

News Release

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AATCC Announces Textile Finishing Symposium

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., USA, July 9, 2018— Finishing of yarns, fabrics, and garments has rapidly advanced from the days of “feels good” and “doesn’t shrink” to providing the wearer greater functionality and performance. The more active generation looks for comfort, performance, flexibility, and durability in their garments—and these characteristics achieved with environmentally safe and sustainable technology. This conference, being held September 11-12 in Durham, NC, USA, will introduce the attendees to the latest finishing technologies to achieve comfort, safety, and protection.

Confirmed topics and speakers include:

- Performance and Comfort: A Brand’s Perspective—Mike Abbott, HanesBrands Inc.
- Moisture Management for Cooling and Comfort—Timothy Skedzuhn, HeiQ
- Testing Fabric Moisture Management Aspects to Enhance Comfort—Emiel DenHartog, North Carolina State University
- Leveraging Cosmetic Technology to Achieve Wash-Durable Cooling Effects on Textiles—Tastex Cool on Demand—René Hermse, TANATEX Chemicals BV
- New Devils in the Details—Henry Boyter, CESTAB LLC
- ZDHC Conformance for Gateway Entry—Chemical Module—Malinda Salter, Hohenstein
- Product Chemical Integrity in the Advent of Radical Transparency—Kevin Myette, bluesign technologies ag
- Lowering and Eliminating Formaldehyde in the Crosslinking of Cotton Fabrics—Matt Farrell, Cotton Incorporated
- Microfiber Pollution—Louann Spirito, SGS Consumer and Retail Services
- Flame Retardant Coatings and Chemistries for Fabrics—Alex Morgan, University of Dayton
- An Overview of Flame Resistant Testing for Protective Clothing—Alex Hummel, UL LLC
- Approaches to Offering Comfortable and Protective Outerwear—Mustafa Arifoglu, W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.
- Permethrin Treatment for Personal Protection—Amy Johnston, Natick Soldier RDE Center
- Stopping the Stink. It All Comes Down to Chemistry!: Freshness & Odor Protection in Textiles—Karel Williams and David Frattarelli, Dow Chemical
- A Palette of Protection—Georg Lang, Archroma
- Total Odor Control: Controlling Permastink in Polyester Fabrics—Darrell Burnette, Sanitized
- Plasma Treatment and Plasma Applications for Textiles—Carrie Cornelius, APJeT Inc.
- Mechanical Surface Finishing—Len Farias, Dye Rite LLC
- Laser Etching: Sparking Creativity—Katelyn Lee, Cotton Incorporated
- The Future Importance of Foam-Based Finishing/Dyeing a Truly Sustainable Approach to New Products the Green Way—Christoph Aurich, Gaston Systems, Inc.
- Adding Value and Performance via Garment Finishing—Mike Tyndall, Tyndall Textile Consulting, LLC
- Step out of the Dark and Into the Light—Bruce Griffin, Huntsman

AATCC Individual and Corporate members registering on or before August 27 pay US\$525 (US\$785 for nonmembers). After August 27 the registration fee increases to US\$575 for AATCC members and US\$835 for nonmembers.

AATCC student members receive complimentary registration (does not include food & beverage functions) if space permits. Availability confirmed 10 days out from the event. The nonmember student registration fee is US\$125 (includes food & beverage functions).

Refunds will be honored if cancellations are received on or before September 3, 2018. No refunds will be given after September 3. A US\$75 cancellation fee will be charged.

Overnight accommodations are available at the [Sheraton Imperial Hotel](#) located at 4700 Emperor Blvd., Durham, NC 27703 USA, +1.919.941.5050.

For more information and to register visit <https://www.aatcc.org/evnt/conferences/finishing-symp/>.

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