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and a Happy New Year 2022

As we close the tumultuous chapter of 2021 our minds wonder about 2022 and the surprises it will bring. Hopefully you will have time to relax during the season's holiday and maybe enjoy reading a few texts about the future of the textile industry in this last edition of the year.



Dr. Olivier Zieschank
director, ITMF

A word by our president and director general

After another challenging year draws to a close, we think of all we are grateful for and all the challenges awaiting.

Thank you for your great support during 2021!

On this occasion, we wish you primarily a healthy, but also happy and prosperous year 2022 and are looking forward to a continued mutually fruitful cooperation!

Ruizhe Sun
(on behalf of the Board)

Christian Schindler
(on behalf of the Secretariat)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES

Article 1: Policy perspectives for a new textile economy



Update on September article: The global textile industry is undergoing a step change called the 'Second Wave'. The 'Third Wave' is coming, the industry needs to prepare itself with a commensurate policy response.

[> read more](#)

Article 2: Inflation expected to remain high beyond 2022



The results of the 11th Corona-Survey show that inflation is expected to remain high beyond 2022. However, observing a scenario like the Great Inflation in the 1970s is unlikely. Once the logistical issues are resolved and the pent-up demand gone, demand and supply should find themselves at an equilibrium close to pre-pandemic conditions.

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ITMF NEWS

Does the pandemic speed up change?



WTiN hosted a live summit at its virtual Innovate 2021 event on October 26-28, 2021. ITMF participated to the event with a virtual booth and a live panel discussion. 4 distinguished experts from **South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia** discussed the impact of Covid-19 on the speed of technological adoption and migration toward sustainable production.

[> read more \(Virtual Panel Discussion, members only\)](#)

The state and future of cotton spinning



ITMF invited its spinners committee to a virtual panel discussion about the state and future of cotton spinning. Mr. Ispahani, CEO of Pahartali Textiles and Hosiery Mills, Bangladesh, Mr. Jitender Kumar, vice president of Sulej Textiles, India, and Mr. Abhay Agarwal, director of Primayudha, Indonesia, discussed the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on **cotton trade and production**.

[> read more \(Virtual Panel Discussion, members only\)](#)

ITMF Awards 2022 for outstanding achievements



ITMF wants to recognize companies/organizations and/or persons along the textile value chain that are striving to make a difference and that have achieved outstanding results. In 2022, ITMF will present the ITMF Awards in the categories "Sustainability & Innovation" and "International Cooperation"

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PARTNER NEWS

Dornbirn 2022: The program committee now accepts paper proposals



Proposals are now accepted until the 15th of January 2022 on the following topics: Fiber Innovations | Sustainability and Circular Economy/Recycling | Machinery and Equipment for Recycling | Digitalization and Smart Textiles | Smart, Functional Surface | Apparel, Sports and Leisure Wear | Nonwovens, Technical Textiles and Home Textiles | Energy and Mobility

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Complete the STTI manufacturer survey and help create fairer purchasing practices in the industry



The Sustainable Terms of Trade Initiative is a unique, manufacturer-led initiative set up by the STAR Network of nine Asian producer associations, and supported by Better Buying™, along with GIZ-FABRIC and the International Apparel Federation. Its aim is to create fairer purchasing practices in the industry, and a more balanced relationship between manufacturers and buyers.

[> read more and complete survey](#)

EPCA workshop on circular supply chains



Committed to making the petrochemical supply chain more circular and more sustainable, the EPCA Supply Chain Program Committee (SCPC) embarked on a journey to reimagine the petrochemical supply chain. A series of interviews with experts from within and outside the sector have been organized to explore how digital innovation can make the supply chain more eco-friendly and more circular.

[> read more \(link expires on 24.12.21\)](#)