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Fédération Internationale des Industries Textiles
Internationale Vereinigung der Textilindustrie

Spinners Committee

Minutes

October 20, 2019
(08.30 – 10.00 hrs.)
Lagos Room, 3rd floor, Crown Plaza Hotel
Porto/Portugal

Honorary Life Members:
Walter Simeoni (South Africa)

Members:
Andrew Macdonald (Brazil) – Chairman
Steven Chen (Chinese Taipei) Vice Chairman
Enrique Crouse (South Africa)
Wolfram Daubek-Puza (Austria)
Ernst Grimmelt (Germany)
Nevzat Seyok (Turkey)
Jorge Vartparonian (Argentina)
Yejun Zhou (China)

ITMF:
Christian Schindler
Olivier Zieschank

Guests:
Muhammed Anees (Pakistan)
Ahmet Gokhan Aydin (Turkey)
Afan Aziz (Pakistan)
Zaki Bashir (Pakistan)
Axel Drielming (Germany)
Uday Gill (Indonesia)
Peter Gnägi (Switzerland)
Jean-Paul Gourlot (France)
Elke Hortmeyer (Germany)
Norbert Klapper (Switzerland)
Suresh Kotak (India)
Heinz Michel (Switzerland)
Joao Luiz Pessa (Brazil)
Mona Qaud (Switzerland)
K.V. Srinivasan (India)
Pia Terasa (Germany)
André Wissenberg (Germany)
Qi (Joel) Zou (China)
1. **Opening Remarks by the Chairman**

   The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Andrew Macdonald (Brazil), opened the meeting by thanking everyone for having taken the time to attend the ITMF Annual Conference and for the interest in the ITMF Spinners Committee. He informed the meeting of the passing of Mr. Robert Galmes (Australia) and recalled his extraordinary contribution to the Spinners Committee over many years.

   The Committee endorsed the Chairman’s proposal to send a letter of condolences to his wife Dorothy.

2. **Membership**

   The Chairman welcomes as a new Committee Member, Mr. S. K. Khandelia (Sutlej Textiles, India), who unfortunately was unable to be present at this meeting.

   The Chairman of the Committee then proposed in recognition of Mr. B. K. Patodia’s (GTN Textiles, India) service and extensive contribution for the international spinning industry as a member of the ITMF Spinners Committee, that Mr. Patodia be appointed an Honorary Life Member of the Committee.

   The Committee endorsed the proposal.

3. **Report from the Country Visit to Greece**

   From October 13-17, 2019, the ITMF Spinners Committee visited major cotton growing areas in Greece. A report about the visit was delivered by the Chairman. In the meantime, the ITMF Spinners Committee Travel Report to Greece (2019) was published and is available on the ITMF-website under “Reports”:

   [https://www.itmf.org/reports/spinners-committee-travel-reports](https://www.itmf.org/reports/spinners-committee-travel-reports)

4. **Sanctity of Contract – A Spinner’s Perspective**

   The Members were called up to discuss the relevance of the principle of sanctity of the performance of international cotton contracts and its relevance to spinners. More specifically, the Chairman asked whether the spinners have a role to play to protect the principle of “Sanctity of Contract”.

   The discussion showed that all fully endorsed the criteria that parties must abide by the rules of engagement in any business. Furthermore, the Committee emphasised that
those spinners honouring contracts are at a disadvantage to those that are not. Therefore, the ITMF Spinners Committee should support the principle of “Sanctity of Contracts”.

Furthermore, it was suggested that ITMF investigates the possibility to develop a “Yarn Contract” based on the existing “Cotton Contract”. It was reminded that this was tried in the past but has proven at the time as very complex as there are so many different parameters to consider. Nevertheless, the Committee was asked to study the possibility.

5. Trading under HVI Testing

The meeting was called upon to discuss how trading under HVI-Testing has developed in the recent years and the way forward.

Cotton trading based on HVI is still not the norm today, traditional description of the cotton being the preferred criteria for the cotton merchants.

In order to move forward, it was suggested that the trade could apply the average results of an even running bale lot, instead of the individual bale readings. These individual readings tend to show small variations between tests. This is not due to the instruments, but since cotton is an agricultural product that has natural variations. Such small variations can even extend from plant to plant, boll to boll, whilst the HVI tests only a small percentage of each bale of 200 kilos. The Committee was of the opinion that this approach would increase the acceptance of HVI-results significantly, as well as providing more transparency for producers, traders and spinners, as well as much information that could be used more effectively by all the parties involved.

The Committee was in agreement with the strategy though accepting universal acceptance of the idea will take time.

6. International Committee of Cotton Testing Methods (ICCTM)

The Chairman of the ICCTM, Mr. Axel Drieling (Bremen Fibre Institute, Germany) informed about the activities of the ICCTM since its last biennial meeting in March 2018 in Bremen, Germany.

One area of activity was the update of the Guideline of “Interpretation and Use of Instrument Measured Cotton Characteristics”.

The ICCTM - Round Test on Stickiness Characterization is ongoing since 2018. The results of the round-trials are published on a regular basis and are available on the ITMF-ICCT-Website:

https://www.itmf.org/committees/international-committee-on-cotton-testing-methods

At the next ITCCM-Meeting on March 23/24, 2020 on the side-lines of the International Bremen Cotton Conference 2020 in Bremen, Germany the results of the recent round trials will be presented and discussed.

On this occasion, he informed the meeting about the ITMF/IVGT-Spinners and Textile Seminar that will take place on the side-lines of the Conference on March 24, 2020.
7. **Export Yarn Price Differences between Countries**

The meeting will be informed about the findings for significant export yarn price differences between countries as per below table.

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There was no time left to discuss this topic which will be taken up on the next occasion.

8. **Next Activity**

The Committee was invited to discuss its future activities, with the recommendation that the Committee visits either a cotton producing country and/or a man-made fibre producer in 2020.

It was suggested to consider visiting the cotton growing areas in Pakistan prior or after the ITMF Annual Conference 2020 which will be held in Seoul, Korea from October 20-22, 2020. In addition, it was suggested to visit a facility in Korea that is producing polyester staple fibre (PSF). The members of the Committee will be informed about the options in early 2020.

9. **Next Meeting**

It was proposed that the next Annual Meeting of the ITMF Spinners Committee will be held in conjunction with the ITMF Annual Conference 2020 in Seoul, Korea.

January 2020.