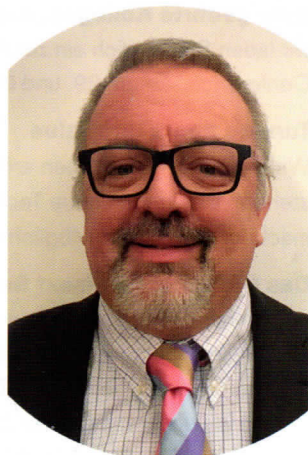


Greetings

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As President of AICTC, the Italian Association of Textile Chemistry and Colouristic, it is a great pleasure to have given our contribution to this Conference, in collaboration with the Italian National Research Council (CNR) and Universities. AICTC, founded in Milan at the beginning of the last century, is a scientific and cultural non-profit organization whose mission is to promote knowledge and technology transfer in textile chemistry fields and related fields having a particular attention to the scholastic education. The Italian textile industry still plays an important role in global manufacturing, although deeply resized compared to the first half of the last decade. Indeed, on the European scale, Italy is considered among the main producers with a high level of specialization in the different stages of the value chain, with 14 thousand textile companies, for a production value of over 20 billion euros. Enterprises that have succeeded in introducing product innovation through the enhancement of technical performances of textile materials, extending their application areas, have been able to react to a rapidly changing global environment. Textile is still an area of interesting possibilities, where new materials and technologies can drive important innovations that need discussion and maturation space that is comprehensive as well as transdisciplinary. With this regard, ADD Congress presents itself as a point at a crossroads of ideas and debates around the complex fields of the textile world. Many representatives from the industry and academic researchers participate in the conference sharing their experiences and allowing the production of new knowledge. Textiles must be seen no longer only as fashion products but as high-tech materials and products. In the automotive, engineering and medical technology industries, as well as in the construction industry, innovative textiles are the key to new products. That is why the innovative power of the textile industry is of extraordinary importance to global economy in which sustainability must be a key parameter.



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