

The Harold C. Chapin Award Goes to Martin Bide



In recognition of his outstanding service to the Association, AATCC has named **Martin John Bide** the 2009 recipient of The Harold C. Chapin Award.

Additionally, Bide served on the Membership Committee, Awards Oversight Committee, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, and Millson Award for Invention Committee. He was chair of the Harold C. Chapin and Olney Medal Award Committees and the Publication Committee. He served on the Concept 2 Consumer interest group, Colour Index Committee, Committee on Awards and Scholarships, and Councilors Representing Sections.

AATCC Activities

A member of AATCC since 1982, Martin Bide has 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.

Bide is active with AATCC on local, regional, and international 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. Bide currently serves as an advisor of the University of Rhode Island's AATCC student chapter and as a member of the New England Section.

At the international level, Bide 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 has been active for several years on RA91 Applied Dyeing Theory; RA87 Characterization of Dyes & Applied Dyeing Test Methods; RA100 Safety, Health, and Environmental Technology; RA106 UV Protective Textiles Test Methods; and RA36 Color Measurement Test Methods.

Professional Achievements

Bide graduated from University of Bradford, UK, with a Bachelors in Technology (1st Class Honours) in color chemistry and color technology in 1974 and a PhD in 1979. He has been a professor with the department of textiles, fashion merchandising, and design at the University of Rhode Island since 1991, and chaired the department from 2001 to 2004. His research involves 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 is a Fellow of the Society of Dyers and Colourists and the Royal Society of Chemistry. He is also a member of the American Chemical Society and Sigma Xi. He has authored 64 refereed papers, one poster, two abstracts, two encyclopedia entries, eight contributed chapters, and two books.

Bide and his wife, Nedra Reynolds, reside in Hope Valley, R.I., USA. He enjoys gardening, cooking, brewing beer, cycling, and horse riding.

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.

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