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Managing Innovation in Textiles

A conference for the 21st Century

Manchester, UK – 1 June 2010 In just 10 days time the global textile industry will meet in Manchester to discuss the revolutionary changes happening in its output, structure, and technology - covering all aspects of fibres, yarns, fabrics, machinery and manufacturing processing techniques. Organised by the Technical Textiles Special Interest Group and the Manchester and Cheshire Section of The Textile Institute, 'Managing Innovation in Textiles' on June 10 and 11 in Manchester, will look at the most exciting new markets for technical and industrial textiles. The forecast concerning what is most likely to happen in the technical and industrial textile world during the next decade is one of growth in spite of the current global financial situation.

With 30 international speakers from the UK to New Zealand, 'Managing Innovation in Textiles' will address issues from a potential growth / value-added / profitability point of view involved in high technology or high performance applications.

Speaker Julian Ellis OBE, CText FTI, Ellis Developments Ltd, in the UK will describe some of his extensive experiences in managing collaborative research and development in surgical implants and composites both successfully and not so successfully, and provide pointers for successful grant funding applications as well as some of the pitfalls in the innovation process, including protecting and managing intellectual property.

Bansal Swarna from the Institut für Textil und Verfahrenstechnik (ITV) in Germany will discuss the market for voluminous nonwovens in automotive applications which is increasing due to better fulfilment of functional as well as comfort related properties.

Sales Executive, Juergen Hanel, Coatema, Germany will give basic information about coating technology, and will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the different application systems.

Other speakers include Duncan Ross, AVA CAD/CAM UK; Fazil S Khan, Wool Yarns Ltd, New Zealand; Dr Gwari Williams Bako, Department of Industrial Design, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria; and Prof Kamal Kanti Goswami CText FTI, Indian Institute of Carpet Technology, India.

The conference aims to bring together textile scientists, engineers, fibre-yarn and fabric manufacturers, and many others engaged and interested in recent innovations and their applications in all areas of technical and industrial textiles.

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Celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2010 The Textile Institute, its Sections and Special Interest Groups worldwide will be organising special events, culminating in the Institute's Centenary Conference taking place in Manchester in November, immediately followed by the Parliamentary Lunch at the Houses of Parliament in London. Manchester is not only the historic birthplace of the Institute but also continues to be the home of its international headquarters. The Institute is a registered charity and gained Royal Chartered status in 1925, allowing members to gain chartered qualifications (becoming an Associate, or a Fellow, as well as a non-Chartered Qualification of Licentiate).

The Institute may be celebrating one hundred years but is today a vital, enlivened and important organisation providing a truly global network for the fast moving, international textile industry.

Notes to editors:

With International Headquarters in Manchester, UK, **The Textile Institute** is a unique organisation in textiles, clothing and footwear. Founded in 1910 the Institute was incorporated in England by a Royal Charter granted in 1925 and is a registered charity. The Institute has individual and corporate members in over 80 countries; membership covers all sectors and all disciplines in textiles, clothing and footwear. Individual members can also gain internationally recognised qualifications including, LTI (Licentiates); CText ATI (Associates) and CText FTI (Fellows).

The Textile Institute has members in all sectors of fibre-based industries worldwide. Special Interest Groups provide a focus for members in different sectors, with many organising conferences, study tours and other events in their subject area.

World President Mr Andreas Weber CText FTI, is the director sales, marketing and parts, senior vice president, SwissTex Winterthur AG.

Chairman of Council Mr John Wilson OBE CompTI, is deputy chairman of UKFTI.

More information about The Textile Institute is available on the website:
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