



58TH EDITION OF DORNBIRN GLOBAL FIBER CONGRESS

The 58th edition of the Dornbirn Fibre Congress will take place from September 11th to 13th

Over 100 international speakers from industry and research will present the latest innovations of the fiber and textile industry at the Dornbirn-GFC 2019 from September 11 - 13, 2019

Last year over 700 international participants (70% from Europe, 30% from Asia and America) utilized the Fiber Innovation Congress in Dornbirn as networking platform and 50 new companies were welcomed to the congress.

The “Creme de la Creme” of the fiber industry as well as international global players of the entire value chain will be present at the 58th Dornbirn-GFC. This year, the congress is entirely dedicated to the topics of sustainability and digitalization. Thus, the top-class lead sponsor Lenzing Group, Indorama Ventures and Märkische Faser as well as PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Microsoft and Palo Alto Networks will be expected as important partners.

More than 100 expert lectures will concentrate on the following key themes: fiber innovations; circular economy and recycling; digitalization and smart textiles; surface modification and additives; sports and leisure wear and nonwoven and technical textiles.

A CEO panel and a panel discussion on digitalization will accompany the expert lectures of more than 100 international speakers.

As generator of ideas and networks, the 58th Dornbirn-GFC would especially like to offer the platform to young companies by organizing a “Startup” Event in cooperation with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), a worldwide leading and internationally operating auditor and consulting firm. 50 “Startups” will be invited and given the opportunity to present their business models.

Due to its success, the “Young Scientist Forum” will also be performed for the fourth time. The workshop will take place on September 10, 2019, under the leadership of the industrial consultancy SYNGROUP. The purpose, inter alia, is to enhance and enable a network amongst young scientists.

In the recent years, various cooperations have been initiated in order to support and promote the Dornbirn-GFC:

- On 17 May, the Dornbirn-GFC has organized a symposium on “Sustainable Fiber Innovations and Applications”, in the framework of the Techtexil forum in Frankfurt.
- The international association of nonwovens manufacturers EDANA, supports the Dornbirn-GFC very constructively through the organization of highly qualitative lectures from the nonwovens industry as well as enabling the participation of young scientists of the industry in the “Young Scientist Forum”.
- TAPPI, a big US based “Learning & Networking” organization, is cooperating with Dornbirn-GFC in the promotion of the congress.

Concerning the sponsors, particular emphasis should be placed on the economic region Land Vorarlberg and “the smart city” Dornbirn which have tremendously supported the congress since its foundation.

Lenzing AG, the associations CIRFS (European Fiber Association) and IVC (German Fiber Association) are the initiators of this annual congress.

Lenzing AG, the world’s largest and most innovative cellulose fiber producer - this impressive company with high innovative power will be represented as “the” lead sponsor of the congress.

The renowned sponsors of last year’s congress as well as several new sponsors will contribute to the success of the event in 2019: AVANTEX/Messe Frankfurt France, Land Vorarlberg, Lenzing AG, Techtexil/Messe Frankfurt, Märkische Faser, CHT Beitlich, Microsoft, Dralon, Oerlikon Manmade Fibers, Ecoplu. Niederösterreichs, Perlon Nextfusion Monofil, Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH, PricewaterhouseCoopers PwC, EDANA, PHP Fibers/Indorama, Gherzi Textil Organisation, Saurer AG, Glanzstoff Industries/Indorama, Stadt Dornbirn, Groz Beckert, SYNGROUP, IFG Asota, WISTO-Wirtschaftsstandort Vorarlberg GmbH, IKV Innovative Kunststoffveredlung, Kunstuniversität Linz, WKO Wirtschaftskammer Vorarlberg, CIRFS.

With the aim to improve the flow of communication and information throughout the congress, Dornbirn-GFC prepared an app.

In 2018 for the first time, a networking event took place as closing of the congress, in which more than 100 participants enjoyed this closing party. In this edition, the event will be repeated.

AEI Tèxtils, the technical textiles cluster of Catalonia, is part of the Congress Programme Committee since 2009.

Registrations to the congress can be done at: www.dornbirn-mfc.com . *A reduced fee will be applied for registrations made until 31st May*



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