



# TEXTILE TOPICS

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*Sharing current  
research  
information and  
trends in the  
cotton and  
textile  
industries.*

## STICKY COTTON RESEARCH PROJECT AWARDED

The Texas State Support Committee of Cotton Incorporated has approved a 1998 major research project to study the causes and effects of different types of stickiness in cotton. It is a multidisciplinary project which partners the ITC with the Department of Plant and Soil Science, Texas Tech University and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University. Research plots of cotton will be manipulated to provide a

wide range of alternative combinations of plant sugar and insect sugar levels. The resulting stickiness will be quantified with state-of-the-art commercial instruments and with laboratory instruments such as high pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC). The cottons will then be spun into yarns, in order to observe and quantify the impacts of the different types and levels of stickiness on processing performance and yarn quality.

### ITC ADVISORY COUNCIL FORMED

The ITC announces the formation of an Advisory Council. It consists of 30 leaders from across the cotton/textile complex who will provide strategic guidance to the research, education and service programs of the ITC. The first meeting will be held at the ITC on August 5.

### TEXAS INTERNATIONAL COTTON SCHOOL OCT. 6-17

The next Texas International Cotton School is scheduled to be conducted at the ITC during October 6 through 17, 1997. For additional information, contact: **Mandy Howell, Lubbock Cotton Exchange at (806) 763-4646, (806) 763-8647 fax.**

### NEW ROOF COMPLETED

After months of noise and mess that necessarily comes with construction, the ITC finally has a new, high-tech roof. The leaks have stopped and new ceiling tiles are being installed. Building and Maintenance crews are now going through the building painting and making repairs. Come see the improvements!

### INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE CENTER TRAVEL

Dean Ethridge, James Simonton, Reiyao Zhu, Bill Cole, and Bobby Rodriguez attended the American Textile Machinery Exhibition in Greenville, SC in April.

Dean Ethridge and Pam Alspaugh attended Cotton Incorporated's Engineered Fiber Selection® System Conference in Greenville, South Carolina in May. The paper presented by Dr. Ethridge at this conference is included in this issue of Textile Topics.