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AATCC ESTABLISHES TWO NEW STUDENT CHAPTERS

Research Triangle Park, N.C., USA, Monday, July 1, 2009—The American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC) announces the establishment of student chapters of the association at Texas State University-San Marcos in San Marcos, Tex., USA, and at Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos (UNMSM) in Lima, Peru. The AATCC Board of Directors approved formation of the chapters during its most recent meeting.

Dr. Gwendolyn Hustvedt, assistant professor, will serve as the Texas State chapter's faculty advisor. She is also a liaison with Mr. Jorge L. Inche, professor of engineering in the school of industrial engineering at UNMSM, who will serve as faculty advisor for the students at that institution.

The schools work together and with major US retailers in areas such as color management and control in order to meet color quality requirements. AATCC student chapter members at UNMSM are pursuing master's degrees in textile technology and management, and together with Texas State students, they are gaining international product development experience.

“Getting an understanding of all areas of the textile supply chain will help the students succeed in the industry,” says Hustvedt, who brings a background in biochemistry and textile science to the fashion merchandising program at Texas State. “We intend to demonstrate a new model of involvement in the textile industry for university students and AATCC student chapters, in the United States and globally.”

Texas State students continue regular working visits to US retailers, and they plan a visit to Peru in 2011. Meanwhile, they work with UNMSM students and industry organizations to raise funds for activities, such as a denim drive, during their “sustainability of textiles year” in 2010-2011. The students are also formulating plans for entering the annual AATCC Concept 2 Consumer® student design competition.

For a photo of AATCC student members from Texas State University and UNMSM, visit www.aatcc.org/media/pr.

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