

37th International Cotton Conference Bremen, 21-22 March 2024

Conference Registration is Now Open



Bremen, 28 November 2023. The 37th International Cotton Conference in Bremen will take place on 20-22 March 2024.

In the Bremen Cotton Exchange's 151st business year, the event will be held for the first time at the Bremen Parliament. "I am looking forward to welcoming visitors from Germany and abroad. Bremen has always been a magnet for the cotton family, and we have plenty prepared for them", said **Jean-Paul Haessig, President of the Bremen Cotton Exchange.**

"There is a first-rate conference programme to which we attach great importance. The events before and after the main programme are now well established. Bremen is world-renowned as a centre for cotton quality. We bring the expertise here and wish to underpin this reputation with a fantastic conference", said Haessig.

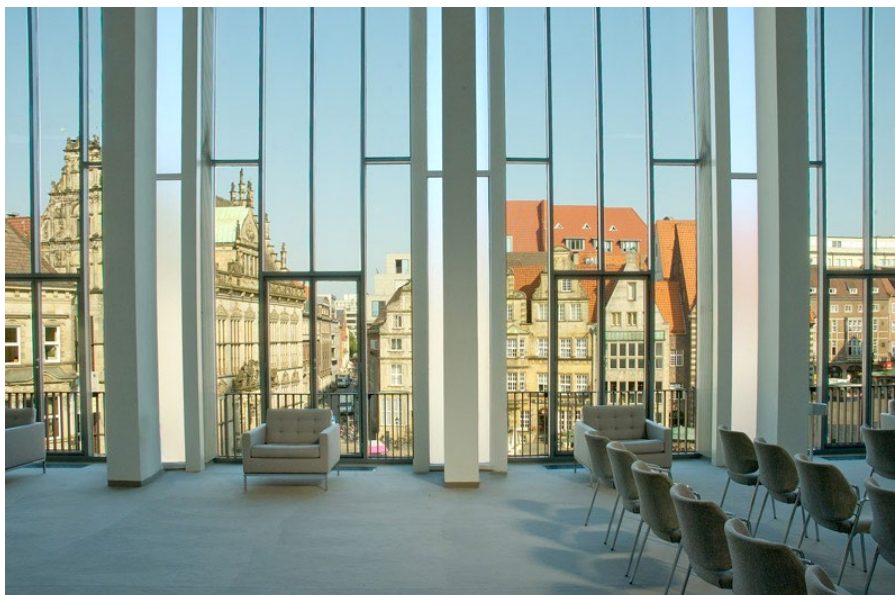
The conference week at a glance

Events in the run-up

In 2024 too, the Bremen Conference will be embedded in an entire cotton week, including several other events from Monday to Friday. On Tuesday, 19 March the Cotton Exchange, FIBRE, ITMF and IVGT will once again present the Textile & Spinners Seminar. The seminar will be attended by the ITMF Cotton Testing Committee, several ICAC expert committees such as SEEP and CSITC, as well as other organisations such as the Discover Natural Fibres Initiative and European cotton traders.

New venue

The 37th International Cotton Conference Bremen starts on Wednesday, 20 March 2024. This year's venue will be Bremen's parliament building, the *Haus der Bürgerschaft*, right next to the Bremen Cotton Exchange. This means that the event will still be on Bremen market square, very close to all the other conference locations. In the parliamentary banqueting hall, attendees can discover the latest findings from the world of cotton, while enjoying wonderful views of the square with its famous ensemble of historic buildings.



View from the banqueting hall in Bremen's parliament building © Bremer Bürgerschaft

Bremen Cotton Night at the medieval *Bremer Ratskeller*

On Thursday evening, the cotton community will return to the *Ratskeller*. Dating from 1405, this medieval wine cellar under Bremen's Town Hall is the perfect location for visitors from all over the world to sample Bremen's hospitality, good food and local beer. The Bremen Cotton Night is included in the conference ticket.

Follow the cotton conference topics online and in person

The International Cotton Conference programme consists of eleven sessions with a variety of lectures in front of a live audience. These will be simultaneously broadcast online. All sessions are recorded so that attendees never miss a session and are also able to watch them at a later point. In addition to annually recurring topics, the 2024 conference will for the first time include an entire session dedicated to the subject of ginning. Another session will show opportunities along the way to achieving circularity with the whole range of cotton and mixed textile recycling, combined with technical, economic, and ecological evaluations.

Poster presentations

Valuable additional inspiration offering extra added value for conference attendees in Bremen will be provided by numerous poster presentations, the authors of which will be happy to share information about their projects on the conference platform or in person in Bremen.

Online access to the cotton conference

Delegates who will not be travelling to Bremen and have therefore opted to participate online may follow the conference on our tried and tested online platform. Here, all participants will have access to every conference session, break-out session, and poster presentation. Those attending the conference in person will also be able to watch the sessions online and use the variety of networking tools available.

Registration is now open: anyone interested in attending can register online at <https://cotton-conference-bremen.de>.

Invitation to the press: naturally, we also invite any interested media representatives to visit the hybrid edition of the 37th International Cotton Conference – either in person or online. Registrations are now being accepted. Please get in touch with our press contact for accreditation. We will also be happy to assist you with selecting suitable discussion and interview partners. We welcome any form of reporting about the conference.

We are available for any further questions and interviews. Media representatives can contact us directly here:

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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 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 more than 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.