



## AATCC Materials Interest Group Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2014, DoubleTree by Hilton, Durham NC

The AATCC Materials Interest Group meeting was held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker was Stefan Susta, COO of Alexium International, Greer, SC. Stefan Susta made a presentation on “Halogen Free FR Treatment Options for Synthetics and Synthetic Blends.” New FR chemistries that are halogen free, heavy metal free were presented. The company hopes to release stand-alone FR technologies for cotton and blends within a year.

The group elected the slate of officers for the term beginning in January 2015. The new slate of officers:

Haskell Beckham, Exponent, Chair

Seshadri Ramkumar, Texas Tech University, Vice Chair

Robina Hogan, Secretary

The MIG is supporting AATCC with offering a session at the IFAI’s Advanced Textile Expo to be held in October 2014.

MIG track will offer a tutorial on “Technical Textiles,” at the AATCC 2015 International Conference. The tutorial will be coordinated by Seshadri Ramkumar.

Recently, MIG offered a webinar on Filtration in April 2014 presented by Seshadri Ramkumar. If you did not get a chance to join the webinar, please contact Kim Nicholson at [nicholk@aatcc.org](mailto:nicholk@aatcc.org) to get a code to view the recorded webinar at a small fee.

Discussion in the MIG May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting focused on encouraging MIG members to consider offering webinars. Additionally, there was some discussion on enlarging membership by contacting Materials Departments in the country. More importantly, to compile a list of Schools that focuses on soft materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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