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AATCC Gives Martin Bide its Highest Award for Achievement

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., USA, January 30, 2012—AATCC will honor University of Rhode Island professor Dr. Martin Bide with the Olney Medal for outstanding achievements in the field of textile chemistry.

Bide's research includes forensic analysis of fibers and dyes; the development of textile-related biomedical materials; the environmental effects of textile wet-processing and dyeing; printing; dye analysis; wool processing; and color science. He has published more than 80 papers and book chapters, and one textbook. He has presented more than 75 technical talks at professional meetings, and has four patents. Bide has received more than \$1 million dollars in research funding while at the University of Rhode Island.

Presentation of the Olney Medal is a highlight of AATCC's International Conference. The Association will present Bide with the Olney Medal at an Awards Luncheon at noon on March 23, at the Hilton University Place in Charlotte, N.C., USA. Bide also will deliver the traditional Olney Medal Address, "In Praise of Textile Chemistry," at the Conference.

Established in 1944 in honor of Louis Atwell Olney, the founder and first president of AATCC, the Olney Medal recognizes outstanding achievement in textile or polymer chemistry or other fields of chemistry of major importance to textile science. The award consists of a gold medal, a scroll, and an honorarium.

AATCC's 2012 International Conference will be held March 21-23 at the Hilton University Place in Charlotte, N.C., USA.

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