

TOPICS

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COMPUTER SPECIALIST JOINS ITC

Prashant Urkudey has taken a research associate position at the ITC, managing the computer information systems. He will construct custom software and integrate it with necessary hardware configurations, for both research and administrative applications. He has an undergraduate degree and master degree in chemical engineering, and he recently was granted an MBA from Texas Tech University in Management Information Systems.

CHEMIST JOINS ITC

Effective September 1, Dr. Nouredine Abidi will join the ITC. His B.S. and M.S. degrees are in Chemistry. His Ph.D. is in Theoretical, Physical and Analytical Chemistry, from the University of Montpellier II (France). His research at the ITC will focus in the arenas of textile and macromolecule chemistry.

NEW EQUIPMENT

The Materials Evaluation Lab has a new Uster® Lab Expert to link the AFIS, UT3, and Tensorapid testing devices into a central database.

A video editing system has been purchased with funds from the CH Foundation, enabling the production of video projects within the ITC.

ITC TRAVELS

Dean Ethridge, Eric Hequet, and James Simonton traveled to Paris in June for the International Textile Machinery Association (ITMA) exposition. During the trip, Ethridge attended a meeting of International Textile Academia (ITA) in Paris and visited the Federal Research Institute (ETH) in Zurich, Switzerland. Also, Ethridge and Hequet visited the *Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement* (CIRAD), Montpellier, France.

S. S. Ramkumar attended and made presentations at (1) The Fiber Society's 58th General Technical Conference, May 3-4, in Pennsylvania, and (2) the Gordon Conference on Fiber Science, July 4-9, in New Hampshire.

Pam Alspaugh attended the International Conference of Agricultural Communicators in Education, June, in Tennessee.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Please read the insert in this issue for information on: a seminar by Prof. Urs Meyer (Sept. 28); a Cotton Fiber Properties Seminar (Sept. 29-30); and the Gulf Coast Sectional Meeting for the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (Nov. 16-17).

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