

## Press Release

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# Aachen, Dresden and Denkendorf, together, lead the International Textile Conference into the Future

Since 2007 the textile research institutes of the regions of Aachen and Dresden have jointly organized the Aachen-Dresden International Textile Conference. Boasting over 700 participants most recently, this conference counts as one of the most important textile conference in Europe. Starting in 2016, the **German Institutes of Textile and Fiber Research, Denkendorf (DITF)** will also be a co-organizer. Thus, the **Aachen-Dresden-Denkendorf International Textile Conference** will take place on a yearly alternating basis at one of the three sites. Parallel to the International Textile Conference, the organizers will respectively launch the German Textile Colloquium as a national pendant with changing special themes in the spring.

Nine years after the regional textile conferences in Aachen and Dresden were fused to the 'Aachen-Dresden' conference, the organizers have now widened their national base by extending the existing axis straight through Germany to create the triangle Aachen-Dresden-Denkendorf. Professor Dr. Martin Möller of the DWI—Leibniz Institute for Interactive Materials in Aachen explains, "Within the past decades, the wide assortment of themes in the field of textiles has clearly expanded, and the circle of people interested in textiles has long grown beyond its classical borders. This is true especially for the field of technical textiles. It is exactly this aspect that we wish to better address by means of the widened base." The two-day conferences are directed to experts from the fields of materials science, chemistry, refining and functionalization as well as mechanical engineering, process engineering and composites.

Professor Dr.-Ing. Chokri Cherif of the Institute of Textile Machinery and High Performance Material Technology at TU Dresden of Dresden applauds the "spreading south" into the Denkendorf region: "With this milestone, we are creating important prerequisites for the further internationalization of our conference. In particular, we are pleased to make an important contribution towards pooling the German conference resources. Thus, we can truly meet the wishes of the industry and expert associations expressed over many years."

"The complexity of research projects is increasingly expanding beyond national borders. Therefore, international cooperation is gaining importance", says Professor Dr.-Ing. Götz Gresser, board spokesman of the DITF. "The Denkendorf Expert Colloquia have been established and successful for over 40 years. The DITF would like to introduce this experience with industrial and user-oriented events on a national and international level."

The German Textile Colloquium will be held in Denkendorf in the spring of 2016. Then, the Aachen-Dresden-Denkendorf International Textile Conference will take place in Dresden in late November 2016. Thereafter in 2017, the sites Aachen (German Textile Colloquium) and Stuttgart/Denkendorf (International Textile Conference) will host the events.

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The Aachen-Dresden-Denkendorf International Textile Conference is organized by the DWI—Leibniz Institute for Interactive Materials e.V., Aachen; the Institute of Textile Machinery and High

Performance Material Technology at TU Dresden along with its Circle of Friends and Supporters, and the German Institutes for Textile and Fiber Research, Denkendorf.

Nine research institutions are closely involved as co-organizers: i.e., the Deutsche Textilforschungszentrum Nord-West e.V. (DTNW), Krefeld; the Faculty of Textile and Clothing Technology, Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences, Mönchengladbach; the Institut für Nähtechnik e.V., Aachen; the Leibniz Institute for Polymer Research, Dresden; the Institut für Textiltechnik (ITA) der RWTH Aachen University; the Institute for Technical and Macromolecular Chemistry at RWTH Aachen University; the Sächsisches Textilforschungsinstitut e.V. (STFI), Chemnitz; the TFI – Institut für Bodensysteme an der RWTH Aachen e.V., Aachen; and TITV Greiz – The Institute for Special textiles and Flexible Materials.

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