Isayev to receive 2011 Whitby Award

Avraam I. Isayev, a distinguished professor at The University of Akron, has been chosen as the 2011 George S. Whitby Award recipient. The award, sponsored by Cabot, honors outstanding international teachers of chemistry and polymer science, and recognizes innovative research, as well as outstanding contributions to the integration of chemistry and polymer science into our educational system.

After receiving a M.Sc. in Chemical Engineering in 1964 at the Azerbaijan Institute of Oil and Chemistry, Bakı, USSR, Isayev began his career in education as a lecturer at the University of Technical Progress, Severodonetsk, Ukraine, in 1965. He also earned a M.Sc. in Applied Mathematics in 1975. He obtained his Ph.D. in Polymer Engineering and Science in 1979 from the Institute of Petrochemical Synthesis of the USSR Academy of Sciences, Moscow. After stints as a researcher in Moscow and at the Israel Institute of Technology, Isayev took the position as senior research associate at Cornell University’s Sibley School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. He joined the faculty at the Polymer Engineering Center and Department of Polymer Engineering, The University of Akron, in 1983 as an associate professor. He was named a professor in 1987.