The 90th Textile Institute World Conference: Textiles: Inseparable from the human environment, will be held in Poznan, Poland from 25th to 28th April 2016. The Conference will be hosted by the Institute of Natural Fibres and Medicinal Plants, a research and development institute with a more than 80-year tradition in studies on natural fibre processing, production and their multi-directional applications. On behalf of the Organizing and Programme Committee, with great pleasure we invite all to take part in TIWC 2016.

The Textile Institute World Conference has a long tradition and enjoys the hospitality of institutions from different parts of the world. Now TIWC 2016 will take place in Poznan, one of the biggest cities in Poland, which is a strong centre academic and industrial centre and is an attractive place for tourists with a unique Old Town boasting a renaissance Old Market Square and Town Hall. Poznan is a city bustling with life, good for shopping and relaxing. Late April in Poland is the time of spring at its best, with an abundance of flowers and beautiful weather.

The aim of the conference will be to establish international interdisciplinary cooperation in various fields of science, research and economy that are linked by textile technology in its broad meaning. The theme of TIWC 2016 resulted from the strong position of textiles in the human ambient environment, with textiles being present in everyday life in almost all sectors of the economy.

The research and implementations presented should cover current investigations with reference to future trends and vision in all possible textile applications.

Main Topics:
- Innovation for natural fibers
- Environmentally friendly polymer materials for textile application,
- Sustainable textile technologies, including recycling
- Modelling and simulation of textile products,
- Functional textiles, including sport, protective, cosmetic and smart textiles,
- Medical textiles,
- Dyeing and finishing technologies,
- Technical textiles and composites,
- Design, fashion and retail,
- Textile factory of the future,
- Education and training

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Dr Terry Townsend from Cotton Analytics, Executive Director of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) from 1999 to 2013, Washington D.C., USA, topic of his presentation: “The Role of Innovation in Ensuring the Future of Natural Fibres”;

Prof. Yi, Li, Chair of Textile Science and Engineering at the School of Materials, Chairman of the Textile Bioengineering and Informatics Society, Editor-in-Chief at the Journal of Fiber Bioengineering and Informatics, The University of Manchester, UK; topic of his presentation: “Setting the Patterns of Future Textiles”;


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Detailed information about the conference is available at the TIWC 2016 website: http://tiworldconference.org/