

**Annual General Assembly  
of the Bremen Cotton Exchange, June 28<sup>th</sup>:  
Jens D. Lukaczik is the New President of the  
Bremen Cotton Exchange**

Bremen, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017: At the 144<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018, the Board of Directors of the Bremen Cotton Exchange elected **Jens D. Lukaczik** (52) as its new President. Lukaczik is the Managing Partner of Bremen-based Cargo Control Germany GmbH & Co. KG. The new Vice Presidents are **Ernst Grimmelt** (51), Managing Partner of Velener Textil GmbH in Velen, Westphalia, **Fritz A. Grobien** (60), Managing Partner of Albrecht, Müller-Pearse & Co. Trade (GmbH & Co.) KG, Bremen, and former President **Henning Hammer** (42), Managing Director of Otto Stadlander GmbH, Bremen.



**Jens D. Lukaczik**



f.l.t.r.: E. Grimmelt, J. Lukaczik, H. Hammer, F. Grobien

Following his election, President Lukaczik emphasised the fact that “the Cotton Exchange remains a reliable service provider for its members. For the future, we must continue to intensify our communications, both internally and externally. In times of fake news and an increasingly emotional public debate, competence and objectivity are our strengths in public discourse. The aim of the Bremen Cotton Exchange is to further strengthen the clear advantages of the natural and sustainable raw material cotton in the consciousness of the consumer, as well as in ecological, social and political discussion.”

During the General Assembly, the Board of Directors was also newly elected. New to the Board are **Stephanie Silber**, Managing Director Otto Stadtlander GmbH, Bremen, **Jean-Paul Haessig**, RCMA Asia PTE LTD, Singapore and, as a representative of the Swiss textile industry, **Peter Spoerry**, Spoerry 1866 AG, Flums.



Remaining on the Board are **Jan Kettelhack**, Hch. Kettelhack GmbH + Co. KG, Rheine, **Konrad Schröder**, Setex-Textil-GmbH, Hamminkeln-Dingden, **Axel Trede**, Cotton Service International GmbH, Bremen, **Hannes Drolle**, Getzner Textil AG, Bludenz, Austria and as a representative of the Austrian textile industry, **Manfred Kern**, Linz Textil Holding AG, Linz, Austria.

Rainer Hammer, Otto Stadtlander GmbH, Bremen, who has been a member of the Board since 1996, left the Board, as did Martin Kaegi, Hermann Bühler AG, Winterthur, Switzerland.

The members of the Board and the Executive Committee represent different areas of the textile supply chain, e.g. trade, processing and logistics. With this diverse expertise, the Bremen Cotton Exchange has access to a comprehensive network and global information resources throughout the cotton industry. At its 144<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly in the 146<sup>th</sup> fiscal year, the Board of Directors reported to the members on the past financial year and presented its accounts in accordance with the articles of the Association.



At the end of the General Assembly, there was a speech by Dr Ludger Weiß on “Genetically Modified Cotton: Myths and Reality.” Dr Weiß advises innovative companies on strategic communications. He has also worked as a writer and commentator since the 1980’s, especially in the field of genetic engineering and modern agriculture.



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## **About the Bremen Cotton Exchange**

Based on its experience gained in over 140 years of dialogue with the market, the Bremen Cotton Exchange is regarded as a recognised authority and a strong partner in the industry. Today, this not only applies to the cotton trade, spinners / weavers and service providers for the cotton industry, but also to the downstream textile and clothing industry.

The Cotton Exchange is an international arbitration body. Judgments made by the Arbitration Court of the Cotton Exchange are in accordance with the New York Convention of 1958. They are internationally recognised and therefore quickly enforceable.

As a joint venture with the International Cotton Association Ltd. (Liverpool), we have been running the International Cotton Association Quality and Research Centre Bremen GmbH since 2011. This has made us the international centre for cotton testing and research, quality training and certification. Bremen is home to a state-of-the-art laboratory equipped with the latest equipment.

Every two years, the cotton world gathers in Bremen: Together with its testing laboratory, the Fibre Institute Bremen (FIBRE), the Bremen Cotton Exchange hosts the International Cotton Conference, which has become the world's leading conference in the field of cotton testing. Around 600 guests from all over the world regularly travel to the Hanseatic city to attend the high-ranking sessions at the Bremen City Hall and take the opportunity to make personal business contacts.