

Technical Textiles scientist recognized for nonwovens research and services

Dr. Seshadri Ramkumar, Associate Professor of Nonwoven Materials in the Department of Environmental Toxicology and the Manager of the Nonwovens & Advanced Materials Laboratory at The Institute of Environmental and Human Health was honored by the Textile Association of India, Ahmedabad Unit on January 8th in the conference on "Textile Industry: Innovations for Sustainability and Growth" held at Ahmedabad, India.



Dr. Seshadri Ramkumar.

Dr. Ramkumar was felicitated for his nonwoven accomplishments and his services to the technical textiles industry in India. Dr. P. R. Roy, former President of the Textile Association of India (TAI) presented a felicitation plaque to Ramkumar.

TAI is the largest professional society in India in the field of textiles. Dr. Ramkumar delivered a lecture titled, "Indian Technical Textile Market Scenario: Opportunities, Scope & Challenges." in the conference. A large number of technical and marketing professionals attended the event. Mr. T. L. Patel, President and Mr. H. V. Trivedi, Hon. Secretary of TAI-Ahmedabad played key roles in the conference.

ICA elects new board members at AGM

The results of the elections for the ICA President, First Vice, Second Vice and Directors were announced at the Association's AGM on December 10th in Liverpool, UK. Mr Cliff White (Senior Vice President - Marketing, Olam/Queensland Cotton Group) takes on the role of President. Cliff will be supported by Mr Ray Butler (Managing Director, Cotlook Limited) as First-Vice and Mr Antonio Esteve (CEO, Ecom Cotton Group) as Second-Vice.

New to the Board are Mr Vinay Kotak (Kotak & Co), Mr Joe Nicosia (Allenberg Cotton Co) and Mr Jordan Lea (Eastern Trading Co), who have been elected to serve as Ordinary Directors. Mr Pat-Nie

Woo Central Textiles Hong Kong Ltd) has been appointed to represent the common interests of the Far Eastern cotton industry, Mr Takashi Shimazaki (Toyoshima & Co Ltd) will represent the common interests of the Japanese cotton industry and Mr Ertugrul Tanriverdi (Ensar Tekstil Sanayi ve Ticaret AS) will represent the common interests of the Turkish cotton Industry.

Now comprising of 22 members, representing 12 countries, the new ICA Board line-up is the most internationally represented that the Association has had in its 169-year history.

Based in Dallas, USA, Cliff has worked for 32 years in the raw cotton market in a career that has taken him to all corners of the globe - including extensive experience in Asia, Australia, Hong Kong, Tanzania, Turkey and the United States.

Cliff began his career in 1976 with Ralli Bros & Coney (now Cargill Cotton), based in Liverpool, UK. In 1991 he joined Queensland Cotton and was responsible for the buying and selling of the company's Australian, US and Brazilian cotton. In May 2007 he moved to the United States as Senior Vice President - Marketing for the Olam / Queensland Cotton Group, where he is responsible for the continuing expansion of the companies US and Brazilian cotton business. Cliff is past Chairman of the Australian Cotton Shippers Association and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

On accepting the role of President at his inaugural speech, Cliff explained: "2010 holds promise that the worst is behind us and some optimism is returning. For the first time in a number of years there is interest in planting cotton rather than considering what alternative crops to grow. This is encouraging and will hopefully allow the industry to stabilize and consolidate after the traumatic period it has been through".

Rieter Award 2009

Mr. G Balasubramanian, Head of Sales-North Zone, from Rieter India presented the Rieter Award 2009 to Mr. Ajit Singh, student of Technological Institute of Textile & Sciences, on 8th March 2010 during the Convocation ceremony of the Institute.

The program was headed by Mr. Jagannath Paharia, Governor Haryana and Mr. R. K. Dalmia, Managing Director, Century Group. The winners for the award are chosen from all over the world from the field of textile engineering on the basis



R.P. Bajpai (Vice-Chancellor, Kurukshetra University) and Ajit Singh (Rieter Award Winner).

of their sound academic work and great commitment. Mr. Rishi P Jamdagni, Director TIT&S Bhiwani, thanked Rieter for giving the prestigious award to their student.

Founded in 1943, Technological Institute of Textile & Sciences, Bhiwani is one of the premier institute in India offering engineering courses in the field of Textile technology, textile chemistry, fashion and apparel, Computer, Information Technology, Electronics & Communication, Electronics & Instrumentation and various Management courses.

New CEO for SSM Schärer Schweiter Mettler AG



Ernesto Maurer has been appointed the new CEO of the SSM Textile Machinery division as of 1st April 2010.

Mr. Maurer has a degree in engineering (Dipl. Ing.) from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), as well as an MBA from the University of Lausanne.

He has gained proven management experience in various executive positions and has been in the textile industry for many years, most recently as CEO of Loepfe Brothers Ltd in Wetzikon.

New SSM Chief Sales Manager in India



Since February 2010 Murali Krishna Gopalsamy is the chief regional sales manager at SSM Schärer Schweiter Mettler AG in Coimbatore, India. In his position he is responsible for the sales of all SSM products in India.

Mr. Krishna Gopalsamy has a diploma in textile technology and is well experienced in the field of textile machinery industry. ♦