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Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council**

HLAC Board President John Scherberger Named Fellow of the Association for the Healthcare Environment

PLAINFIELD, IL - May 5, 2016 - John Scherberger (*right*) BS, CHESP, REH, and board president of the Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC) has received the designation of Fellow of the Association for the Healthcare Environment (FAHE).

The designation, of the Association for the Healthcare Environment (AHE), recognizes current AHE members "for reaching the highest level of education and achievement in both AHE and the environmental services field," according to the association. Only presented to the Certified Healthcare Environmental Professional (CHESP), FAHE status is given to active AHE members who have excelled in specific areas and have submitted an original, unpublished paper on a current aspect of environmental services.



"Achieving FAHE status is a hard-earned but greatly rewarding honor," said Scherberger, who assumed the duties of HLAC board president in January. "The process helps me to continue my own professional growth and, for HLAC, it's a reflection of our high standards, expertise and continuous improvement."

Scherberger's paper, "*Maintaining Hygienically Clean Healthcare Textiles Within a Healthcare Facility*," addresses the challenges faced by healthcare organizations due to the the absence of guidance from regulatory organizations regarding the handling, internal transportation, and storage of hygienically clean textiles (HCTs), as well as the lack of best practices standards in healthcare facilities. The paper emphasizes the need for healthcare facilities to include HCTs in their infection prevention programs.

About HLAC

The Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC) is a nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of inspecting and accrediting laundries processing healthcare textiles for hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare facilities. Visit www.hlacnet.org and on Twitter [@NewsHlac](https://twitter.com/NewsHlac).

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