

## **Passion for Cotton! 35th International Cotton Conference Bremen 2020**

- *Trend Topic Circular Economy*
- *Guest Country Ethiopia*
- *Young Professionals Programme*
- *“Sustain“ with View to Retail Trade of the Future*
- **Register now**

**Bremen, the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2019:** what connects people from textile industry and trade is their passion for cotton.



**Key Note Session of the Cotton Conference 2018**

From 25th to 27th March 2020, Bremen will once more become the centre of the world wide cotton industry. The International Cotton Conference will be taking place according to the motto “Passion for Cotton!” in the historic Town Hall of this Hanseatic city rich in culture and history. Up to 500 participants from all continents of the world are expected, with science and trade

equally represented. Traditionally, the Bremen Cotton Exchange and the Bremen Fibre Institute (FIBRE) act as initiators and organisers.

The Conference will be started off with keynotes from competent speakers on the status quo and the challenges of the cotton industry. The following thematically structured sessions are characterised by first-rate lectures on sector relevant topics of the supply chain, with the speakers entering a dialogue with the audience and with enough time for lively discussions.

The much-discussed industry topic at the Bremen Cotton Conference will be the “circular economy”. Basically, the Conference will be dealing with the life cycle of the natural and renewable raw material in the sense of a circular economy. Following a cradle to cradle process, the cycle begins with its natural origin, going through several stations of processing, just to be finally brought back to its biological origin. Forms of growing raw material, of processing the raw material and its reusability in the sense of resource conservation will be procedurally looked at, not to forget its biodegradability. Transparency and traceability also play an important role here.

For the first time, a guest country will be presented at the upcoming Conference. Ethiopia has been chosen as a country where cotton is produced as well as processed. The focus is directed at a developing or emerging country where much has been recently brought on the way in order to further develop existing structures in cotton growing and cotton processing in a positive way.



**Panel Discussion on Cotton and Sustainability 2018**

Moreover, there will be a Young Professionals Programme at the Conference. Prospective experts respectively job starters, for example from trade, acquisition, design, product management or textile engineering of cotton, will get a first-hand inside view of global cotton and textile industry. Contributors and prominent qualified participants from science and practice will introduce themselves to the young professionals in person during specifically planned events at the conference.

Another part of the Bremen Cotton Week will again be the “Sustain”, organised by the Weser-Kurier in close cooperation with the Bremen Cotton Exchange. The “Sustain” sees itself as conference on topics of sustainability in production,



consumption and trade. This year's focus is on the interface "trade" under the heading "City and Trade – the Future of Textiles Trade". Trade is the key to the consumer and the trade decides what is offered, what is sold and ultimately what is produced.

Register already now and make a hotel reservation via the Bremen Tourist Office:  
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## **About the Bremen Cotton Exchange**

- Founded in 1872 to strengthen the interests of the cotton trade and consumption in Germany, the Bremen Cotton Exchange has now been in the cotton business for more than 140 years. As an international court of arbitration, the Bremen Cotton Exchange always stands for neutrality.
- We offer various services to our members. Clear and neutral data and analyses are a part of this.
- As the ICA Bremen, together with the International Cotton Association in Liverpool and in cooperation with the Fibre Institute Bremen, we provide the International Quality Testing and Research Centre in Bremen. The Hanseatic city has now become the international centre for cotton testing and research, quality training and certification.
- We represent our members in all the important international bodies in the cotton world.

## **About the Fibre Institute Bremen e.V. (FIBRE)**

- In its almost 60-year history, the Institute has developed from a cotton testing laboratory into a successful research institute in the fields of future-oriented fibres, technical textiles and fibre composites at the University of Bremen. It deals with basic scientific and application-oriented questions along the entire process chain from fibre production to the manufacturing of fibre composite components and more for the aircraft industry.
- FIBRE's central international importance in cotton is shown by its work on the international harmonisation of cotton testing [e.g. round tests in cooperation with the ICAC and USDA-AMS], its work in central committees [ICAC Committee on Standardised Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC), ITMF Cotton Testing].