

## **Biography: Vincent Castranova**

Vincent Castranova, Ph.D., is the Chief of the Pathology and Physiology Research Branch in the Health Effects Laboratory Division of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Morgantown, West Virginia. He holds the grade of a CDC Distinguished Consultant. He received the Shepard Lifetime Scientific Achievement Award from CDC in 2008 and the Stokinger Outstanding Achievement in Industrial Toxicology Award from ACGIH in 2009. He is also an adjunct professor in the Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences at West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia and the Department of Environmental and Occupational Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Castranova received a B.S. in biology from Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburgh, Maryland in 1970, graduating magna cum laude. He received a Ph.D. in physiology and biophysics in 1974 from West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia before becoming an NIH fellow and research faculty member in the Department of Physiology at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. In 1977, Dr. Castranova received a research staff position at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and an adjunct faculty position at West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia. He has served at these institutions since that time.

Dr. Castranova's research interests have been concentrated in pulmonary toxicology and occupational lung disease. He has been coordinator of the Nanotoxicology Program in NIOSH since its inception in 2005. He has been a co-editor of four books and has co-authored over 470 manuscripts and book chapters.