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“The Global Textile Economy in the New Normal”

Speakers' Biodata

Fibre Session – Cotton

I.J. Dhuria, Vardhman, India
Keshav, Kranthi, CICR, India
Vipin Dagaonkar, BayerCrop Science, India
Mohit Shah, ICA Past President, India

Fiber Session – Man-made Fibers

Steve Jenkins, PCI Fibers, UK R.D.
R.D. Udeshi, Reliance, India
Ajay Sardana, Grasim Birla, India

Formal Opening Session

Tiankai Wang, President, ITMF, China
Naishadh Parikh, President, CITI, India

1st General Session: Textile Industry in India

Sanjay Jain, TT, India
Siddhartha Bindra, Biba Apparels, India
Jagadish Hinduja, Gokaldes, India

2nd General Session: Textile Value Chain

Hande Diltemiz, H&M, India
Giuseppe Gherzi, Gherzi Textil Org., Switzerland
Lena Julle, IKEA, Sweden
Ruizhe Sun, CNTAC, China
Stephen Lamar, AAFA, USA

3rd General Session: Retail/E-Commerce

Jorge Martin, Euromonitor International, UK
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Darshan Mehta, Reliance Brands, India
Amarjeet Singh, KPMG, India (tbc)

4th General Session: Technical Textiles & Nonwovens

Steve Huang, AiQ Smart Clothing, Chinese Taipei
Gauthier Siau, Alsico Group, Belgium
Mohit Raina, ITA, Germany
Marc van Parys, University of Gent, Belgium

The Global Textile Machinery Market Situation

Christian Schindler, Director General, ITMF

Mr. I.J. Dhuria, Director (Materials) Head of sourcing of all the Textile Raw Materials for Vardhman Group. He completed his Masters of Business Managements & Bachelor of Science (Hons) from Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab.

Mr. Dhuria has been associated with Vardhman Group from the last 27 years, having work experience of over 38 years in the procurement of Textile Raw Materials. He has represented Vardhman Group at the International Cotton Association (ICA), The Brazilian Cotton Shippers Association, Australian Cotton Association and China Cotton Association Conferences and many other international forums.

He is member of Global 'Cotton Consumers Committee' of the International Cotton Association (ICA), Member of Product Advisory Committee of National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited, Multi Commodity Exchange and Member of Advisory Board of Control Union Certifications of India.



Dr. Keshav Raj Kranthi is currently the Director of the Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) Nagpur.

Born in 1963, Dr. Kranthi has been a topper in his academic career. A gold medalist in Ph.D from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, he has patents granted in South Africa, Mexico, China and Uzbekistan.

Dr. Kranthi joined the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in 1991 and worked on insect pest management in cotton at CICR from 1992. He developed several diagnostic kits to detect Biotech cotton and insecticide resistant insects. The Bt detection kits were commercialized and are being used by all the seed testing agencies, farmers and the seed industry and have directly contributed to the reduction in spurious Bt-cotton seed in India. He published 40 papers in peer reviewed journals. He presented invited papers in 16 countries.

Dr. Kranthi is on the editorial board of National and International Journals. He was elected as the fellow of the prestigious National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), India in 2009.

Dr. Kranthi received four National Awards in India and was recognized as the 'International Cotton Researcher of the Year Award 2009' by the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), Washington.



Dr. Vipin S Dagaonkar is working as Lead Breeder for Bayer Crop Science in India. He has done Ph.D. in Agriculture with specialization in the subject of Genetics and Plant Breeding.

With 27 years of experience in Cotton Breeding, Dr. Vipin is responsible for developing high yielding hybrids in Cotton. He is also responsible for developing superior germplasm in cotton for fiber traits as well as native traits of resistance against biotic stresses in cotton. He has experience in handling cotton male sterility systems useful for hybrid seed development, insertion of transgenic traits of insect resistance, development of mapping populations for marker discovery and different methods of crop improvement in cotton.

In his current role as Lead Breeder, Dr. Vipin is exploring different options of cotton crop improvement using classical as well as molecular breeding tools. For Bayer in India, the objective has been to provide seed to harvest solutions to the farmers in India.



Mohit Shah was born in Mumbai, India and completed his Schooling in the city of Mumbai.

At the young age of 17, he joined his family - cotton business. Mr. Shah has over 20 years experience in the cotton business and is the fourth generation in his family business. He is a Director & co-owner of Gill & Co. Pvt. Ltd. established in 1886 and is one of the oldest and most reputable cotton companies in India. Today it is a Four Star Export House. The Company owns two cotton Ginning & Pressing factories in Gujarat & Maharashtra.

Mr. Shah is a well known figure in the International cotton trade. In Gill & Co. Mohit looks after the trading of cotton worldwide, Corporate strategy and planning new business. He also looks after Gill & Co.'s other commodity business.

Mr. Shah joined the ICA Board as a Director in 2010 and was elected as ICA 2nd Vice President in 2011 and became the 1st Asian President of the ICA in 2013.



VP Consulting
Chemicals, Polymers & Fibres
PCI Wood Mackenzie, Malaysia



Steve Jenkins has over 32 years' experience in the downstream chemical industries, joining Wood Mackenzie in 2015 following the acquisition of the PCI Group. He is based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Prior to working for Wood Mackenzie, Steve was Senior Consultant for PCI Xylenes and Polyesters and has been based in Malaysia for 8 years, looking after PCI's Asia/Middle East aromatics & derivatives business and managing PCI's regional consulting projects.

Prior to his time at PCI, he spent 12 years with ICI where he held various positions in petrochemical and inorganic chemical sales and product management, and with business development responsibilities in the USA. He graduated in 1984 with a Masters Degree from Oriel College, Oxford.

Steve's consulting experience in Europe, the Americas, Middle East and Asia has been in conducting downstream market analysis for subsidiaries of National Oil Companies as well as leading regional chemical companies on strategy review and development as well as numerous feasibility studies and M&A opportunities.

In his career, Steve has developed a wide range of relevant chemical market experience across many product sectors, regions and cultures.

On a personal note, he has a keen interest in building and experimenting with analogue modular synthesizers, which he claims helps keep him young at heart....well, probably rooted in the 1970's is a better description.

Rajen Udeshi, a Cost Accountant by academic qualification. Holding position as President Polyester Chain in Reliance Industries Ltd, has started his journey with Reliance since 1984.

The Group's activities span exploration & production of Oil & Gas, Refining and Marketing, Petrochemicals, Polyesters & Textiles.

He is responsible for Polyester Chain Business and has contributed largely to Reliance Industries Ltd to become a global leader in Polyester Business. In addition, he continues to shoulder several other corporate responsibilities, mergers and acquisitions in India and Overseas, expansion and debottlenecking.

He is President – Association of Synthetics Fibre Industry and Director – Recron Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. Also Heading RPCM, Kuantan, Malaysia (erstwhile unit of BPCM).

He was honored by the Institutes / publishers as Best speaker of this Industry.



Ajay Sardana currently leads Global Customers, Market Intelligence, Liasoning & Sustainability Portfolio of Pulp & Fibre Business of Grasim Industries Ltd part of 41 Bln USD Aditya Birla Group.

Before this he has held many different positions in the same company where his profile ranged from Heading Textile Research & Application Development Centre (TRADC) to working closely with the Business Director for the overseas spinning business.

He has completed his B. Tech. from TITS Bhiwani, M. Tech. from the prestigious institute IIT Delhi and MBA from renowned GlobalNxt U-21 Singapore & Malaysia.

Mr. Ajay Sardana has rich experience of more than 20 years in the global textile industry. He has an overall exposure of entire textile value chain from Pulp to Garments. He has worked with major textile manufacturers like Reliance, Vardhmann, GPIL and Deepak Spinners at various positions for about 12 years. He also has worked in various global locations like Turkey, Indonesia.

An International speaker on Market Intelligence, Sustainability, Textile Trends, and Market Intelligence & Fibres, have made presentations at global events like ITMF, ICAC, ITMA, PCI, CITI, MMF & Cotton Conferences Globally.



Mr Ajay Sardana

Mr. Wang Tiankai is Secretary of the CPC CNTAC Committee (China National Textile and Apparel Council – CNTAC), and President of the International Textile Manufacturers Federation – ITMF.

He worked in Shaanxi for 22 years, contributing to the substantial progress in Shaanxi's industrial and enterprises management and technology. He is devoted to China's textile industry from 1992 - as Director of Science and Technology Department of Ministry of Textile Industry; Director of Planning Department of China Textile General Association; Deputy Director-General of China Textile Industry Bureau, promoting the economic strategic adjustment of the industry. From 2000, he focused on the supervision and strategic reform of state-owned enterprises. He was the Chairman of State-Owned Key Enterprises Supervision Committee (Vice Minister); and Managing Director, Chairman of China Hi-Tech Group Corporation. He was Member of the 11th CPPCC National Committee. He was President of CNTAC from Nov. 2011 to Sep. 2016, committed to comprehensively deepening reform and transforming development mode to guide China's textile industry into a more competitive and sustainable industry.

Born in 1946, he has a graduate degree from the China Textile University, now known as the Donghua University.



Mr. Naishadh Parikh is an Entrepreneur-Manager with education in the areas of Science & Management and a successful track record of more than 30 years in performing various roles at Corporate level in diverse sectors viz. Textile, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration.

His Core strengths and areas of expertise include Strategy formulation & implementation of new businesses & market entries, striking Alliances – structuring & implementation, Project management from conceptualization to implementation, managing operations and managing change – both internal & external through with regulatory & competitive environment and building Industry-Government consensus.

He is a Director at Arvind Limited since 1991. He was also the Founder & Managing Director of Amtrex Hitachi Appliances Limited (now Hitachi Home & Life Solutions Limited). He is also associated as Member of Committee of Administration (COA) at Ahmedabad Textile Industry Research Association (ATIRA). He is also Honorary Secretary of Ahmedabad Education Society (AES) and also a Member of the Governing Board of 2 Universities promoted by AES viz. Ahmedabad University and CEPT University.

Mr. Parikh is actively associated with Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CII), an apex Industry Chamber, Chairman/Member of various Committees at National, Regional and State levels.



Mr Sanjay K Jain is the Managing Director of T T Limited. It is a Rs 800 crore vertically integrated textiles company (fibre to fashion company). The company is listed on both NSE and BSE. Its brand T T is more than 50 years old and its products are sold not only all across India, but also across 62 countries globally. In last few years some of the notable awards are India's Small Giant Award, Top 100 SME of India award, Master Brand, India's Most Promising Brand.



He is President of NITMA and the Chairman of NITRA. He is also Vice President of FOHMA and WBHA. He is also on the committee of TEXPROCIL, SIMA, CITI, FICCI Textiles Group. He is also an advisor for two textile magazines. He also has represented FOHMA on the Cotton Yarn Advisory Board, Sub Group on Textiles and Apparels for 12th Five Year Plan. He is also a member of the Core Committee promoting the First Hosiery Park in India coming up in West Bengal. He is a member of the West Bengal Government Textile Sector Council which advises on Policy matters relating to investment and promotion of industry. He is also nominated to Textile Mentor Skill Council of Central Govt.

He is an expert on entrepreneurship and is part of MentorEdge of IIM, Ahmedabad and has been a jury and mentor in ET Power Ideas 2010 and 2012. He has been a guest faculty in educational institutes like ISB, IIMs, SP Jain and many more. He is also a mentor for the social entrepreneurship program of Santa Clara University, USA.

He is also active in social projects and is a trustee of T T Charitable Trust which runs a hospital apart from undertaking many other community development works. He is also the convenor of Udaan, an innovative social education initiative and Vice President of JITO (Kolkata). Recently appointed as Director to Pollinate Energy (An Australian promoted social enterprise). Further for the last decade he has been involved in many roles with Lions International. He has also presented a paper on Jainism & Business in TPF Annual Conference, 2012.

Born and brought up in India, Siddharth Bindra is the Managing Director of BIBA. After finishing his Schooling from Mayo College, Ajmer he did his M.Com from Sydenham College, Mumbai. Currently, he has over 18 years of experience in the Textile and Apparel Industry. Siddharth joined the family business in 1997, with a primary objective to convert the 'home grown' product to a national 'brand', capitalizing on the retail boom in the country.

BIBA was the first in the Category to raise Private Equity from Future Ventures in 2007 and was also among the first Company to provide a very profitable exit to the Investors in 2013. The process also entered up with marquee investors Warburg Pincus into the Company. In fact, today the company enjoys leadership position and is by far the largest ethnic wear retail chain in the country. With the constant endeavor to expand the business, product profile and consumer reach, Siddharth signed up with designer Manish Arora with majority stake in 'Indian by Manish Arora' brand, a JV with acclaimed designer Rohit Bal & has recently acquired a substantial minority stake in the designer label Anju Modi; thus marking BIBA's foray in the bridal and luxury ethnic wear category. He has also launched a fashion value brand called Rangriti, to enhance the Company's presence at lower price points and to be able to cater to a large segment that is still purchasing from the unorganized markets. BIBA today has over 215 exclusive stores present in over 85 cities pan India.

He was the first to raise private equity from Future Ventures in the year 2007. By 2013 Biba completed 100 stores & was the first Company to provide a profitable exit to the investors in the retail industry. He then went on to attract marquee investors like Warburg Pincus to invest in the Company in 2013, which is the largest private equity investment in the Indian ethnic wear market and probably the Fashion Industry.



Jagadish Hinduja heads Gokaldas Images, an integrated apparel manufacturing, marketing and retail organization. The group manufactures and markets wide range of apparel products ranging from foundation garments to suits and is a vendor to well known brands round the world. The group's turnover is around \$ 100 million and has 9 manufacturing plants with a work force of 9000.



Jagadish has done his Masters in Management Studies and started his career with the Tata Administrative Service.

Mr Hinduja has been involved with the fashion industry in India as well as abroad for the last 40 years. He has been involved with the conception and launch of teenage brand 'Weekender' and kids brand 'Weekender Kids' and the lingerie brand 'Enamor'. He has also a background of specialty apparel Retail.

He has served on the board of National Institute of Fashion Technology and has been a member of the following bodies at various periods:

National Committee on Textiles (Confederation of Indian Industry) .

Apparel Export Promotion Council (Executive Committee)

Apparel Training & Design Centre (Executive Committee)

Clothing Manufacturers of India

Managing Director, H&M Production, India and Sri Lanka.

Her carrier started in 1987 as a partner of the First Agency Representative Company. The company had a portfolio of 27 buyers from Europe and the USA as retailers, catalogues and wholesalers from sources in Turkey and Northern Africa. Her role was implementing sourcing strategies for each buyer to improve their market share in retail.

Between 1997-2000, as the Head of Sourcing in Li-Fung for French market costumers. She was in charge of setting and executing strategies for how to optimize global buying and securing the best offer.

Starting from 2000 until 2005, she took a position in Adidas as the Head of Development and Quick Response Department. There the task was working with her team to run the efficiency improvement project, analyze the costs and build the quick delivery and NOOS systems in Europe and the Middle East.

Her H&M journey started as the Department Manager of Woven Products in 2006, Turkey. In 2007, she moved to Bangladesh as the Head of Bangladesh and Production of Pakistan for the company. She returned back to Turkey in 2010 to deal with new production markets, where she ran Africa Sourcing Projects. She closely worked with around 10 African countries in order to create analyses, risk assessments and execute market strategies. In 2012, she was running with the team the first Sub-Saharan Africa production in Kenya and Ethiopia for H&M. She founded the first Africa Sourcing/Production hub office for H&M in Ethiopia as the Regional Country Manager. She worked closely with the local government and the manufacturers in order implement reforms in policies and legislations that would benefit the country's development towards a globally sustainable and competitive platform. In 2016 she moved to India as the Regional Country Manager of Production in India and Sri Lanka. She is in charge of building and developing a globally competitive production market which is eligible to attract more export business to the region for sustainable growth.



After graduating with a M. Sc. Eng. from the ETH (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology) as a mechanical engineer, Mr. Giuseppe Gherzi became a research associate on a microfiber compact spinning production unit (POY technology).

In 1994 he joined Arthur D. Little in Paris, where he was responsible for textile assignments, mainly in restructuring European companies already facing strong Asian competition.

In 1997 Mr. G. Gherzi became Manager at Gherzi Textil Organisation in the Zürich office. Since 2000, Mr. Gherzi has become a partner.

Mr. Gherzi has a solid background in textile technology and in developing strategies for textile producers and retailers. He has consulting experience in strategic audits, marketing studies, market entry studies, restructuring of companies and strategic planning for textile companies

Clients range from fibers (e.g. Lenzing, UNIFI, Birla), textile machinery (e.g. Rieter, Saurer, Picanol), textile producers (e.g. Ten Cate, Vardhman, Trident, Faurecia, Welspun) to retailers/brands (e.g. Hugo Boss, Zegna, Li & Fung, Versace, Tom Taylor, Helly Hansen).

Divided into several divisions (Management & Operations, Mergers & Acquisitions and Logistic & Engineering), Gherzi (www.gherzi.com) has become a world-leading integrated and independent consulting company focusing on textile and clothing with more than 6,000 assignments since its foundation in 1929.



Lena Julle has 25 years of supply chain experience working in many different positions. Today as the Category Area Manager Textiles, Lena is responsible for developing and implementing the global IKEA Textile strategy as well as leading the 200 co-workers who are working with textile purchasing across the world. Lena is stationed in Älmhult, Sweden: the birth place of IKEA.

At IKEA we are guided by our vision: creating a better everyday life for the many people. Purchasing within IKEA has always been an important contributor to realising our vision and business idea. We are constantly taking steps in how we work and grow together with our suppliers, with a common goal to optimise our value chain, resulting in better products at lower costs. We have purchasing teams located around the world and we work with suppliers in more than 50 countries. The purchasing teams finds new suppliers and evaluate and develop existing ones. Together, we ensure optimal production conditions, capacity, product quality and availability. We also actively support suppliers in their work to improve working conditions and minimize negative environmental impact.

The IKEA Category Area Textiles is constantly working to implement innovative solutions in materials and techniques and to improve our supply chain. One of the projects that is close to Lena's heart is Cotton from More Sustainable Sources. After a decade of diligent work, IKEA has succeeded in implementing 100% Cotton from More Sustainable Sources in our entire supply chain.



Born in Beijing in 1963, Mr. Sun Ruizhe graduated from Donghua University majoring in dyeing and finishing for bachelor's degree and Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business for EMBA. Mr. Sun is a professor-level senior engineer and enjoys special government allowances from the State Council. Major research areas of Mr. Sun include management of textile science and technology, textile product development, industrial policy, industrial statistical analysis and planning, corporate social responsibility, branding, etc.

Mr. Sun is now the President of China National Textile & Apparel Council (CNTAC), and also serving as Chairman of China Textile Engineering Society, President of China National Garment Association, Deputy Director of China Textile & Garment Brand Strategy Promotion Committee and Director-General of Office for Corporate Social Responsibility under China National Textile & Apparel Council.

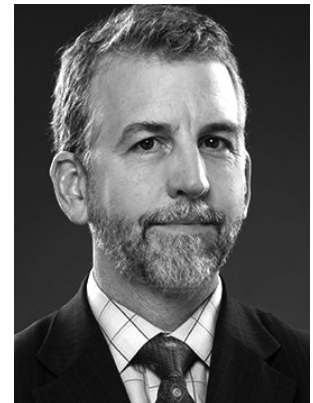


As Executive Vice President, and as liaison to AAFA's Government Contracts Committee, AAFA's Government Relations Committee, and AAFA's Brand Protection Council, Stephen E. Lamar is responsible for the design and execution of AAFA lobbying strategies on a series of issues covering government procurement, counterfeiting/intellectual property rights, international trade, market access, customs, labor, environment, and product safety.

In these roles, Steve Lamar also advises AAFA member companies on legislation and regulatory policies affecting the clothing and footwear industries. In addition, Steve serves as the liaison to AAFA's Legwear Committee.

Prior to AAFA, Steve Lamar was a trade analyst at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Before joining the Commerce Department, Steve served for two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the southern African country of Botswana. Steve is President of the Washington International Trade Association.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Colgate University and a Master of Arts Degree in International Affairs (with a concentration on African politics and international trade) from George Washington University.



Jorge Martin is Project Manager at Euromonitor International, a global market research company providing strategic intelligence on industries, companies, economies and consumers around the world.

Jorge Martin is in charge of the research programme and analytical content published around lifestyle industries. He has direct responsibility over the content and quality of Euromonitor's database, and is responsible for publishing strategic research content with a focus on corporate strategies, market and consumer trends, competitive intelligence, retail performance and opportunity analysis. Earlier to his current role Jorge Martin was Research Manager at Euromonitor International which he joined in 2008.

Prior to joining Euromonitor International, Jorge was a Research Analyst for Quid S.L., where he conducted qualitative research across several FMCG industries.

He has a master's degree in Applied Social and Market Research (Westminster University, United Kingdom) and a degree in Psychology (Universidad Complutense, Spain).



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Steve Huang, the co-founder and Executive Director of King's Metal Fiber Technologies, is a man of vision and determination. Coming from a business savvy family and equipped with a higher education of Solid State Physics, he is cognizant of the balance between technical expertise and the art of corporate management. After obtaining his bachelor degree from the university of Taiwan, Steve departed for Japan, where he further acquired a Master degree in the studies of super ion conductors. His scientific background guided him to make informed and methodological decisions throughout his career. Persevering through a number of challenging years in the volatile market of business, Steve ultimately succeeded in advancing the corporate hierarchy. His first job as a manager in a notebook computer manufacture, opened his door to link the world of sciences and that of business management. There, he recognized the importance of product quality and grasped onto the belief that only high-quality products could eventually win the satisfaction and continual support of the market, a philosophy in which he still holds onto tightly today. Also a man of ambition and aspiration, Steve established AiQ Smart Clothing, and deeply involved into innovative industries. He strives to stay ahead of the industrial trend eager to steer King's Metal Fiber Technologies and AiQ Smart Clothing from a domestic firm towards becoming an international role-model in the industry



Panvest Group

- 1989 – 1990 Manager of Chaplet Inc.
- 1990 – 1996 Executive Manager of Power Semiconductor Department, LeiChu Inc
- 1996 – 2000 Board Member of Chinese-France Co., Ltd.
- 1998 – 2000 Executive Assistant to CEO of the Group

TexRay Group

- 2001 – 2016 Co-founder and VP/GM of King's Metal Fiber Technologies.
- 2009 – 2015 Director of King's Metal Fiber Europe.
- 2012 – today Director of King's Metal Fiber Shanghai.
- 2012 – 2016 Co-founder and VP/GM of AiQ Smart Clothing Inc.
- 2014 – today Director of King's Metal Fiber Technologies B.V.

EDUCATION:

2003-2008: Master Commercial Engineer, Catholic University Leuven, Belgium

2008-2009: Master in Information Technology, Schiller University Heidelberg, Germany

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

In 2008, Gauthier started his professional career as a consultant at Deloitte M&A Services, Belgium. During this period he assisted and completed several acquisitions of mid-size companies in Belgium.

In 2011, Gauthier joined the Alsico Group as business developer for the Asian business. Alsico Group has 4 production units in Asia: 2 in Thailand, 1 in Laos and 1 in Vietnam. The 4 production plants were used as low-cost production units for the commercial Alsico entities in Europe. During 2011 -2014, a commercial organization has been set in place to switch the low-cost production units into commercial organisations with sales in the Asian Pacific region.

In 2015, he became Managing Director of Alsico High Tech. The latter is the key supplier of reusable cleanroom garments in Europe.

Besides his current position, Gauthier is a member of the Board of the Alsico Group.



Mohit Raina carried out his studies in IIT Delhi in India and then went to Germany to pursue his PhD. Dr. Raina started working at the University from Nov 2006 in the department of spinning technologies. In 2007 Mr. Raina headed the Department of Spinning Technologies and started working as an EU Research Consultant for the Institut für Textiltechnik RWTH Aachen. From October 2010 Mr. Raina led the division of Production Technologies & Textile Machinery at the Institut für Textiltechnik and was responsible for the Project Management, Strategy, Human Resources and Finances of 4 departments of nonwovens, spinning technologies, weaving technologies and joining technologies.



Dr. Raina also headed the EU Research Coordination at the institute and had personally been involved in a number of EU as well as German projects. In 2013 Dr. Raina also successfully completed his executive MBA from RWTH Aachen and St. Gallen, Switzerland. Having established the growth of the field of Textile Production Technologies, Dr. Raina was entrusted with the field of composites in 2014. He worked as a senior expert on advanced composite building materials. In October 2014 Dr. Raina moved back to India after a stay of about 10 years in Germany to launch his own company by the name Raina Industries Pvt. Ltd. Raina Industries Pvt. Ltd. Manufactures pre-cast glass fibre reinforced concrete and textile reinforced concrete.

At the same time Dr. Raina also works as a consultant for RWTH Aachen and is their Indian representative. Dr. Raina also pursues work in educating students on International Business at the SP Jain Institute of Management Research, Mumbai, India. Dr. Raina also works as an evaluator of German Research and Innovation with FKT, Berlin, Germany.

Doctor in Chemistry

Prof. Textile at University College Ghent and University Ghent

Head of the Textile Department and Textile research Lab TO2C

President UNITEX (SME-association of Textile in Belgium and The Netherlands, www.unitex.be)

Organizer of international congresses and chef-editor of UNITEX-journal (periodic Textile journal - see www.unitex.be)

Owner of 8 patents

Author of 6 books

Number of lectures given in Belgium and abroad › 300 (lectures in Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa, USA, Brazil, Canada, India, Thailand, Turkey, Spain ...)

Number of national and international publications: › 200

Member of the Centexbel board

Senior consulting at Centexbel

Owner and founder of TexZeppelin - Consultancy company dealing with emerging technologies (digital technologies, UV-LED coating/printing), plasma, laser, nanotechnology...)



Born in Karlsruhe, Germany, in 1968, Dr. Schindler studied economics at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, from where he graduated in 1994.

Between 1995 and 1998 he worked as personal assistant of two Members of Parliament in the German Bundestag, Bonn.

In 1998 he joined the Federation of German Wholesale and Foreign Trade (BGA) in Bonn/Berlin as personal assistant and speechwriter of the Association's President.

Between 2001 and 2004 he studied at the Institute for Economic Policy at the University of Cologne, Germany, where he wrote his thesis and obtained a doctorate degree in 2004.

Dr. Schindler was appointed Economist of the International Textile Manufacturers Federation on October 1, 2004 and was promoted to the position of Director in 2006. At the Federation's Annual Conference in Dubai, UAE, in September 2006 he was nominated and elected Director General as of January 1, 2007.

