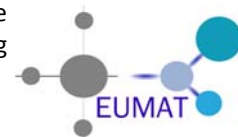




NEWS

- KEY DOCUMENTS ON FUTURE EU RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND INDUSTRIAL POLICIES PUBLISHED:** Some 8-9 months after the new EU Commissioners have started their work in February 2010, two key documents on future directions of EU policies in the field of research, innovation and general industrial policy have just been published. While these Communications entitled “Innovation Union” and “Integrated Industrial Policy” may not have immediate operational consequences, they set the scene for important upcoming political decisions on the next multi-year research & innovation support programmes of the EU to be adopted in the 2011-12 period. The Technology Platform will remain very active and vocal in the political debate to make sure textile research and innovation interested are duly taken into account.
- INTENSIVE SUPPORT TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF TEXTILE RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSALS IN CURRENT FP7 CALLS:** There was again extensive use of the Technology Platform’s TEPIES System to support researchers and industry in building successful collaborative textile research projects under FP7. Over 50 project ideas have been submitted and most of them were presented during the 2 project brokerage events held on 24th Sept. and 14th Oct. These meetings were attended by a total of over 100 experts and 8 representatives of the European Commission presented the relevant call topics and provided specific guidance to those interested to prepare project proposals. These proposals will be submitted to the EC in Nov.-Dec. and there is reasonable hope that as a result a significant number of new projects will start later next year.
- GOVERNING COUNCIL WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS:** The Technology Platforms Governing Council has just welcomed two new members in Mr. Braz Costa, CITEVE, Portugal—new President of Textranet (picture above) and Prof. Chokri Cherif, TU Dresden, Germany—new President of AUTEX (picture below). They replace the two outgoing presidents Mr. Robert Biguet (Textranet) and Prof. Vladan Koncar (AUTEX). The next meeting of the Governing Council takes place on 30th November and will discuss a number of new initiatives for the platform in 2011 as well as the upcoming events (see below)
- NEWS FROM COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER ETPs:** As part of the Bio-Tex initiative with the SusChem-Biotech ETP an expert roundtable meeting was held on 7th October to discuss the most relevant industrial research priorities and remaining innovation bottlenecks in the textile biotechnology field. Results of the meeting were presented to the European Commission on 8th October. A new collaboration initiative with the European Advanced Materials Platform (EUMAT) is in the preparation stage and a working group meeting with a few representatives from both ETP’s took place on 25th October.



EVENTS

- SAVE THE DATE—NEXT YEAR’S ANNUAL PUBLIC ETP CONFERENCE ON 31 MARCH-1 APRIL IN BRUSSELS:** The date of next year’s annual conference has been set for 31/03-01/04/2011. The conference’s working title is “Societal Challenges—Textile Solutions” and should showcase how innovative and to the general public often completely unknown textile-based products help finding solutions to major societal needs such as energy supply & efficiency, food & water supply & safety, affordable healthcare, sustainable cities & mobility etc. More details will follow shortly.
- PPE LEAD MARKET CONFERENCE, 1-2 FEB. 2011, BRUSSELS:** Preparation work for this upcoming large-scale event is almost completed. Within the next 10 days the complete programme will be published and registrations open. All relevant information will be available at www.PPEconference2011.eu.
- PUBLIC EVENTS OF EU TEXTILE RESEARCH PROJECTS :** The first EU textile research projects that were enabled by the work of the Technology Platform are now nearing completion and their results will be presented in the coming months at dedicated events such as the final Digitex project conference (Bergamo, Italy 2-3 December 2010, www.digitex-conference.eu) or arranged with the help of the ETP at major industrial fairs such as TechTextil/Texprocess 2011 (24-26 June, Frankfurt) or ITMA 2011 (22-29 Sept., Barcelona).



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