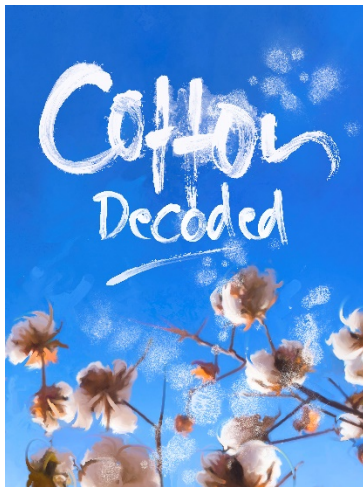


36th International Cotton Conference Bremen Postponed!

- **New date set for 29 and 30 September 2022**
- **Integrated in Cotton Week for the 150th Anniversary**

Bremen, 4 January 2022: The 36th International Cotton Conference Bremen, originally planned for 30 and 31 March, has been postponed to 29 and 30 September 2022. The ongoing restrictions caused by the global pandemic require clear decisions and a move to an optimal time.

A Sensible and Necessary Postponement



The motto of the 36th International Cotton Conference in Bremen is 'Cotton Decoded'. After two challenging pandemic years, the meeting on 30 and 31 March 2022 was intended as a great reunion for the cotton industry. However, the world is still in the grip of Covid-19 and there is insufficient planning security for international events, even including the mixed format of on site and via live stream.

Therefore, the Bremen Cotton Exchange and the Fibre Institute Bremen, organisers of the International Cotton Conference, have had to take appropriate action in good time: The Executive Committee of the Cotton Exchange and the Management of FIBRE e.V. are moving the International Cotton Conference Bremen to late summer 2022.

“The Bremen Cotton Conference is also popular with international participants and speakers. It is generally attended by guests from over 40 countries. Due to strict travel restrictions, combined with quarantine obligations and a sense of responsibility for

visitors and employees, there was growing concern that it would not be possible to hold the conference in March in the best possible way. In view of the current situation, the decision to postpone was the consequence,” explains **Stephanie Silber**, President of the Bremen Cotton Exchange. She underlines further: “In addition, the Bremen Cotton Exchange is doing justice to the idea of its anniversary. After all, in the anniversary year as many guests as possible should come to Bremen to meet and celebrate together, and that should hopefully work out in September.”



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Prof. Axel Hermann, Director of the Fibre Institute Bremen e. V., which is co-organising the event, adds: “The new date offers planning security for the conference organisers and speakers. Although it will also be possible to take part via video stream, our top-class speakers should also travel to Bremen in person if possible. In the live presentation, the speakers can and should be able to look forward to a real audience.”

Anniversary Week

The 36th International Cotton Conference will now take place from 29 to 30 September 2022. Participants can take part in person, but online participation will also be possible. The event as well as the numerous expert and association meetings will be embedded in a Cotton Week characterised by a variety of topics. Not only will the celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the Bremen Cotton Exchange take place during this week, but an anniversary book will also be presented. In addition, the programme includes the



opening of a large cotton exhibition in the Übersee-Museum Bremen (Overseas Museum). Various press events are also planned.

We will inform you about booking options as soon as possible, and the conference website will be updated regularly.

The International Cotton Conference on 29 and 30 September and the complete Cotton Week programme will form the subject of press releases and newsletters, as well as content on the Bremen Cotton Exchange's social media channels and website.

We are always available for press inquiries and interviews.

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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 150 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 66-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].