

Richard Stephen (Steve) Simonson to Receive The Chapin Award



In recognition for his outstanding service to the Association, AATCC has named Richard Stephen (Steve) Simonson this year's recipient of The Harold C. Chapin Award.

AATCC Activities

A member of the AATCC since 1975, Steve Simonson has served with great distinction in both the technical and administrative functions of the Association. Simonson serves on the AATCC Board of Directors and on the board of the AATCC Foundation.

At the international level, Simonson serves as chair of the Executive Committee on Research and has served as chair of the Technical Committee on Research; the Henry E. Millson Award for Invention Committee; the Water Resistance Test Methods Committee; and the Coated, Bonded, and Laminated Fabrics Technology Committee; and the UV Protective Textiles Test Methods Committee. He has served as a member on the Education Advisory Board, Committee on Conferences, International Test

Methods Committee, Subject and Speakers Bureau, Colorfastness to Water Test Methods Committee, Antimicrobial Activity Test Methods, Static Electricity Test Methods, Professional Textile Care Test Methods, Insect Resistance Test Methods, Colorfastness to Perspiration Test Methods, Stain Resistance Test Methods, and Hand Evaluation Test Methods, Test Methods Relevance Committee, and Concept 2 Consumer Interest Group.

Personal Data

Simonson graduated from North Carolina State University (NCSU) with a BS in textile chemistry in 1976, followed by an MS in textile chemistry from NCSU in 1978. He is Research & Development Manager for ITG Burlington WorldWide. He has worked for Burlington Industries (later ITG Burlington Worldwide) for the last 30 years.

Simonson serves on ISO TC38/SC2, WG8, Water Resistance Tests, and also was named as the US Expert for ISO WG9 Nonwovens, WG8 Water Resistance, and WG10 Water Vapour Transfer Test Methods. He has served as a US Delegate for ISO TC38/SC2 meetings. He also serves on the ASTM Textiles Committee D13, F23, E54, and is a member of the American Chemical Society. He has won the ITG Burlington Worldwide *First Chairman's Award* for the development of a machine and test method for evaluating the waterproofness of fabrics. Simonson holds a US patent as co-inventor of a stitched seam for medical tape.

Simonson and his wife, Gretchen Briner Simonson, live in Hurt, Va., USA. Gretchen works in Human Resources for Central Virginia Community Services. They have a son, Stephen (Andrew) Simonson, who works in Metrology Services at Areva NP Inc. In his spare time, Simonson enjoys playing golf, whitewater canoeing, and home landscaping.

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.

Richard Stephen (Steve) Simonson is the 50th recipient of The Chapin Award. The first award was presented to Chapin in 1959. For a complete list of our esteemed past award recipients, visit www.aatcc.org.

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