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IAHTM Names James Hunt and Don Pedder Its '2015 Lifetime Achievement' Recipients

Powell, OH – Oct.. 30, 2015 – The International Association for Healthcare Textile Management (IAHTM) has named James Hunt and Don Pedder its “2015 Lifetime Achievement” recipients.

The newly created honor was presented for the first time at IAHTM’s Annual Meeting and Education Conference held Oct. 24-28 in Clearwater Beach, FL. Ed McCauley, Past President of IAHTM and President and CEO of United Hospital Services of Indianapolis, IN, presented the award. Hunt’s award was posthumous and accepted by his son Chris Hunt.

“In addition to their long and distinguished careers, Jim Hunt and Don Pedder put together IAHTM’s group purchasing program, which today enables our members to benefit from chemical and linen costs below those offered by the largest GPOs and management companies,” McCauley said. “It’s because this program is so successful that we are able to generously subsidize the continuing education and training of members and their staffs.”

IAHTM Lifetime Achievement award was established to honor an individual’s career-long contributions to and accomplishments in the textile industry.

“Jim and Don are also the architects of the modern IAHTM conference, which opened the doors to attendance by vendors that, in turn, paved the way for more meaningful conferences offering relevant subject matter.”

Pedder has more than 45 years of experience in the commercial laundry industry. He has assisted laundries in numerous cost-reducing and profit-enhancing projects; he is an independent inspector for the Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council.

Hunt was an active IAHTM member for more than 20 years. The IAHTM James Hunt Memorial Scholarship Fund is named after him. The fund reimburses eligible member applicants for educational-related registration fees and travel costs.

About IAHTM

Founded in 1969, the International Association for Healthcare Textile Management (IAHTM) is a nonprofit organization serving healthcare laundry cooperatives. IAHTM membership comprises experienced laundry executives serving 7,000 healthcare facilities in the USA and Canada. IAHTM members have access to training and education programs, benchmarking resources, peer information sharing and networking, and group purchasing power on textiles and chemicals.
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