

## **ASTM International Honors Dr. Dirk Roller of Orion Engineered Carbons**

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Dirk Roller, Ph.D., Director of Quality EMEA and the Innovation/R&D Reference Lab for Orion Engineered Carbons in Cologne, Germany, was honored with the Jeff Melsom Distinguished Service Award from ASTM International.

Dr. Roller joined ASTM in 2004 and has been rewarded for his outstanding leadership and contributions in developing new test methods and advancing the technical quality of existing test methods on the Technical Committee D24 on Carbon Black.

Dr. David Deters, Orion's Senior Vice President, Innovation, offered his congratulations to Dr. Roller. "On behalf of everyone at Orion Engineered Carbons, we salute Dirk for this achievement, and greatly appreciate his contributions to ASTM, the carbon black industry and to Orion's ongoing success."

After receiving his degree in Physical Chemistry from the University Cologne, where he also earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry in 2000, Dr. Roller joined Orion's predecessor company as Laboratory Manager in the Analytical Laboratory where he focused on standardizing test methods and procedures. He served in various lab functions prior to becoming the Quality leader for the Orion's EMEA region.

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*John A. Bailey (left), Secretary of the ASTM Technical Committee D24, presents Dr. Dirk Roller with the Jeff Melsom Distinguished Service Award*