



## Martin Bide is 2011 Olney Medal Winner

**Martin John Bide** is the 2011 recipient of the Olney Medal for outstanding achievement in the field of textile chemistry.

Bide graduated from the University of Bradford, UK, with a BTech (1st Class Honours) in Colour Chemistry and Colour Technology in 1974, and a PhD in 1979. Bide began his career in industry; from 1977 through 1981, he worked as a development chemist with dyes and polymers. In 1981, he went to Southeastern Massachusetts University, and over the next 10 years, progressed from assistant to associate professor before moving to the University of Rhode Island. 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. He currently serves the department as acting chair. He also serves as the advisor for the University of Rhode Island's AATCC student chapter.

### Achievements

Bide's research includes forensic analysis of fibers and dyes; 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 has published more than 80 papers and book chapters, and one textbook. He has presented more than 75 technical talks at professional meetings, and has four patents. Bide has received more than US\$1 million dollars in research funding while at the University of Rhode Island.

### Service, Honors, and Awards

Bide 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. In 1997, he received the Annual Research Medal of the Worshipful Company of Dyers.

A member of AATCC since 1982, Bide has served with honor and distinction in the technical, publications, and administrative functions of the AATCC on local, regional, and international levels. He served as a member of the AATCC Board of Directors and AATCC Foundation Board of Directors from 2005 through 2010, and served as President of the Association from 2007 through 2008. He was the 2009 winner of AATCC's Harold C. Chapin Award for outstanding service to the Association. In 2003, Bide received the J. W. Weaver Award for Best Paper in *AATCC Review*.

Bide is recognized by those in industry and academia as "an excellent textile chemist who is very highly respected for both the breadth and depth of his research," says colleague Keith Beck, professor at North Carolina State University.

### The Olney Medal

Established in 1944 in honor of Louis Atwell Olney, the founder and first president of AATCC, the Olney Medal recognizes outstanding achievement in textile or polymer chemistry or other fields of chemistry of major importance to textile science. The award consists of a gold medal, a scroll, and an honorarium.

Bide will deliver the traditional Olney Medal Address on Friday, March 23 at 8:15 a.m. The title of his talk is "In Praise of Textile Chemistry."

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