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IFAI sponsors and supports this conference with the goal of increasing European-U.S. business cooperation and provides a valuable educational and networking opportunity for IFAI European member constituents. I would like to thank all the speakers for their initiative to participate at this event; and for sharing their inspiring knowledge and experience with an interested audience from the interdisciplinary value chain.

Please recognize our affiliated industry partnerships whose support has contributed to make a unique business and educational experience happen!

Also, on behalf of IFAI President Stephen Warner and the IFAI Board of Directors, I look forward to meeting with you in Berlin!

Dr. Isa Hofmann, Conference Organizer
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Thursday, 12 June 2008
Program starts at 9:30
Conference sessions include:
- Future & Sustainability
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- Industry Discussions
Luncheon provided
Smart Textiles Exhibition
Evening networking reception starts at 17:30

Friday, 13 June 2008
Program starts at 8:30
Technical sessions include:
- Architecture & Lightweight Structures
- Protective Clothing
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Conference Program

Speakers and subjects may change. We will keep you updated continuously. Be sure to register before 15 April 2008 and stay tuned.

Thursday, 12 June 2008

Opening Session
[9:30 – 10:30]
Welcome and conference overview, Dr. Isa Hofmann
Invited Keynote Speaker, Maria D’Andrea, Supervisor for Textiles & Apparel, Eastern Hemisphere, U.S., U.S. Department of Commerce
Invited Keynote Speaker, Luis Filipe Girão, Head of Unit, Directorate General Enterprise & Industry, European Commission

Session 1 | Future & Sustainability
[10:30 – 13:00]
Innovation and sustainability in accordance, Friedrich Weninger, Vice President GM Business Unit Textile Fibers, Lenzing AG, Austria
Advanced plasma coatings from high performance to medical applications, Aurelio Fassi, CEO Mectex S.p.A., Italy and Gabriele Fassi, R&D Director, Mectex S.p.A., Italy
Innovative developments in waterfree colouring systems, Dipl.-Ing. Altan Arslan, Texcon GmbH, Germany
Mr. Arslan is an engineer of textile processing and economics, originating in Turkey. He has vast experience and special knowledge in research and development of textile technologies with mill application and fibres to garment processing systems.
Mr. van Heerden and Ms. McRae will speak about exploratory design research in the Philips Design Probes program. Over the last few years they have developed a range of ‘provocations’ designed to stimulate discussion and debate ranging from “emotional sensing” garments to electronic tattoos and self sustaining habitats. They question utility and decoration in wearable electronics.

Session 2 | Embedded High-Tech
[14:00 – 16:00]
The future of electrospun textiles and their various applications, Prof. Andreas Greiner, University of Marburg, Applied Chemics, Germany, and Jürgen C. Binzer, Director New Business Development, Hollingsworth & Vose, USA
Textile embedded technology for medical prevention, diagnosis and therapy, Marco Di Rienzo, Center of Bioengineering, Unit Coordinator, Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi ONLUS, Italy
From 1980 Mr. Di Rienzo has been a career researcher at the Polo Tecnologico (Dept. of Biomedical Technology) of Fondazione Don Gnocchi, the largest Italian Institution for the care of disabled and elderly people. He is currently head of the Laboratory of Cardiorespiratory Research and the Laboratory of Wearable Sensors and Telemedicine.
Application of optical fiber and high tenacity textile yarns in the manufacture of long line slings for the transport of external loads with helicopters for military or civil use, Joseph Maria Masó, President of Texbor S.A., Spain; and President of ETT, the European Entrepreneur Club of Technical Textiles
Mr. Masó is also President of AEE ESLINTEX - Spanish Association of Companies of Slings and Textiles and brings forth experience with scientific and technical applications for textile materials including textile slings and silk.
Textile performance technologies from the aviation industry-opportunities and challenges for the automotive sector, Dipl.-Ing. Patrick Schiebel, Research Associate Composites, Faserinstitut Bremen, Germany
Mr. Schiebel is a Composite Technology expert experienced with the construction and manufacturing of TFP-Preforms, load introductions for lightweight structures of the Vertical tail plain next generation, transnational material database for the aviation, CFRP-Testing.

Session 3 | General Industry Discussions
[16:20 – 17:30]
Leadership Forum, participants will be announced
Résumé of the 1st Day, Dr. Isa Hofmann

Luncheon
[13:00 – 14:00]

Reception and individual talks
[17:30 – 18:30]
Conference Program cont’d

Friday, 13 June 2008

Session 4 | Architecture & Lightweight Structures
[9:00 – 10:40]
Future applications of double wall fabrics, Hartwig Birszwilks, Director Marketing and Sales, Julius Heywinkel GmbH, Germany

Ultralight retractable roof systems, Klaus Michael Koch, CEO Hightex Group plc, Germany

Presentation focuses on the construction and material qualities of double wall fabrics and provides an overview about the special technical requirements for the highly demanding complicated materials.

Solar technologies for membrane structures, Dr. Jan Cremers, CEO SolarNext AG, Germany

The presentation will focus on significant innovations improving building with advanced membrane materials with special examination of photovoltaics integrated in translucent PTFE and transparent ETFE-membrane structures, highly effective translucent thermal insulation for membranes and innovative functional coatings for membranes.

Silicone coated glass fibre fabrics for architectural applications, George Illing, Head of Atex Membranes, PD Interglass Technologies Ltd., UK

Session 5 | Protective Clothing
[11:00 – 13:00]
Latest innovations in protective and outdoor fabrics, Dick Hendriks, Corporate Director, TenCate Protective & Outdoor Fabrics, The Netherlands

Mr. Hendriks has specialises with TenCate dating back 25 years including working with foreign participations, colorweaving, and advanced textiles. Additional assignments include the current function of Chairman Governing Council of the European Technology Platform for Textiles & Clothing.

Active sports protection system, Graham Budden, Senior Technical Service Chemist, Dow Corning, UK

The patented technology called Active Protection System is a flexible and breathable textile which combines impact protection with comfort and is an effective protection against high-energy impacts. Dr. Budden principally serves the European technical textiles industry. He has higher education in chemistry from the University of Bristol, UK, and also has research experience at the University of Cambridge. He has more than 10+ years experience in the use of silicones in the textile industry and working on developing new applications for silicone coatings, in particular those used in automotive airbags.

Challenges and opportunities for commercialisation of wearable health monitoring systems, Qaizar Hassonjee, Founder and Chief Development and Commercial Officer, Textronics Inc., USA

Interdisciplinary knowledge transfer: From aerospace to daily applications, Dr. David Raitt, Senior Technology Transfer Officer, EESA - European Space Agency, The Netherlands

Dr. David Raitt has worked in a variety of positions for the European Space Agency since 1969 in France, Italy and The Netherlands. As Senior Technology Transfer Officer in the European Space Agency’s Technology Transfer and Promotion Office in The Netherlands, he manages new breakthrough technological opportunities, new markets, and making the general public more aware of space technologies, concepts and the benefits that can result from technology spin-off.

Résumé of the 2nd Day and farewell, Dr. Isa Hofmann

Farewell luncheon
[13:00 – 13:30]

Post-conference Tour – See Berlin!
[14:30 – 18:00]
Join us on the Spree-Comtess charter boat for an historical tour of Berlin, where you’ll see the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Bellevue Castle, House of the Cultures of the World, Chancellor’s office, Moltke Bridge, Museum Island, Berlin Cathedral, Nikotai Quarter, Mühldamm Lock, Märkisches Museum, East Side Gallery, Oberdaum Bridge and more! Guests will enjoy hors d’oeuvres and refreshments. Additional €45 to register.

Please visit the conference Web site for updated speaker information. Thank you!

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Conference Program
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- IFAI member €450 / $665
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- Additional networking reception ticket, 12 June 2008 €25 / $40
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