

2009 ITAA Fellow – Christine Ladisch



Dr. Ladisch has taught in the area of textile science since 1979. She has served on 41 graduate student committees and/or has been a major professor for 12 graduate students. She has supervised 5 post-doctoral laboratory associates and is the recipient of five different teaching awards from Purdue University. She has served on the executive council of the Purdue Teaching Academy since 2000. She has been an outstanding contributor to the body of knowledge in the field of textile science. She has authored 34 refereed publications, has been involved in writing six book chapters, and has numerous presentations and published proceedings. In addition Dr. Ladisch and her colleagues have been awarded nearly three-quarters of a million dollars in research funding and have had nine patents that are registered in eight countries. She is a long-time member of ITAA serving or chairing on many ITAA committees and most recently served in ITAA leadership as President-Elect, President, and Counselor. She is well-known for her efforts in moving our profession forward in a positive and productive manner.

Dr. Ladisch was appointed Dean of Purdue University's College of Health and Human Sciences (HHS) on January 7, 2013, and served as the Inaugural Dean of the college since July 1, 2010. The college is home to over 200 faculty, 350 staff, and 5500 students.

Prior to her appointments as Dean and Inaugural Dean, she served as Purdue's Vice Provost for Academic Affairs since July 2005, and as Associate Provost since 2001, where she provided leadership in undergraduate education and dealt with matters of personnel, budget, academic planning, program evaluation, promotion and tenure, and general academic policy development and implementation. From 2008-2010, she led the West Lafayette campus' preparation and self-study for institutional reaccreditation review. Ladisch received Purdue's One Brick Higher Award for her leadership role in the accreditation process.

Dean Ladisch is currently serving a 2-year term as chair of APLU's (Association of Public and Land Grant Universities) Board on Human Sciences. She is co-chairing a national taskforce, Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People, which is charged with identifying strategies to integrate agriculture and food/nutrition systems with healthcare systems to benefit human health.