



Freddy Miller Named Harold C. Chapin Award Winner

In recognition of his outstanding service to the Association, AATCC has named **R. Frederick Miller Jr.** as the 2012 recipient of the Harold C. Chapin Award.

AATCC Activities

A member of AATCC since 1979, Robert Frederick “Freddy” Miller Jr. has served with great distinction in the administrative functions of AATCC and AATCC Foundation Inc.

Miller has been very active in AATCC on the local level, where he served as Chair (2 terms), Vice-Chair, Secretary, Corporate Membership Chair, Individual Membership Chair, and Technical Committee Chair of the Piedmont Section. He served as National Councilor of the Piedmont Section for two terms, and when regions were organized, he represented the MidSouth Region as a Regional Board Member for five years. As a Regional Board Member, he was instrumental in merging the Northern Piedmont, Palmetto, and Piedmont Sections under the umbrella of the Piedmont Section. As a member of the Piedmont Section, Miller served on the education and scholarship committees for the Piedmont Section scholarships and the Charles H. Stone Scholarship. Miller was instrumental in transferring the fiscal management of the Charles H. Stone Scholarship to the AATCC Foundation Inc.

At the international level, Miller currently serves on the AATCC Building and Grounds Committee, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the Strategic Planning Review Committee, and AATCC Foundation Board of Directors.

Miller served on three strategic planning committees, and chaired the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee from September 1998 through May 2000. He chaired the Individual Membership Committee, and served on the Corporate Membership

Committee for two terms. He also served on the Publications Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Committee on Conferences, and Subjects and Speakers Bureau.

Personal Data

Miller earned a B.S. degree in Textile Chemistry specializing in Dyeing & Finishing from North Carolina State University (NCSU) in 1982. While attending NCSU, Miller completed three summer internship programs with Hickory Dyeing & Winding, Travis Knits, and Mohican Mills. He also successfully developed a new dyeing procedure for surgical silk sutures as a Senior Project at NCSU; and was a Student Speaker at the AATCC International Conference & Exhibition in Atlantic City in 1982.

Miller began his career with Milliken & Co. as a Management Trainee and was quickly promoted to Dye Floor Supervisor working with 20 MCS jets. He then co-founded Sportsfest, a sports promotion company. Miller served as President and co-founder of Color Solutions, a production laboratory that produces color standards for retailers and manufacturers worldwide. The company is now known as Color Solutions International, a division of DyStar.

He has served as President of Threads In Motion International, a sewing thread distributor supplying garment manufacturers in North, Central, and South America; President of M&M Yarns, a synthetic POY distributor servicing companies in North America; and CEO of Mojo Consulting, an international consulting firm specializing in technical training and forming business relationships between domestic and foreign corporations.

In 1985, Miller became President and owner of Hickory Yarns (Hickory Dyeing & Winding Company), a specialty dyeing, finishing, and throwing manufacturer that has been supplying nylon and polyester yarns to the textile industry for more than 75 years.

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 that will take place April 11, 2013 in Greenville, S.C., USA.

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