



## TCR Service Award

AATCC is pleased to recognize **Louann Spirito** as the recipient of the AATCC Technical Committee on Research (TCR) Service Award for 2021. She is being recognized for her leadership and support on the M14 Guidance and Considerations for General Purpose Textile Face Coverings: Adult Monograph.

Spirito joined AATCC in 2001. She is a voting member of RA61, Appearance Retention Test Methods Committee since 2003, RA75, Evaluation of Materials & Products for End Use Performance since 2011, and RA106, UV Protective Textiles Test Methods Committee since 2015. She was appointed to serve on the Joint AATCC/ASTM D13 Committee on Textiles in 2017 and will serve through 2021.

Spirito was appointed to the Executive Committee on Research (ECR) in 2005 and served through 2007, and again from 2017 through 2020. From 2017 through 2018, she was elected to serve as the chair of the Concept 2 Consumer® (C2C) Interest Group; she was reappointed to this position in 2019 and served through 2020. As chair of the C2C Interest Group, she served on the AATCC Board of Directors. She also served on the Membership Committee, Publications Committee, Committee on Conferences,

Education Advisory Board, and Technical Committee on Research from 2017 through 2018.

Spirito received a BS in Textile Science from The University of Rhode Island in 1976. She has been with SGS North America Inc. since 2001 and currently serves as US & Canada Softlines Business Head. Prior to this, she worked from 1981 through 1997 at Associated Merchandising Corp. as a Product Evaluation Specialist, and from 1997 through 2001 at Frederick Atkins Inc., where she advanced from Manager of Quality Assurance to Divisional Vice-President of Quality Assurance.

Spirito is a frequent presenter at AATCC and industry seminars and conducts training workshops for apparel and footwear testing. She has contributed a chapter on textile testing to *Birnbaum's Global Guide to Material Sourcing* by David Birnbaum, as well as various articles on textiles and testing. In 2008, Spirito was named to The University of Rhode Island's Textiles Fashion Merchandising, and Design Wall of Fame.

## 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, as well as the chair of the Executive Committee on Research.

The Award consists of a plaque and an honorarium. It will be presented during the Textile Discovery Summit Awards Luncheon that will take place at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham, NC, USA, on November 18, 2021.

For more information about the TCR Award, a list of previous recipients, or to nominate a colleague for this honor: [www.aatcc.org/tcr](http://www.aatcc.org/tcr)