Adi B. Chehna is the Chapin Award Recipient

In recognition of his outstanding service to the Association, AATCC has named Adi B. Chehna as the 2016 recipient of the Harold C. Chapin Award for his service and contributions in the area of test method research and development.

AATCC Activities

Chehna joined AATCC in 1977, and joined the AATCC New England Section in 1978. Currently, he is active in the AATCC International Text Methods Committee, and is chair of the Dimensional Changes Test Methods Committee. In 1979, he joined the AATCC Colorfastness to Washing Research Committee, and continues to serve on this committee. Chehna has served on the Garment Wet Processing Technology Committee since 1990, the Fiber Analysis Test Methods Committee since 1993, and the Evaluation of Materials & Products for End Use Performance Committee since 1996. He is a member of the Home Laundering Technology and Appearance Retention Test Methods Committee, and participates in the AATCC Chemical Applications, Concept 2 Consumer, and Materials Interest Groups. Chehna was instrumental in AATCC’s reactivation of the Interaction of Dyes and Finishes Test Methods Committee, when some elastomeric consumer goods exhibited staining problems during storage.

Chehna is very involved with ASTM D13 Textiles, in which AATCC is also involved. AATCC and ASTM D13 share responsibilities for the US Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for ISO/TC38-Textiles. Chehna has provided expert input to ISO/TC38/SC2-Cleansing, Finishing, and Water Resistance Test Methods since 1999, and currently serves as an expert for SC2/WG9-Industrial Washing and Finishing Procedures. He also has served as vice-chair of the TAG.

Chehna served on the AATCC Abrasion Resistance, Terminology, and Assessment of Barre committees. He has also served as chair of the Harold C. Chapin Award Committee, and on the Awards Oversight Committee. In 2009, Chehna received the inaugural Technical Committee on Research Award. He has also published and been a reviewer of papers and articles for AATCC Review.

Since 2000, Chehna has chaired the AATCC Technical Manual Editorial Review Committee and, in this capacity, is an ex officio member of all AATCC test method committees. Chehna’s responsibility as chair of the Technical Manual Editorial Review Committee requires thorough and systematic reviews of every AATCC test method to ensure each is accurately documented and uniformly reported in the AATCC Technical Manual each year.

Accomplishments

Chehna received a BS in Textile Engineering and an MS from the University of Baroda, India. He also received an MS in Textile Technology from Lowell Technological Institute, Lowell, MA, USA.

Chehna worked with Jo-Ann Fabrics and Albany International Research Co. in research and development, from 1972 through 1983, when he formed Textile Tech Services. Throughout his career, Chehna has been recognized for his knowledge and expertise in textile testing; product development; engineering design; and analysis, troubleshooting, and problem solving of textile defects.

Chehna and his wife, Pat, have three daughters, and six grandchildren, ranging from 8 to 18 years of age.

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 at the AATCC International Conference during the Awards Luncheon at noon on Thursday, March 30, 2017, in Wilmington, NC, USA.

For a complete list of our esteemed past award recipients, visit www.aatcc.org/abt/awards/chapin/chapin-award-recipients