

Timeline 1884-2007: Society Events and Achievements

The Society has a consistent record of achievement since its inception in 1884. Below are listed some of the main activities and projects the SDC has undertaken throughout its history.

21st Century

- 2007
 - New online, peer-reviewed journal Colour: Design & Creativity launched
 - First Society Medals awarded to fashion and design professionals
 - Inaugural SDC Colour and Textile Award presented at Graduate Fashion Week
 - First dyehouses accredited under SDC Colour Accreditation Scheme
 - Colour psychology qualification being developed by the SDC
- 2006
 - Relaunch and improved scope and content of ColourClick with online membership option
 - Expansion of competency and skills courses; bespoke training delivered
 - Establishment of SDC India Education Charity
 - Launch of SDC Colour Accreditation Scheme
 - Celebration of the 150th anniversary of William Henry Perkin's discovery of mauveine
 - SDC Colour Museum renamed The Colour Experience
- 2005
 - Launch of the virtual SDC Colour Museum: www.colour-experience.org
 - SDC Day of Colour introduced for Patron colleges
- 2004
 - Inaugural SDC Day of Celebration
 - New regions: Sri Lanka, Pakistan; SDC training courses in Sri Lanka & India
 - Online knowledge base www.colourclick.org goes live
- 2003
 - First international technical symposia in Delhi, Bangalore and Mumbai (India)
- 2002
 - Distance Learning modules available
 - Formation of trading subsidiary, SDC Enterprises Ltd
- 2001
 - Establishment of Mumbai, India Region
 - Memorandum of Understanding signed with the AATCC
 - Patron Supporter scheme introduced
 - Publication of the members' magazine The Colourist
 - Relaunch of the Society's technical journal as Coloration Technology
- 2000
 - ASDC examinations in Chinese
 - Launch of Colour Index 4th Edition online: www.colour-index.org

20th Century

- 1999 SDC secretariat for ISO and BSI colour fastness testing committees
- 1998 Development of website
- 1997 Publication of Colour Index Pigments and Solvent Dyes Edition
- 1996 Refurbishment of Perkin House
- 1984 Centenary of the foundation of the Society
- 1978 Chartered Colourist (CCol) established
SDC Colour Museum opened
- 1972 Dyers' Company Publication Trust established for textbooks
- 1971 Characterisation of basic dyes
Publication of Colour Index 3rd Edition
- 1970 CMC colour measurement difference formulae established
Establishment of SDC Hong Kong
- 1969 Publication of the first volume of Review of Progress in Coloration
- 1964 Characterisation of disperse dyes
- 1963 Grant of Royal Charter
- 1956 Grant of the Coat of Arms
Publication of Colour Index 2nd Edition
- 1954 First examinations for Associateship (ASDC)
- 1953 Establishment of Fellowship (FSDC) and Associateship (ASDC) diplomas
- 1948 Characterisation tests for direct, acid and vat dyes
- 1947 First biennial technical conference
- 1946 Honorary Membership established
- 1944 R&D commenced into colour measurement & match prediction
- 1926 R&D into standardised testing of dye fastness
- 1924 Publication of Colour Index 1st Edition
- 1917 Research funding established
- 1908 Perkin, Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals awarded
- 1907 President, Sir William Perkin

19th Century

- 1898 Development and formulation of junior branches
- 1896 Development and formulation of regional structures
- 1887 SDC scholarships started
- 1884 Publication of SDC journal and technical lectures commenced
The Society was established in Bradford