

35th International Cotton Conference Bremen

A Close-Knit Network:

Technical Seminar on Quality Requirements in Textile Production

Bremen, 13 January 2020: The 35th International Cotton Conference takes place from 25 - 27 March 2020 in the historic Town Hall of the Hanseatic City of Bremen. This latest meeting of the international cotton industry carries the motto “Passion for Cotton!” For ultimately, it is their passion for cotton that connects people from the textile industry, cotton farming and the retail trade.

The close-knit and extensive nature of the Cotton Conference network is underlined by a specialist seminar for the spinning and textile sector which will take place on 24 March in the run up to the 2020 conference. In addition to the Fibre Institute Bremen (FIBRE) and the Bremen Cotton Exchange, the seminar is jointly organised by the International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF), Zurich and the Industry Association Finishing, Yarns, Fabrics, Technical Textiles (IVGT), Frankfurt. The seminar content is supported by the German Institute for Textile and Fibre Research (DITF), Denkendorf.

All Fibres Welcome

It is not only all about cotton, with all textile fibres being represented at this event. The topic of the seminar is “**Current quality requirements along the textile value chain**” and it is aimed at managers from spinning mills and other textile processing companies, such as knitting and weaving mills through to finishing and clothing production. At the same time, speakers and partners from other areas such as fibre production, yarn trading, textile machine construction, quality testing technology, textile research institutes, as well as textile and clothing retailers will be brought in as

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discussion partners to share their views. In addition to cotton, the seminar also deals with the processing of other textile fibres.

Some of the key issues that need to be discussed in relation to quality include, among others:

- *What types of requirements are typical in the supply chain today and how are they developing?*
- *How do the requirements differ in the individual process stages?*
- *Which requirements are necessary to avoid complaints about the yarn?*
- *What are the requirements for knitting/weaving and finishing?*
- *As the next step in the chain, do clothing manufacturers have technical options to react to differences in the quality delivered?*
- *How can complaints be dealt with constructively?*
- *What are the economic effects of complaints?*
- *How do we measure quality and assess quality defects?*

Problems are often not directly visible in the next processing step, but only later in the processing chain, which means that it is not enough to look simply at individual steps in the chain. Internationally, branched material cycles are increasingly becoming a reality. However, already familiar concepts are not yet properly developed in terms of resource efficiency and are not generally available. It is important to discuss the problems and issues with national and international practitioners. The participants are therefore invited to take part in a lively and fruitful exchange for everyone to demonstrate their quality requirements, their problems and their approaches to solutions. At the same time, the seminar will investigate which new technical solutions can be found in textile machine construction.

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The discussions will be accompanied by lectures. Dr. Guntram Kugler from Textechno will speak about the need for comparable quality parameters for different types of fibres and David McAlister from Uster will report on the influence of different types of impurities on spinning products and on fabric quality.



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The seminar is free of charge and will be held in English. It will take place on 24 March 2020 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm in room 406 of the Bremen Cotton Exchange building. If you are interested in taking part, please register or contact us by email at conference@faserinstitut.de. In addition to the experts from within the industry, trade and business journalists are also invited to attend the seminar.

The International Cotton Conference starts on Wednesday, 25 March, the day after the seminar. The opening keynotes from qualified speakers will deal with the status quo and the challenges of the industry. The subsequent, thematically structured sessions are characterised by top class lectures on industry-related questions along the supply chain. The topic of circular economy and the consideration of the life cycle of cotton, viewed from different perspectives, is a thread running through the programme. Up to 500 participants from all continents are expected to attend the Cotton Conference, with research and practice equally represented.

The 35th International Cotton Conference forms the core of the Bremen Cotton Week. This includes meetings of the various cotton and textile trade associations, as well as the “Sustain” conference, which is taking place in cooperation with the national newspaper “Weser-Kurier”. This year “Sustain” will focus on future issues of the retail trade and its importance for the vitality of inner cities.

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We will keep you informed about the additional content of the Cotton Week and the Cotton Conference in future press releases. The current conference news and programme details can also be viewed on the conference website.

The Bremen Cotton Exchange and the Fibre Institute Bremen would be happy for you to report and journalists are invited to attend the conference. Registration can be made via the conference homepage.

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About the Bremen Cotton Exchange

- Founded in 1872 to strengthen the interests of the cotton trade and consumption in Germany, the Bremen Cotton Exchange has now been in the cotton business for more than 140 years. As an international court of arbitration, the Bremen Cotton Exchange always stands for neutrality.
- We offer various services to our members. Clear and neutral data and analyses are a part of this.
- As the ICA Bremen, together with the International Cotton Association in Liverpool and in cooperation with the Fibre Institute Bremen, we provide the International Quality Testing and Research Centre in Bremen. The Hanseatic city has now become the international centre for cotton testing and research, quality training and certification.
- We represent our members in all the important international bodies in the cotton world.

About the Fibre Institute Bremen e. V. (FIBRE)

- In its 60-years history, the Institute has developed from a cotton testing laboratory into a successful research institute in the fields of future-oriented fibres, technical textiles and fibre composites at the University of Bremen. It deals with basic scientific and application-oriented questions along the entire process chain from fibre production to the manufacturing of fibre composite components and more for the aircraft industry.
- FIBRE's central international importance in cotton is shown by its work on the international harmonisation of cotton testing [e.g. round tests in cooperation with the ICAC and USDA-AMS], its work in central committees [ICAC Committee on Standardised Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC), ITMF Cotton Testing].

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