John Darsey to Receive The Chapin Award

In recognition for his outstanding service to the Association, AATCC has named John A. Darsey Jr. this year’s recipient of The Harold C. Chapin Award. Darsey, a native of Atlanta, Ga., USA, is vice-president of sales for Color Solutions International in Charlotte, N.C., USA.
A member of the AATCC since 1979, John A. Darsey, Jr. has served with great distinction in both the technical and administrative functions of the Association. Darsey served as president of the Association from 1997 to 1998. He provided the vision and leadership for launching the Concept 2 Consumer (C2C) activities of the Association. Darsey served as the second chair of the C2C committee and the first chair of the C2C interest group.

At the section level, Darsey has served as committee member, committee chair, secretary, vice-chair, and chair for the Piedmont Section. He has also served on the Piedmont Section mailing, membership, finance, and technical committees. He has been a speaker at section meetings and participated in the section’s summer outings.

At the international level, Darsey is currently serving as chair of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. He is also serving on the Appropriations Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, RA36 Color Measurement Test Method Committee, RA75 Correlation of Laboratory Tests with End-Use Performance Committee, Education Advisory Board, Subcommittee on Employee Benefits, and the Technical Committee on Research.

Additionally, Darsey has served on the Association’s Board of Directors, as vice-president of the Midsouth Region, and as Piedmont Section councilor. He has also served as chair of the Appropriations, Individual Membership, and Employee Benefits Committees. He was a member of the RA87 Characterization of Dyes Test Methods Committee, the Committee on Conferences, the Corporate Membership Committee, the Executive Committee of the Council, the Executive Committee on Research, the Global Interaction Committee, the Harold C. Chapin Award Committee, the Henry E. Millson Award for Invention Committee, the History and Archives Committee, the Membership Committee, the Olney Medal Award Committee, the Publications Committee, the Subjects and Speakers Bureau, a Strategic Planning Committee, the Textile Education Committee, and the Subcommittee on Awards and Scholarships. In addition, Darsey served as a judge for the Intersectional Paper Competition.

Darsey has served as chair of the AATCC Foundation and is on the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

**PERSONAL DATA**

Darsey and his wife, Nancy, originally of Greensboro, N.C., USA, live in Waxhaw, N.C., USA. They have two sons, Jad, 32, and his wife, Andrea, live in Danville, Calif., USA. Tommy, 29, lives in Charlotte, N.C., USA. In his spare time, Darsey enjoys reading and collecting quotations.

**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**

John A. Darsey Jr. is the 49th 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 Wiscasset 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 Schlaeppi of Ciba-Geigy Corp.
1988: Andrew J. McNulty Sr. of Warlick 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, retired
2002: Charles E. Gavin III of MFG Chemical Inc.
2003: Nelson House of M. Dohmen USA Inc.
2004: Norma Keyes of Cotton Incorporated
2005: Fred L. Cook of the Georgia Institute of Technology
2006: Marcia L. Quinlan of Albany International Techniweave Inc.