



## 37<sup>th</sup> International Cotton Conference Bremen, 20-22 March 2024 Focus on the International Cotton Industry

**Bremen, 08 February 2024:** The International Cotton Conference starts in Bremen in just a few weeks. With approximately 400 people attending, for the 37<sup>th</sup> time the Hanseatic city of Bremen will become a focal point for today's global cotton industry and its supply chain, from cotton cultivation through to the end product.

Delegates will be evenly split across the areas of cotton farming, processing, retail and the textile trade, industry service providers and, as always, research. The conference is being organised by the Bremen Cotton Exchange and Fibre Institute Bremen.

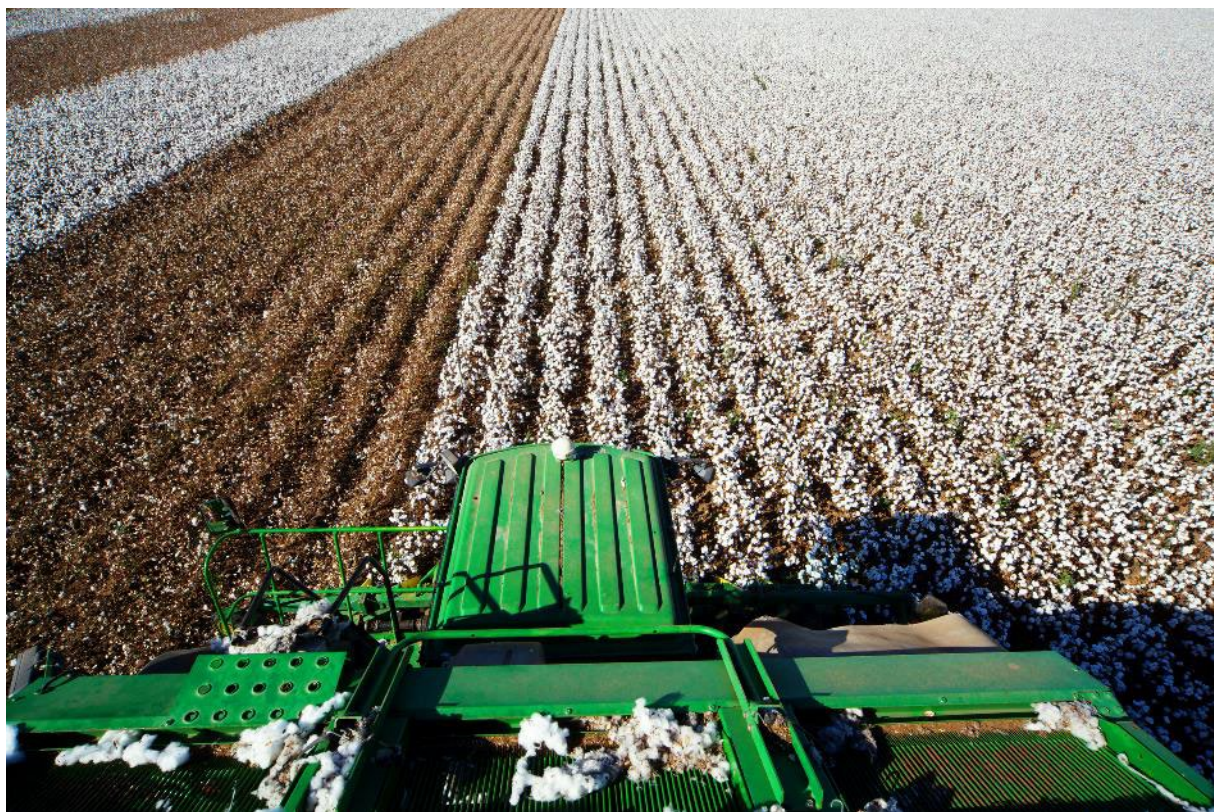
This year, the venue is not the historic Town Hall, but the city's modern parliament building, known as the *Haus der Bürgerschaft*, right next to the Bremen Cotton Exchange.

Reflecting on the state of the supply chain as part of eleven sessions with informative lectures and first-rate discussion groups, the conference will cover a range of topics offering an insight into the current situation in the industry, while focusing on the challenges and presenting forward-looking solution models.

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Cotton is cultivated in around 80 countries worldwide, covering everything from small-scale farming to industrial structures. A large part of these are developing countries in which agriculture is still the main source of income for many people. Anyone who is or would like to be involved in the global cotton industry, simply must have knowledge of the economic and structural relationships of the trade in individual countries.



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**What is meant by progressive cotton production?**

A more focused look at the considerable progress being made in the development of cotton farming in growth regions will be provided by four informative lectures, including a session on **Cotton Production in Growing Regions.**

**USA: David Albers**, Bayer USA, will inform attendees about significant developments in the use of various genetically modified types of cotton in the US in the period from 2008 to 2022. The focus will be on analysing the progress in relation to fibre length. This is a key factor for the manufacture of high-quality yarns in the spinning mills.

**China: Jingyan Wei** from the Cotton Research Institute at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Anyang, will present the results of tests on various types of cotton in the form of 266 samples taken from the country’s main cotton growing regions. These were analysed using various test methods with regard to quality standards such as spinnability, uniformity of length, and strength. The findings confirmed that the quality of the samples met with the expectations of China’s spinning sector.

**Uzbekistan: Rinat Gulyaev** from the Cotton Science and Innovation Centre in Tashkent will speak about the extensive transformation of the Uzbek cotton sector as the basis of an ambitious textile export strategy. This includes the use of a monitoring system to check the growth process of seed cotton and the introduction of drip irrigation systems, as well as advanced developments in the field of organic agriculture and an increase in the use of machine harvesting. Also noteworthy are the investments in new instruments for testing cotton quality, and mechanisms for raw material traceability.

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**Greece: Chris Cavalaris** from the University of Thessaly in Volos and **Maria Stenuil** from the BASF Sustainability Team will report on findings from a pilot project on regenerative cultivation practices for sustainable and traceable cotton production in Greece. The University of Thessaly worked with selected Greek cotton farmers from three growing regions and the agricultural division of BASF to implement regenerative methods for producing certified, non-genetically modified cotton. This focused on comparing conventional farming with regenerative methods in relation to their life cycle analysis. During the conference, findings will be presented on developments regarding CO<sub>2</sub> footprint, yields and other parameters between 2022 and 2023.

**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 the 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.

The Bremen Cotton Exchange team will provide detailed information about other programme topics at the International Cotton Conference in further press releases in the run-up to the conference. All information is regularly updated and can be found on the conference website at [www.cotton-conference-bremen.de](http://www.cotton-conference-bremen.de).

**Registration is now open**

Participants can register easily at any time online at <https://cotton-conference-bremen.de/registration/>

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## Invitation to the press:

Naturally, we invite any interested media representatives to visit the 37<sup>th</sup> International Cotton Conference Bremen – either in person or online. 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.

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