



TEXTILE TOPICS

INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE CENTER • TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
LUBBOCK, TEXAS USA

FIBER INSTRUMENTS MULTIPLY AT ITC

- ▶ A new Zellweger Uster 900A HVI has been installed at the ITC. It is being used heavily in research, testing and evaluation.
- ▶ The ITC is serving as a Beta Site for evaluation of a new automatic high-volume instrument manufactured by Premier Polytronics, Ltd. of India.
- ▶ Also from Premier Polytronics, the new FibroSpan 910 has been installed for measuring fiber length and length distribution.
- ▶ The ITC's Lintronics FCT instrument is now accompanied in the Materials Evaluation Laboratory by Cotton Incorporated's FCT. The purpose is to enable comparative testing and evaluation between the two instruments during the next few months.

USDA, AMS, COTTON DIVISION HOSTED

The Cotton Division of the Agricultural Marketing Service held a national staff meeting for the Classing and Standards Branch in Lubbock during June 22-26. The ITC conducted a day-long short course in fiber/textile issues for the new employees attending the meeting, then hosted the larger group of supervisory employees for a tour and discussion on a subsequent day. It was a pleasure to have them in Lubbock!

TRAVEL BY ITC STAFF

The National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) organized a University Exhibition and Reception on Capital Hill, to demonstrate how agricultural science research serves the nation. The ITC was selected to represent Texas Tech University. The Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Dr. John Abernathy, accompanied the ITC Director, Dr. Dean Ethridge, to this event on May 19.

Cotton Incorporated's Engineered Fiber Selection

(EFS) System Conference was held in Memphis, Tennessee during June 8-10. It was attended by Dean Ethridge, Assistant Director Eric Hequet, and Communications Coordinator Pam Alspaugh. Ethridge and Hequet also stayed for the tri-annual meeting of the Universal Cotton Standards Conference hosted by the Cotton Division of the Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

During June, long-staple technician Bobby Rodriguez gave two presentations before alpaca producer meetings in Kansas City, Missouri and Ruidoso, New Mexico.

OBITUARY

With sadness we report the death of Carl Cox, Jr. of Dallas on June 19. Carl was for many years the Executive Director of the Texas Food and Fibers Commission. In that role, he exerted a major influence on the development and operation of the ITC. Memorial contributions may be made to the Carl Cox Scholarship Endowment Fund, Texas Tech University, Box 45025, Lubbock, TX 79409, or the Pan American Health Service, P.O. Box 888, Keene, TX 96059.