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AATCC HONORS MARTIN J. BIDE WITH CHAPIN AWARD

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., USA, Friday, April 30, 2010—AATCC will honor University of Rhode Island professor Martin John Bide as the 2009 recipient of The Harold C. Chapin Award in recognition for his outstanding service to the Association. Bide will receive the Chapin Scroll at an Awards Luncheon on May 19, during the Association's 2010 International Conference at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) in Atlanta, Ga., USA.

A member of AATCC since 1982, Martin Bide served with honor and distinction in the technical, publications, and administrative functions of the Association. Bide served as President of the Association from 2007 through 2008. He serves on the Association's Board of Directors and the Foundation Board of Directors, and chairs the Appropriations Committee. He is currently on the Subcommittee on Employee Benefits, Subcommittee on Building and Grounds, Executive Committee on Research, and the Technical Committee on Research. He was active for many years on various research and administrative committees, including serving as chair of the Harold C. Chapin and Olney Medal Award Committees and of the Publications Committee.

Bide is also active with AATCC on local and regional levels. He served as chair, vice chair, and national councilor of the Rhode Island Section from 1989 to 1997, prior to the merger of the Rhode Island and Northern New England Sections. He then served as vice president of the New England Region from 2001 to 2003.

The Chapin Award was established in 1958 in honor of Harold C. Chapin, professor of chemistry at Lowell Textile School, who served as national secretary of AATCC for nearly 25 years. Chapin was a contemporary of Louis Atwell Olney, founder and first president of AATCC.

AATCC's 2010 International Conference will be co-located with ATME-I MEGATEX 2010, which will run concurrently with Techtexil North America and SPESA Expo as part of the *Textile and Sewn Products Industry Week* May 18-20 at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) in Atlanta. AATCC's conference theme is "Innovation and Sustainability Bring New Life to Textiles."

ABOUT AATCC: *AATCC is the world's leading not-for-profit association serving textile professionals since 1921. AATCC, headquartered in Research Triangle Park, N.C., USA, provides test method development, quality control materials, and professional networking for members in about 60 countries throughout the world.*

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