Warren S. Perkins to Receive the Olney Medal

Warren S. Perkins is this year's recipient of the Olney Medal for achievement in textile chemistry. The Olney Medal was established in 1944 to recognize outstanding achievement in textile chemistry or in polymer or other fields of chemistry of major importance to textile science, including the development of chemical agents or chemical processes used in the manufacture of textiles, or for methods used in their evaluation.

A native of Elloree, S.C., Perkins received a BS in 1967 and an MS in 1969 in textile chemistry from Clemson University. In 1968, he was a faculty member in the department of textile engineering at Auburn University and during that time participated in industry internships with WestPoint Pepperell, United Merchants and Manufacturers, and Clinton Mills. In 1995, he joined the University of Georgia and was granted Professor Emeritus status upon leaving Auburn. Currently, he is a senior research textile chemist in the department of textiles, merchandising, and interiors at the University of Georgia.

Perkins has published over 100 research and technical papers, presented over 90 papers at meetings of technical and scientific societies, and authored and co-authored several books. He is a member of the Chattahoochee Valley Chapter of Phi Psi Professional Fraternity.

AATCC Activities

Perkins joined AATCC in 1963 a freshman while a student at Clemson University. In 1967, he was president of the university's student chapter and in 1986 became a life member of the Association. He has served as vice-president of the Southern Region (1984-86) and president of the Association (1991-1992). He has also served in a number of local, regional, and national AATCC posts. He has been chair, national councilor, chair of the Standing Research Committee, and sectional committee member for the Southeastern Section. He has been a judge for the Intersectional Paper Competition and for the Paper of the Year award. He has also been a chair or member of several research and administrative committees including Textile Education, Applied Dyeing Theory, and the Committee on Conferences.

Personal Data

Perkins and his wife, Kathryn Judy Perkins of Bowman, S.C., reside in Watkinsville, Ga. They have a daughter, Judy Kathryn Perkins, 28, who is a nurse in Nashville, Tenn. Richard Warren Perkins, born in 1969, and Sherry Kay Perkins, born in 1973, both died at three months of age. Perkins' hobbies include fishing, golf, and vegetable gardening.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Perkins has received the Marvin R. Cross Honor Award in 1967 from Clemson University, the Alumni Professorship from 1980-86 from Auburn University, and the Melvin Jones Fellowship of Lions Clubs International. He was named outstanding faculty member twice by the College of Engineering at Auburn University. He received the Harold C. Chapin Award in 1998 for his outstanding service to AATCC.

The Olney Medal

Established in 1944 in honor of Dr. 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.

Presentation of the medal each year is a highlight of AATCC's International Conference & Exhibition. This year the Association will present the Olney Medal at the conference Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, October 13 at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, N.C. Perkins will deliver the traditional Olney Medal Address. His topic will be Oxidative Decolorization of Dyes in an Aqueous Medium.

Previous Recipients

Perkins is the fifty-sixth recipient of the Olney Medal. The first medal was presented to Dr. Olney in 1944. Since then, the Association has awarded the medal to:

1945: Milton Harris of Milton Harris Associates
1947: Edward R. Schwarz of Massachusetts Institute of Technology
1948: Harold M. Chase of Dan River Mills
1949: Charles A. Seibert of the DuPont Co.
1950: George L. Royer of American Cyanamid Co.
1951: Raymond W. Jacoby of Giba Co.
1952: Werner von Bergen of Forstmann Woolen Co.
1953: Roland E. Derby Sr. of the Derby Co.
1954: William D. Appel of the National Bureau of Standards
1955: Miles A. Dahlen of the DuPont Co.
1956: Walter J. Hamburger of Fabric Research Laboratories
1957: P. J. Wood of Royce Chemical Co.
1959: Emery I. Valko of Lowell Technological Institute
1960: Arnold M. Sookne of Harris Research Laboratories
1961: Fred Fortress of Celanese Corp. of America
1962: Charles F. Goldthwait of North Carolina State College
1963: Giuliana C. Tesoro of J. P. Stevens & Co.
1964: Richard O. Steele of Rohm and Haas Co.
1965: Herman F. Mark of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn
1966: Wilson A. Reeves of the U.S. Department of Agriculture

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1968: Harold P. Lundgren of the U.S. Department of Agriculture
1969: D. Donald Gagliardi of Gagliardi Research Corp.
1971: Ernest R. Kaswell of Fabric Research Laboratories
1972: Victor S. Salvin of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro
1973: Herman B. Goldstein of Sun Chemical Corp.
1974: Henry A. Rutherford of North Carolina State University
1975: R. Lee Wayland Jr. of Dan River Inc.
1976: George L. Drake Jr. of the U.S. Department of Agriculture
1977: James M. Straley of Tennessee Eastman Co.
1978: Dmitry M. Gagarine of Milliken Research Corp.
1979: Joseph W. Gibson Jr. of the DuPont Co.
1983: Theodore F. Cooke of Textile Research Institute
1984: Ralph McGregor of North Carolina State University
1985: Stanley P. Rowland of the U.S. Department of Agriculture
1986: Melvin D. Hurwitz of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro
1987: Ludwig Rebenfeld of Textile Research Institute
1988: Martin K. Lindemann, Consultant
1990: Hans-Dietrich H. Weigmann of Textile Research Institute
1991: Robert J. Harper Jr. of the U.S. Department of Agriculture
1992: Bethlehem K. Andrews of the University of Georgia
1993: Herbert T. Pratt of the DuPont Co.
1994: J. Nolan Etters of the University of Georgia
1995: Vivian T. Stannett of North Carolina State University
1996: Wayne C. Tinner of Georgia Institute of Technology
1997: Hans H. Kuhn of Milliken Research Corp.

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1976: Carl R. Teichgraber of Dominion Textile Ltd.
1977: John J. Hanlon of Mohasco Corp.
1978: Frederick V. Traut of Glove Dye Works
1980: Richard M. Jones of American Industrial Chemical Corp.
1982: John J. O'Neil Jr. of Solvay Chemical Co.
1984: George S. Wham of Good Housekeeping Institute and Magazine
1985: Luther B. Arnold Jr. of Viken Chemical Co.
1986: Donald W. Robinson of Don Robinson Associates
1987: Fernand Schlaeppe of Ciba-Geigy Corp.
1988: Andrew J. McNulty Sr. of Warwick 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.
1994: Charles J. Wolhar of Consors Inc.
1995: Rhoderick R. Blue of Ivax Industries
1997: Herbert T. Pratt of DuPont Co.
1998: Warren S. Perkins of the University of Georgia

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