R. Michael Tyndall is the Harold C. Chapin Award Recipient

In recognition of his outstanding service to the Association, AATCC has named R. Michael (Mike) Tyndall as the 2015 recipient of the Harold C. Chapin Award for his service to AATCC.

AATCC Activities

Tyndall was active locally as a member of the Northern Piedmont Section, and served on the AATCC Council as a section counselor for the Northern Piedmont Section from 1996 through 1997, prior to its merging with the Piedmont Section.

Nationally, Tyndall joined the Garment Wet Processing Technology Committee and the Technical Committee on Research (TCR) in 1993. In 1998, he became chair of the TCR, and vice-chair of the Executive Committee of Research (ECR). He chaired ECR from 2001 through 2003, and remains active on all of these committees today.


Internationally, Tyndall served as president-elect from 2009-2010, and AATCC President from 2011 through 2012. During his tenure, Tyndall was an active participant in the development and implementation of the AATCC Five Year Strategic Plan.

Tyndall currently chairs the AATCC Chemical Applications Interest Group. He also serves on the AATCC Foundation Inc. and the AATCC Boards of Directors. He is a member of the Building and Grounds Committee, and the Appropriations Committee (which he chaired 2013 to 2014, while serving as Immediate Past President).

Tyndall continues to serve on education steering committees, and participates in Association conferences, workshops, and symposia as a moderator and speaker. He represents the Association internationally at the Society of Dyers and Colourists' Annual General Meetings and Celebrations, and often speaks on behalf of the Association at other industry events during his travels.

Accomplishments

Tyndall received a BS in Textile Chemistry and a MS in Textiles from North Carolina State University. He was an adjunct Industrial Associate for the North Carolina State University College of Textiles, Textile Extension, and Applied Research. He served as a student intern, working on a technical project in the AATCC Technical Center Laboratory during his undergraduate senior year.

Tyndall joined Cotton Incorporated in 1974 as a laboratory technician, and worked in Technical Services until 1999; during this time, he was named Manager-Tech Services. He continued to advance within the organization to Associate Director-Tech Services, to Director-Tech Services, and in 1996, became Senior Director-Tech Services. From 1999 through 2006, Tyndall traveled extensively as Cotton Incorporated’s Senior Director for Global Marketing. After a one year assignment as Senior Director for Product Initiatives, Tyndall moved to his current job as Vice President of Product Development and Implementation at Cotton Incorporated.

Tyndall and his wife, Edie, have two daughters and six grandchildren.

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 on April 21, 2016, which will take place at the Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, VA, USA.