



Kylo to Receive Chapin Award

Karen M. Kylo was chosen as the 2017 recipient of the Harold C. Chapin Award in recognition of her outstanding service to, and promotion of, AATCC throughout her career.

Kylo joined AATCC in 1973, and is currently a lifetime member. She began her textile career in academia. She received her BS and MS in Clothing and Textiles from Iowa State University and Kansas State University, respectively. Kylo taught as an assistant professor at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand, for two years before returning to the US, where she attended Purdue University, and received a PhD in Textile Science. She went on to teach at the University of Vermont, and then the University of Rhode Island, where she encouraged an active AATCC student chapter.

In 1989, after 16 years in textile education, Kylo joined the AATCC staff as laboratory manager. After many years with AATCC, Kylo turned to devote her talents to industry. She joined ACTS Testing Labs Inc. (a subsidiary of Bureau Veritas) in 1996, and became their director of Global Textile Services from 1999 until 2000. She worked as Intertek's director of Textile Services from 2000 to 2007. Then, in 2007, she joined SGS North America as their deputy vice-president, Global Softlines until her retirement in 2017.

AATCC Activities

Kylo served on the organizing committee for the New England Conference, was a Councilor representing the Rhode Island Section, and joined AATCC's Textile Education Committee and Technical Committee on Research.

Kyllo interfaced with many of the Association's technical committees, and served as secretary for the Intersectional Technical Paper Competition, Electronic Media Committee, International Test Methods Committee, and the Committee on Technical Subjects. She also served on the Fiber Analysis, Colorfastness to Atmospheric Contaminants, Colorfastness to Crocking, Colorfastness to Perspiration, Water Resistance, and Correlation of Laboratory Tests with End-Use Performance Test Method Committees.

Kyllo has served on the following research or technology committees for 20 years: Dimensional Change, Colorfastness to Washing, Appearance Retention, Home Laundering Technology, Spectroscopic Technologies, and Garment Wet Processing Technology. She served on the International Test Methods Committee for 15 years and was an ISO spokesperson.

Beginning in 2013, she served on several administrative committees, including: Executive Committee on Research, Membership, Publications, Committee on Conferences, Education Advisory Board, the Harold C. Chapin Award Committee (which she also chaired), and Awards Oversight Committee.

Kyllo was an early advocate for the creation of the Concept 2 Consumer[®] Interest Group, and served as At-Large Member, Vice Chair, and Chair. She was also a member of the AATCC Board of Directors.

Throughout her years in AATCC, Kyllo participated in many International Conferences, workshops, and symposia, as either an organizer, presenter, or moderator. In 2005, as the Association was pursuing more international textile opportunities, she guided AATCC through its first textile exhibition in China. She also supported the Association's international test method training program, and was influential in its growth.

Accomplishments

Kyllo was appointed and served for many years in ISO/TC38/SC1 and SC2, and on the Inter-Society Color Council. She is also a member of ASTM International, and Sigma Xi.

Kyllo was appointed and approved by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) to serve as a consumer advisor to the Cotton Board of Directors. She also served on the Footwear Board of Directors for the American Apparel and Footwear Association. Kyllo was recognized with the Purdue University 2014 College of Health and Human Services Distinguished Alumni Award.

Kyllo's growth in her career paralleled her growth in AATCC. From academia, to textile testing laboratories, to global corporations, she involved others in AATCC. She served tirelessly to advance the vision and mission of the Association as leader, teacher, advocate, and friend.

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 AATCC International Conference Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 8, at the Hyatt Regency in Greenville, SC, USA.

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