12th International Conference TZG 2019 - Textile Science and Economy 2019 French-Croatian Forum

Editorial

Notice





12th International Conference TZG 2019 - Textile Science and Economy 2019 French-Croatian Forum was held on January 23rd and 24th 2019 in organization of Faculty of Textile Technology University of Zagreb. This year's conference co-organizers were the Zagreb Innovation Centre (ZICER), the Embassy of France in Zagreb (Ambassade de France en Croatie, Ministère del'Europe et des affaires étrangères) and Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Industries Textiles (ENSAIT) in partnership with Suvremena.hr and Croatian Employers' Association. The conference was also in the official program of marking 350 years of founding of University of Zagreb.

The participants of the conference were scientists and businesspersons not only from France, but also from many Francophone countries, including Canada, Belgium, Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, Romania and neighbouring Italy, Slovenia and Macedonia.

The sponsors of the conference were the President of the Republic of Croatia, the Croatian Chamber of Commerce, the Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts, the Ministry of Science and Education, the Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Crafts, the Ministry of Labour and Pension System, the Croatian Employers' Association, the Croatian Academy of Engineering, Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts, the Croatian Office for Sports, Croatian Network of Croatian Professionals in Paris (CPP), the Textile & Leather Review, Bernarda Ltd, Splendor Tekstil Ltd, Odjela Ltd, Belina Ltd, Regeneracija Zabok Ltd, Varteks Ltd, Tvim-Tonkovic Ltd, Citroen Hrvatska, Kap-ko Ltd, Zito Ltd - Good brand, Coca-Cola HBC Croatia, Kras Ltd.

The conference was opened by Frane Sesnic, director of ZICER, Prof. Vladan Koncar from the University of



ENSAIT (Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Industries Textiles), Roubaix, France, dean of the University of Zagreb Faculty of Textile Technology, Prof. Gordana Pavlovic, deputy head of the City Office for Economy, Energy and Environmental Protection Toni Bilus, Rector of the University of Zagreb Prof. Damir Boras and his Excellency Philippe Meunier, Ambassador of France in Zagreb.

Two plenary lectures were held. The first plenary lecture was held by Prof. Vladan Koncar from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure

des Arts et Industries Textiles (ENSAIT) France, and second Prof. Dominique Charles Gaston Adolphe of the University of Haute-Alsace (UHA) and the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Ingénieurs Sud Alsace (ENSISA), France. The invited lectures were held by the President and Chief Executive Officer of the CTT Group from Canada, Phd. Jacek Mlynarek and Damir Tomicic and Maja Relic from Kelteks d.o.o. Lectures were also held by Alan Durek from Regeneracija Ltd., Davor Domijan presented by the Society of Croatian Professionals in Paris (CPP), Antoine Salatovic of Sara Couture Paris, Matej Celega in front of Start-up Factory Zagreb, Executive Director of Strategic Development and Project Implementation at Sestan-Busch Ltd. Goran Basarac, MBA, Executive Director of Strategic Development and Project Implementation and Tomislav Fuckar from Belina Ltd.

As part of a rich program, the Science and Economy Fair was held, featuring projects, business subjects, patents, innovations, business ideas and student projects. The organizer's intent was to bring together as many scientific and research institutions as possible and economic entities and organizations within their field of activity covering any area of textile science and technology.

The aim of the conference was to strengthen the textile community by bringing together



and networking scientists and businessmen through presenting trends, research, technology and innovation, with the aim of promoting, exchanging information, mutual cooperation, and thus their own development and economic progress. Furthermore, the scientific and economic sectors have emphasized the need for synergies between science and economics through the concretization of cooperation, through the implementation of scientific activity in the economy. The textile sector possesses an incredibly wide range of application and implementation of textile products through almost all segments and areas of research and economic activity, emphasizing exceptional multidisciplinarity.

Therefore, a message that marked the entire conference and highlighted both the scientists and the representatives of economic subjects through their presentations, is the openness and mutual cooperation of the scientific and economic sectors, and the necessity of linking more and different areas of research and action to achieve a common goal. Such an approach is the only way to carry out top science with realistic application in the economic sector.