

Van Bowersox Meritorious Service Award – Andrew Johnson

I would like to present Andy Johnson the Van Bowersox Meritorious Service Award. As you know, Andy formed the Aeroallergen Monitoring Science Committee (AMSC) in 2016 due to growing interest and concern over aeroallergens. His vision was to engage numerous, multi-disciplinary stakeholders in identifying emerging technologies, coordinating pollen networks, and standardizing data collection and validation methods. The end goal of the AMSC, through NADP assistance and cooperation, is to possibly serve as a repository of long-term aeroallergen monitoring data.

Since the formation of the AMSC Andy has been working with the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), the National Allergy Bureau (NAB), the CDC, the EPA, and the Canadian Aerobiology Research Laboratory (ARL) as well as with numerous vendors and scientists. Through his unwavering efforts Andy has successfully led the AMSC in becoming an important part of the NADP. Just recently, Andy was instrumental in initiating and deploying a pollen monitoring network in his native state of Maine. He has been a valuable resource for the states of Connecticut and Massachusetts in their efforts to establish similar networks as well as for other states and tribal communities.

In the past few years, the AMSC also designed and implemented a pollen monitoring methods study. The results of the study ended up as a 2023 publication in the journal *Aerobiologia*. The AMSC also put out an AMSC Fact Sheet in 2024.

Andy is a pleasure to work with, is always considerate and helpful, and his gracious personality has been a tremendous asset in growing the AMSC membership and promoting interest in aeroallergens. His decades of contribution to the NADP and AMSC makes Andy an ideal candidate for this service award.

In recognition of his service, leadership, and lasting contributions, I am proud to present Andy Johnson this prestigious award.