



News Release

Ashland scientists recognized at SCC 73rd Annual Conference with prestigious awards

Wilmington, DE, December 18, 2019 – Today the Board of Directors of the Society of Cosmetics Chemists presented two Ashland chemists with prestigious awards during the 73rd Annual Scientific Meeting and Technology Showcase breakfast in New York City.

The prestigious Des Goddard Award was presented to William Thompson, Ashland senior staff scientist, and the Hans A. Schaeffer Award was presented to Roger L. McMullen, Ashland principle scientist.

Des Goddard Award

The Des Goddard Award recognizes the most innovative paper on the topic of polymer science related to cosmetics or personal care. William Thompson's paper, "Investigating Film Properties of Polymers Used in Anhydrous Sunscreen Formulations Using Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM): Polymer/Polymer interactions and Their Relation to Vapor Transmission" was published in the Journal of Cosmetic Science | Vol. 69 No. 3.

Bill obtained a B.S. degree in Chemistry from Ramapo College in 1983. Upon graduation, he began work with Ciba-Geigy, performing QC testing for Azo dye production. This was followed by a short tenure at Ethyl Corporation after which Bill entered the specialty chemical sector in 1987 with GAF, which later became International Specialty Products. Here he was involved with surfactant synthesis and process research. In his current role, Bill is responsible for Ashland's scanning electron microscopy and particle size analysis laboratory. He is well versed in a variety of Materials Science techniques, including atomic force microscopy, energy dispersive spectroscopy, optical microscopy, and thermal analysis by differential scanning calorimetry. Much of his work is centered on personal care ingredients. In his free time, Bill is an avid cyclist and runner. He recently completed a rim-to-rim-to-rim trek across the Grand Canyon.

Hans A. Schaeffer Award

The Hans A. Schaeffer Award recognizes the most innovative paper presented at the 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting. Dr. Roger McMullen's paper is entitled, "Evaluation of the Surface Properties of Hair with Acoustic Analysis".

Dr. Roger McMullen has over 20 years of experience in the personal care industry with specialties in optics, imaging, and spectroscopy of hair and skin. He is Principal Scientist in the Material Science department at Ashland. Roger received a B.S. in Chemistry from Saint Vincent College and completed his Ph.D. in Biophysical Chemistry at Seton Hall University.

Roger actively engages and participates in educational activities in the personal care industry. He frequently teaches continuing education courses for the SCC and TRI-Princeton. In addition, Roger is an Adjunct Professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University and teaches Biochemistry to students pursuing M.S. degrees in Cosmetic Science and Pharmaceutical Chemistry. Prior to pursuing a career in science, Roger

served in the U.S. Navy for four years on board the USS YORKTOWN (CG 48). He is fluent in Spanish and Catalan.

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