopy as well as his special interest in biostatistics and fluoride research, he earned worldwide recognition as an expert in the field of environmental protection. Mainly due to his efforts, the Institute for Environmental Research was founded in 1970 at the Research Center of Graz, where many of his critical publications on the application and toxicity of fluoride in the prevention of dental caries originated. This work was highly significant for the evaluation of fluoride exposure through air, water, and food, and thus for the quality of life for the general population in many regions.

Based on his research activities, Ziegelbecker was appointed a member of the scientific councils of the International Society for Research on Civilization Diseases and Vital Substances, Hannover, Germany, and to the International Scientific Academy for the Protection of Life, for Environment and Biopolitics, Luxemburg. More recently, he became active for the improvement of public traffic in Graz.

The “Citizen of Graz” award, established to honor people past age 60 for their service to the people of Graz,² was presented in recognition of the high esteem in which he is held and in appreciation of his distinguished achievements.

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