

New Year Greetings from Abroad

Elgar Straub, Managing Director of VDMA Textile Care, Fabric and Leather Technologies - <https://www.vdma.org/>



Elgar Straub

“Despite all obstacles, 2022 was a year of cautious but positive confidence in our industry, even though supply chain bottlenecks and sharp increases in energy costs as a result of the pandemic and the effects of the war in Ukraine remain.

At the world’s leading trade fairs for the industry, Texprocess in Frankfurt, Texprocess Americas in Atlanta and JIAM in Osaka, industry representatives were finally able to meet face to face again. Topics such as automation, digitalization and sustainability have never been more present and were reflected in the innovations presented by technology manufacturers at the three trade shows. Another important topic that was discussed intensively at the trade fairs is the re-shoring and near-shoring of production, which is supported and enabled in the first place by automated, digitalized as well as more flexible production structures. The solutions for this already exist and are now in increased demand.

In the hope of a further normalization and upswing, the VDMA Textile Care, Fabric and Leather Technologies wishes a successful year 2023.”

Alex Zucchi, President of ASSOCIATION OF ITALIAN TEXTILE MACHINERY MANUFACTURERS (ACIMIT) – <https://www.acimit.it>



Alex Zucchi

“First and foremost, I wish you a Happy New Year!

A particular year has come to an end. The year 2022 was still conditioned by the Covid-19 pandemic and the war between Russia and Ukraine broke out. Despite these negative factors for most Italian textile machinery manufacturers, 2022 was a year characterized by a positive trend. According the preliminary figures the value of Italian machinery production exceeded 2.5 billion euros, up about 10% on the previous year.

2023 will still be a year of uncertainty for the global textile industry. Problems in logistics, supply bottlenecks for raw materials, electronic components, and others shortages and rising prices for intermediate products and thus considerable shortages in supply chains worldwide are still being felt. Despite the above mentioned problems related with our day-by-day business I remain hopeful.

Italian textile machinery manufacturers have been able to be close to their customers even in this extremely difficult period. They have done so thanks to the new tools that technology has allowed them to adopt, but also through the human relationship with their customers that has never been lacking.

At the end let me remind in 2023 ITMA will take place in Milan from 8 to 14 June. ITMA 2023 will be the largest ITMA ever, with about 1,500 companies all over the world and 380 Italian exhibitors. ITMA will be a unique and not-to-be-missed opportunity to show the whole world the uniqueness of our technologies and the Italian creativity. In particular, sustainability and digitization will be the pillars of the Italian supply on stage at ITMA.

Looking forward to welcoming all Nippon Sewing Machine News readers in June 2023 for ITMA Milan, I renew my personal wishes for a healthy and profitable 2023.”

Yang Xiaojing, Chairman of China Sewing Machinery Association (CSMA) - <https://english.csma.org.cn/>



Yang Xiaojing

~Against all the odds, in pursuit of more progresses, valiantly march toward the top tier of sewing powers in the world~

“It’s only the beginning of a great cause, we shall seek for constant perfection. It’s about the time we ring in the year of 2023 and ring out the year of 2022. At this moment, I’d like to offer our best wishes to friends from every walk of life on behalf of China Sewing Machinery Association.

In 2022, we witnessed the successful convening of the 20th Party Congress. Under the firm and righteous leadership of the Party, and the new Board of Directors of CSMA, the sewing