

AUSTRIA**'Innovations' at MMF Congress**

The guiding theme of this year's Congress has been innovation. Nothing is more constant than change - and we are all challenged to creatively shape our continuously changing environment.

About 600 participants from 30 countries - experts from academia, research has met with industry for the traditional exchange of know-how. Despite a very positive reaction towards the modernisation and re-positioning of the 45th Dornbirn Man-Made Fibres Congress it did not succeed to increase the number of participants this year. After a careful analysis it is going to re-orientate the necessary resources and administrative framework in order to expand rapidly the congress into a European/American lead event.

Mainly lecturers and participants from Southern and Eastern Europe, from Spain, France and Portugal gained

Also the selection of the topics reflected more distinctly the ideas, visions and actual trends of the textile industry.

For the first time the 45th Dornbirn Man-Made Fibres Congress took place without its great mentor Prof Wilhelm Albrecht who died in early May 2006. But the organisers carried on with the same commitment and dedication that had been his hallmark.

29 individual presentations on the topic of 'Development in Fibres And Yarns' were presented on new developments in the field of dissolving and processing of cellulose in ionic liquids, high performance viscose - and polyamide filaments for enlarged applications, new polyester textile filaments, texturised micropolyester yarns, nanofibres and fibres and textiles with nano-finishes, state-of-the-art spinning and texturing technology, on-line monitoring for man-made fibre production and a series of fibre novelties complete this section. Technical textiles and textile

Main topics of MMF Congress in 2007

The 46th Dornbirn Man-Made Fibres Congress is scheduled for 19-21 September 2007 and will cover the following topics :

- Machine driven innovations for the man-made fibres industry
- Development in fibre processing and functionalities through finishing and surface-modification transportation and carpets
- Protective textiles
- New developments in fibres
- Fibre driven projects within the scopes of the technology platform for textiles.

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composites were represented with 21 lectures. CIRFS Brussels presented a survey on the world market for technical textiles; the other lectures covered radiation technologies for advanced textiles, carbon fibres in construction, reinforcement structures from knitted fabrics, application of optical fibres, high-tenacity polyethylene fibres, binding fibres for polyester needlefelt carpets, new membrane systems, artificial turf, conductive textiles. Another highlight was the topic Wellbeing and Health with Textiles with 23 lectures : definition of wellness-textiles, medical textiles and wellness trend, fabrics for leisurewear, biological and chemical test procedures, comfort textiles with antistatic fibres and microencapsulation, monofilaments for healthcare, smart textiles etc.

The section Nonwovens were represented with 14 lectures, giving a



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market overview about North America and presents new fibres and their application fields.

the recent visit of prime minister, Mrs Khaleda Zia to that country.

Sources in the Bangladesh textile sector said a significant number of

the highest so far. In the July 2004-June 2005 fiscal year, the country earned \$ 8.65 billion from export.

The US remains the single largest