In recognition for his outstanding service to the Association, AATCC has named Fred L. Cook this year's recipient of The Harold C. Chapin Award.

Cook, a native of Jackson, Ga., holds a BS in textile chemistry and a PhD in organic/polymer chemistry, with a minor in chemical engineering, both from the Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT).

He began his career as a shop technician at Avondale Mills in 1969. He worked as a research assistant at GIT while obtaining his PhD from 1971-1975. Cook briefly joined E.I. duPont’s Experimental Station Pioneering Laboratory as a research chemist in 1975, then went on to join GIT as an assistant professor. He remained at GIT and is today a tenured professor in the school of Polymer, Textile, & Fiber Engineering.

AATCC ACTIVITIES
A member of the AATCC since 1968, Fred L. Cook has served with great distinction in both the technical and administrative functions of the Association.

Cook has served as regional board member and vice-president of the Southern Region and Councilor, as well as chair of the Materials Interest Group, chair of the Henry E. Millson Award for Invention Committee, and chair of the Committee on Conferences. He recently served on the ad hoc committee for constitution & bylaws changes.

He has also served on the Executive Committee of the Council, the Executive Committee on Research, the Technical Committee on Research, the Education Advisory Board, the Committee on Awards and Scholarships, the Intersectional Technical Paper Competition Committee, as well as the Membership, Awards Oversight, Building & Grounds, and Textile Education Committees. He also served on the steering committee for the 1983 symposium on dyeing and on two strategic planning committees.

Additionally, he has served as a student faculty advisor, and chaired the steering committee that organized the 1986 AATCC IC&E in Atlanta. He has won the J. W. Weaver Paper of the Year Award for a paper published in the Textile Chemist & Colorist.

On the local level for the Southeastern Section, he has served as chair for the standing research committee for the Southeastern Section, and chair for the Intersectional Paper Competition Team. He has also been awarded the Southeast Section Career Service Award.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
Cook is also a member of the American Chemical Society (ACS), serving several divisions.

Cook serves as the GIT representative to the National Textile Center (NTC). He has served as chair of the operating board from 1992-2005, and member of the strategic planning committee from 2003-2004. As part of the NTC’s operating board, Cook led the GIT effort in the renewal of annual funding for the consortium. He received an award in 2004 in recognition of his role as one of the founding members of the NTC and its operating board.

Cook also serves as the GIT academic representative on the Textile, Carpet, and Research Advisory Committees for the research Consortium on Competitiveness for the Apparel, Carpet, and Textile Industries. He is a member of the Sigma Xi scientific honor society, the Delta Kappa Phi textile honor society, the Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, and the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. He is a member of the National Council for Textile Education and of the Fiber Society.

Cook served as the chair for the GIT Polymer Program from 1979-1987. He was a consulting editor for Textile World magazine and served on the editorial board of Textile Progress and as a peer reviewer for AATCC Review. He has written or co-written chapters in four books, and over 100 papers and articles. He has chaired or participated in numerous courses, presentations, and conferences.

He has received a chair service award for 15 years as the PTFE school chair, a service award for holding the office of secretary for the GIT Athletic Association Board of Trustees, and a service award for his activities with the school and community of Jackson High School.

PERSONAL DATA
Cook and his spouse, Mary Patricia (Patsy) Qualls Cook, live in Jackson, Ga. He is a member of the Stark Congregational Methodist Church and enjoys hunting, fishing, golf, wood working, and farming in his spare time.

THE CHAPIN AWARD
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, who was head of the chemistry department at Lowell Textile when AATCC was organized in 1921.
PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

Fred L. Cook is the 47th recipient of The Chapin Award. The first award was to Chapin in 1959. Those who have received the award since then are:

1960: Leonard S. Little, consultant
1962: Thomas R. Smith of Wiscassett Mills
1963: J. Robert Bonnar of General Aniline & Film Corp.
1964: Joseph H. Jones of Phoenix Dye Works
1965: Charles A. Sylvester of DuPont Co.
1967: Percival Theel of Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science
1968: Joe D. Mosheim of Crystal Springs Bleachery
1971: Harold B. Sturtevant of Rhode Island School of Design
1972: Albert H. Rant of Laurel Products Corp.
1975: Frank J. Rizzo of U.S. Army Natick Development Center
1976: Carl R. Teichgraber of Dominion Textile Ltd.
1977: John J. Hanlon of Mohasco Corp.
1978: Frederick V. Traut of Globe Dye Works
1980: Richard M. Jones of American Industrial Chemical Corp.
1984: George S. Wham of Good Housekeeping Institute and Magazine
1985: Luther B. Arnold Jr. of Vikon Chemical Co.
1986: Donald W. Robinson of Don Robinson Associates
1987: Fernand Schlaeppe of Ciba-Geigy Corp.
1988: Andrew J. McNulty Sr. of Warwick Dyeing Corp.
1989: Reginald W. Redston of Hubbard Dyers Ltd.
1990: Joseph S. Panto of Albany International Research Co.
1991: James P. Patton Jr., consultant
1992: Marguerita C. Hindle of TCE Consulting Service
1993: Samuel J. Guertin of Leatex Chemical Co.
1995: Rhoderick R. Blue of Ivax Industries
1997: Herbert T. Pratt of DuPont Co.
1998: Warren S. Perkins of the University of Georgia
1999: J. Richard Aspland of Clemson University
2000: Roland L. Connelly Sr. of SheLyn Inc.
2001: Edward W. Boland
2002: Charles E. Gavin III of MFG Chemical Inc.
2003: Nelson Houser of M. Dohmen USA Inc.
2004: Norma Keyes of Cotton Incorporated

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