Heather Elliott

Matthew Hardwick

TCR Service Award

AATCC is pleased to recognize **Heather Elliot** and **Matthew Hardwick** as the 2022 recipients of the **AATCC Technical Committee on Research (TCR) Service Award**! Elliot is recognized for her continuous service and leadership of the RA100 Global Sustainability Test Methods Research Committee and for spearheading the committee's first test method, AATCC TM212-2021, Test Method for Fiber Fragment Release During Home Laundering, which provides a standardized method for quantifying fiber fragment shedding to combat aquatic pollution. Hardwick is recognized for his continuous service and leadership of RA31 Antimicrobial Activity Research Committee, which led to critical updates to TM100 Test Method for Antibacterial Finishes on Textile Materials: Assessment of, and most recently, a new standard in the area of odor measurement with TM211-2021 Test Method for the Reduction of Bacterial Odor on Antibacterial Treated Textiles in 2021.

Heather Elliot joined AATCC in 2012. She has been a member of the following research committees since 2015: Garment Wet Processing Technology; Home Laundering Technology; Printing Technology; Evaluation of Materials & Products for End Use Performance; Water Resistance Test Methods; Colorfastness to Washing Test Methods; Lightfastness and Weathering Test Methods; Dimensional Change Test Methods; and Colorfastness to Water Test Methods.

She joined Interaction of Dyes and Finishes Test Methods Committee in 2016, and the Technical Manual Editorial Review Committee and Global Sustainability Test Methods Committee in 2021.

Elliot is a product integrity manager at Smartwool. She is currently attending Arizona State University, where she is working towards a Graduate Certificate in Biomimicry. She earned a BA in Apparel and Textile Technology with a Minor in Business Administration from Southern Polytechnic State University and a BS in Early Childhood Education, specializing in math and ESOL from Georgia State University.

Matthew Hardwick joined AATCC in 2014 and that same year joined the Antimicrobial Activity Test Method Committee, which he also chaired from 2019-2021. He continues to serve as Acting Chair of this committee. In 2016, Hardwick joined Evaluation of Materials & Products for End Use Performance Test Method Committee. In 2019, he became a member of the Technical Committee on Research.

Hardwick is president and CEO of ResInnova Laboratories. He earned a BS in Biology from Indiana University Bloomington and a PhD in Cell Biology from Georgetown University.

The Award

The Technical Committee on Research Service Award was established in 2008 to recognize those members who have contributed greatly to the AATCC organization in a technical capacity. Senior members of the Association with at least five years of continuous membership in AATCC, who have contributed outstanding technical service to the Association through activity in a research committee, are eligible. Selection is by unanimous choice of the TCR Service Award Committee composed of the current chair, vice chair, and secretary of the Technical Committee on Research (TCR), as well as the chair of the Executive Committee on Research (ECR).

The Award consists of a plaque and an honorarium. The awards were presented October 6, 2022, during the Textile Discovery Summit Awards Luncheon at the Hilton University Place, Charlotte, NC, USA.

For information about the TCR award, visit **www.aatcc.org/tcr**