



# Conference Programme

(as of August 28, 2015)

*“Intelligent and Responsible Production from Raw Material to  
Final Consumer*

*The Mission of the Global Textile Industry”*

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT 9

08.00	Departure at the St. Francis: Bus to Harding Park Golf Club (Meeting Point: Post Street Lobby, Westin St. Francis Hotel)
12.30	Departure from Harding Park to the St. Francis Hotel (30 minutes ride)
12.00 – 18.30	<b>Registration</b> (Bristol Room)
14.00 – 15.30	<b>Directors Meeting</b> (Colonial Room) Directors of ITMF member associations, associate and corporate members - by invitation -
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break (Italian)
16.00 – 17.30	<b>Board Meeting</b> (Colonial Room)
19.00 – 21.30	<b>Joint Reception and Dinner</b> ITMF and Host Associations Office Bearers and Directors of ITMF member associations, associate and corporate members and speakers

## THURSDAY, SEPT 10

08.30 – 10.00 **Spinners Committee Meeting** (Georgian Room)  
- by invitation -

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09.30 – 19.00 **Registration** (Bristol Room)

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10.30 – 12.00 **Joint Cotton Committee Meeting** (Grand Ballroom)

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12.00 – 13.00 Lunch (Colonial)

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13.00 – 14.30 **Fibre Session – Cotton** (Grand Ballroom)

Chair: Andrew G. Macdonald, ITMF Board Member, Brazil

Cotton Economic Update

**Gary Adams**, President and CEO, National Cotton Council (NCC), USA

The New Consumer

**Melissa Bastos**, Associate Director, Market Research, Cotton Incorporated, USA

A Producer's View of Responsible Production

**Jon W. Hardwick**, President, Hardwick Planting Company, USA

Panel Discussion and Q&A

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14.30 – 15.00 Coffee Break (Italian)

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15.00 – 16.15 **Fibre Session – Man-made Fibres**

Chair: Andrew G. Macdonald, ITMF Board Member, Brazil

Polyester Continues to Lead in Volume Growth

**Alasdair Carmichael**, Director – Americas, PCI, USA

Evolving Fibres Landscape – Opportunities for Industries

**Uday Gill**, President Director, Indorama Synthetics, Thailand

State of the Carpet Industry – Responsible Production is Good Business

**Joe W. Yarbrough**, President, Carpet and Rug Institute, USA

Panel Discussion and Q&A

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16.15 – 16.45 Coffee Break (Italian)

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16.45 – 17.45 **Home Textiles Producers Committee Meeting** (Grand Ballroom)

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18.30 – 19.30 **Welcome Reception** (Alexandra's, St. Francis Hotel)

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## FRIDAY, SEPT 11

08.00 – 18.00 Registration (Borgia Room)

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08.30 – 09.00 **Formal Opening Session**

**Sledge Taylor**, Chair, NCC, USA

**Tiankai Wang**, President, ITMF, China

09.00 – 09.45 **Keynote Address**

Chair: Bashir Alimohammad, Chair of Gul Ahmed Textiles Mills & ITMF Honorary Life Member, Pakistan

The State of and Outlook for the Global Economy

**Gian Maria Milesi-Ferretti**, Deputy Director, Research Department, Intl. Monetary Fund (IMF)

Q&A

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09.45 – 10.15 Coffee Break (Italian)

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10.15 – 12.00 **1<sup>st</sup> General Session: Textiles in the Americas**

Chair: Rafael Cervone, President of ABIT & ITMF Board Member, Brazil

U.S. Textile Manufacturing Outlook

**Augustine Tantillo**, President & CEO, National Council of Textile Organizations (NCTO), USA

Textiles in the Americas – Mexico

**Alfonso Juan**, Director, Turbo Yarn & Chair, CANAINTEX, Mexico

What We Dream is What We Live

**Andres Berdugo**, CEO, CI Jeans, Colombia

The Logic behind Walmart's US-Manufacturing Initiative

**Joe Quinn**, Senior Director, Public Affairs and Government Relations, Walmart, USA

Panel Discussion and Q&A

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12.15 – 13.15 Lunch (Colonial)

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13.15 – 15.00 **2<sup>nd</sup> General Session: Textile Supply Chain**

Chair: John Cheh, CEO, Esquel & ITMF Board Member, Hong Kong, China

Key Decision Factors for Today's Brands & the Changing Global Supply Chain Environment

**Kihak Sung**, Chair, KOFOTI & Chair, Youngone, Korea

Preparing and Adapting to the Changing Face of Retail and its Impact on the Global Sourcing Industry

**Robert Sinclair**, Chief Operating Officer, LF Sourcing, Li & Fung Group, Hong Kong, China

Levi Strauss & Co.'s Race to the Top: Building a More Sustainable Supply Chain

**David Love**, Executive Vice President, Levi Strauss, USA

Intelligent and Responsible Production – The New Practice of China's Textile and Apparel Supply Chain

**Ruizhe Sun**, Vice President, CNTAC, China

Panel Discussion and Q&A

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 11 – CONTINUED**

15.00 – 15.30      Coffee Break (Italian)

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15.45 – 16.45      **Fibers & Applications (F&A) Committee Meeting** (Grand Ballroom)

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18.30 – 22.15      **Gala Dinner at Maritime Museum** (by bus)

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## SATURDAY, SEPT 12

08.00 – 08.45 **Meeting of the Committee of Management** (Mezzanine, Grand Ballroom)  
- by invitation -

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09.00 – 10.00 **3<sup>rd</sup> General Session: E-Tailing**

Chair: Jaswinder Bedi, President ACTIF & ITMF Vice President, Kenya

The Connected Consumer: Influence and Impact On the Entire Retail Ecosystem

**Vicki Cantrell**, Senior Vice President - Communities & Executive Director, National Retail Federation, USA

The New Rules of Retail

**Michael Dart**, Partner, A.T. Kearney, USA

Panel Discussion and Q&A

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10.00 – 10.30 Coffee Break (Italian)

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10.30 – 12.00 **4<sup>th</sup> General Session: Smart Textiles**

Chair: Loek de Vries, CEO, TenCate & Chair ITMF F&A-Committee, Netherlands

Defining the Specialty Fabrics Industry

**Hennessy, Mary**, President & CEO, IFAI, USA

Protecting Those Who Protect Us: Developing Defender M – A Model for Success

**John Shadinger**, President, Ten Cate, USA

Fabric is *the* Computer!

**Sundaresan Jayaraman**, Kolon Professor, Georgia Tech, USA

Panel Discussion and Q&A

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12.00 – 12.15 The Global Textile (Machinery) Market Situation

**Christian Schindler**, Director General, ITMF

Q&A

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12.15 – 12.30 **Invitation ITMF Annual Conference 2016**

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12.30 – 14.00 Lunch (Colonial)

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14.00 – 22.30 **Visit to Bowles Farming Company in Los Banos, CA**, including Dinner

A sixth generation farmer, Cannon Michael was named president of the family-owned and operated Bowles Farming Company, Inc., in 2014. Bowles Farming Company is an 11,000-acre farming operation wholly dedicated to the production of cotton, wheat, fresh market and processing tomatoes, fresh market onions and cantaloupes.

or alternatively

14.00 – 19.45 **Visit to Electronics for Imaging (EFI) in Fremont, CA** (Silicon Valley), including Dinner

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## SPOUSE PROGRAMME

### Thursday, Sept 10

12.00 – 17.00

#### **Architectural Tour** (by foot)

Roundtrip via motorized cable car. San Francisco reveals itself in a collection of remarkable structures, streets and public squares. Highlights will be rooftop gardens, the “narrowest” building of San Francisco, China Town, and Victorian Houses. Coffee break included.

18.30 – 19.30

#### **Welcome Reception** (Alexandra’s, St. Francis Hotel)

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### Friday, Sept 11

09.00 – 15.00

#### **Muir Woods and Tiburon** (by bus)

Short Ride over the Golden Gate Bridge to the most magnificent Redwood forests, followed by a visit to the charming town Tiburon, including lunch.

18.30 – 22.15

#### **Gala Dinner at Maritime Museum**

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### Saturday, Sept 12

09.00 – 13.30

#### **Angel Island** (by boat)

After short ferry ride to the island there is a chance to enjoy the panoramic views of the city skyline either by bicycle or open-air-tram. Lunch box included.

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