Ann Laidlaw Named Harold C. Chapin Award Winner

In recognition of her outstanding service to the Association, AATCC has named Ann Campbell Laidlaw the 2011 recipient of the Harold C. Chapin Award.

AATCC Activities

A member of AATCC since 1979, Ann Laidlaw has served with honor and distinction in the research, education, and outreach functions of the Association. Laidlaw joined AATCC while a student, and continues to influence and promote the mission and vision of the Association through her involvement with color science research and education and training programs.

Laidlaw is an active member of RA36 Color Measurement Test Methods, and has served as a secretary, chair, and voting member since she joined this committee in 1984. She participates in RA99 Technical Manual Editorial Review, C7 Publications, and C17 Education Advisory Board. She also represents AATCC on the Inter-Society Color Council.

Laidlaw served on RA98 Assessment of Dye Strength and Shade Test Methods, RA101 Computer Technology in Wet Processing, and RA106 UV Protective Textiles Test Methods. She also served on the C7 Electronic Media Subcommittees, C3 Technical Committee on Research, C15 Textile Education, C2 Executive Committee on Research, C11 Committee on Conferences, C6 Membership, and C1 AATCC Board of Directors. Laidlaw is active in the Concept 2 Consumer® (C2C) interest group, and chaired this group for four years. She was also head of the US delegation for the ISO/TC38/SC1 meetings held in Paris, France, during July 2010.

Professional Achievements

Originally from Ventura, Calif., USA, Laidlaw earned her BS in Textile Science at the University of California, Davis, in 1982. In 1985, she earned her MS in Color Science at Clemson University. Laidlaw’s career began in 1984 at Burlington Industries. After three years, she moved to SheLyn Inc., where she worked until 2003, when she started at Gretag Macbeth. In 2006, X-Rite Inc. bought Gretag Macbeth and Laidlaw joined X-Rite as Textile Color Supply Chain Program Manager.

Laidlaw has published several articles on color technology in AATCC Review, AATCC International Conference proceedings, and other academic journals and magazines. She served as co-author of the recently published AATCC Color Guidebook.

Laidlaw has generously served as an ambassador for AATCC in her research and outreach. During her years of service, she has developed presentations and served as moderator for AATCC workshops and symposia nationally and internationally. She has presented two color webinars in the AATCC webinar series. She is an active participant in AATCC International Conferences, presenting papers and moderating sessions; she also served as master of ceremonies of the AATCC Textile Bowl, from its debut in 1999 through 2008. She represents the Association at colleges and universities, including the North Carolina State University College of Textiles Summer Textile Exploration Program (STEP).

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. The Association will present the Chapin Scroll during the International Conference Awards Luncheon that will take place at the Hilton University Place in Charlotte, N.C., USA, on March 23, 2012. See page 20 for details.

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