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## IFAI appoints new OFPANZ executive officer

The Industrial Fabrics Association International has announced the



Dancia Manning.

appointment of a new executive officer to manage the Outdoor Fabric Products Association of New Zealand (OPANZ), an IFAI country sector.

Dancia Manning is filling the position left by Janet Lane, who stepped down in October because of increased responsibilities with the Motor Industry Training Program (MITO).

As the executive officer, Manning will assist with the annual OFPANZ conference and trade show, manage member recruiting and communications; as well as coordination of the MITO apprenticeship program. Manning's office will be located in Rolleston, Christchurch, NZ.

## IFAI names Mary Hennessy interim Executive Vice President

The Industrial Fabrics Association International has appointed Mary Hennessy as its interim executive vice president effective immediately.



Mary Hennessy.

This follows the announcement by IFAI Board Chairman Peter McKernan on 24 Oct. that President/CEO Stephen Warner is stepping down from his post.

Hennessy has been with IFAI for 23 years, and most recently held the position of vice president of communications and publisher of IFAI's seven industry magazines. Susan Niemi, formerly the associate publisher, will now step into the publisher position left vacant by Hennessy.

## ICA appoints new president and elects China board member at AGM

The results of the elections for the ICA President, First and Second Vice President and Directors have been announced at the Association's Annual General Meeting, which was held at its recent 'Moving Forward' trade event (20 October 2011) in Liverpool, UK.



The ICA new Board leaders: Antonio Esteve, President (centre); Ahmed Elbosaty - First Vice President and Mohit Shah, Second Vice President.

Antonio Esteve (CEO, Ecom Cotton Group) takes on the role of ICA President. Antonio will be supported by Ahmed Elbosaty (Chairman & Managing Director, Modern Nile Cotton Company) as First Vice President and Mohit Shah (Director, Gill & Co) as Second Vice President.

## Madam Zhang Fangchun as ICA Associate Director

New to the ICA board is Madam Zhang Fangchun (General Manager, International Trading Dept, China National Cotton Group Corporation), who will represent the common interests of the China cotton industry.



Zhang Fangchun, ICA Associate Director.

Now consisting of 21 members, representing 14 countries, the new board lineup represents the Association's global membership and continues to build on the ICA's international credentials to engage the entire cotton community.

Based in São Paulo, Brazil, Antonio's professional cotton career began in Paraguay in 1977, where he set up and managed a cotton gin, whilst also founding a soybean trading operation.

Born in Barcelona, Spain in 1955, Antonio was naturalized as a US citizen and brought up in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. He was schooled in Texas and obtained his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Georgetown University in Washington DC.

Since 1980 he has lived in São Paulo, where he has been actively involved with soybean, coffee, oilseeds and cotton trading. Antonio is currently CEO of the Ecom Cotton Group and is one of Ecom's Managing Directors. He is President of Empresa Interagropecuária S/A, Adesa, Casa da Paz and Associação Beneficente Nossa Senhora Auxiliadora. He also serves on the Board of Columbia S.A. and ANEA.

## (AEO) Association of Event Organisers appoints FESPA's Neil Felton

FESPA's Managing Director of Exhibitions and Events Neil Felton has been appointed to sit on the Board of the AEO (Association of Event Organisers).



Neil Felton.

Joining a dynamic group of AEO Board members, Neil was selected alongside Austen Hawkins of F2F Events, Carsten Holm of Diversified Business Communications UK and Phil Soar of Transec Exhibitions at the recent AEO annual general meeting.

AEO has had great success in uniting the industry and represents the leading events organisations from around the world.

FESPA is a not-for-profit organisation renowned for creating platforms for our community to share its collective commercial knowledge and wide-format print expertise. As the only organisation on the AEO Board that represents trade associations worldwide, FESPA anticipates that my involvement with the Board will enable our organisation to work with a variety of different people and exhibition organisers in countries where FESPA has no presence currently.

## Darin McClure president of Superba USA passed away

Darin McClure, president of Superba USA, suddenly passed away on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 in the evening due to heart attack at the age of 45. Darin has been running Superba's American subsidiary in Dalton/Georgia since April, 2006.

With his loss, Superba not only loses a competent manager, fully and commonly respected by both his team and his customers, but also a highly valued, friendly, open-minded and a joyful person. Pakistan Textile Journal extend their condolences to Superba, his family and relatives. ♦



This picture was taken on the booth on September 24, 2011.