

# ITMF Brings the Textile Industry Together

This year the International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF) held its Annual Conference, the global summit of the whole textile industry, in the Indian Ocean on the island of Mauritius from October 11 to 14, 2008. The general theme of the conference was "Challenges for a Greener and More Sustainable Textile Industry." In this new environment, the conference provided the opportunity to analyze global developments in the textile and clothing industry in terms of investment, activity and trade. 🌐



From the U.S. Delegation, William May, ACSA; Jesse Curlee, Supima; Kimberly Gregory and Joseph Nicosia, Allenberg Cotton.



Douglas Hsu, Far Eastern Group, Taiwan; Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Bachmann, Santex Group, Switzerland; Dan Frierson, Dixie Yarns Group, U.S.



Bharat Desai, Reliance Industries, India and Christian Schindler, ITMF Director General.



From the Dutch Delegation, Loek de Vries, Royal Ten Cate; Cees Lodiers, VTN; Joop van der Meij, Vlisco; Jeannette Lodiers and Marieke Voortman de Vries.



Douglas Hsu, Far Eastern Group; Walter Simeoni, outgoing ITMF President and Frame Textile, South Africa; Ruizhe Sun, China National Textile & Apparel Council; Mr. Beebeejaun, Dept. Prime Minister, Mauritius; Salim Ismail, Group Socota, Madagascar; Hongping Yuan, China National Textile & Apparel Council.

## ITMF's main objectives are:

- To provide a forum for discussion of matters appropriately within the common interest and concern of textile companies.
- To provide a neutral meeting ground for textile trade associations for the exchange of information on matters affecting their textile industries, consistent with the trade regulation laws of the nations represented.

- To act as a central agency of the textile industries for the collection of information, statistical and otherwise, on textile manufacturing developments globally.
- To act as spokesman for the world textile industry in matters relating to raw materials.
- To perform the functions of a liaison agent between the textile industries, governments and intergovernmental organizations interested in the textile industry.