



Groz-Beckert

Groz-Beckert KG, Albstadt/Germany, presented new needle modules for warp-knitting as well as a newly developed hole punching needle for a piezo jacquard machine. The innovative needle system enables fast assembly as well as an optimum appearance of the fabric. The function and movement of the system parts can be simulated visually and interactively using the "JacquART Visualizer" software[®] that was developed in-house.

Cometa

Cometa Srl, Cilavegna/Italy, presented a mechanical crochet machine Giada F 800 for trimmings. With a working width of 600 mm and a gauge of 6 needles/cm, the machine includes a feeder for warp or rubber threads and a weft bar. The production data can be monitored via a touch screen.

Conclusion

The trend theme of the ITMA 2023 was the search for answers to the central challenge of our time: sustainability. Thus, many concepts in warp-knitting aimed at realizing resource savings, e.g. through digitalization and optimization of production processes. Many manufacturers showed machines for processing natural fiber as well as recycled yarns. In addition, circular concepts were presented, which included a return of products into the manufacturing process up to the generation of new knitted goods. In addition, new product groups can be opened up and special technical applications can be realized by means of innovative patterning possibilities and the inclusion of fancy yarns/wefts.

Another key topic was the increase of productivity and optimization of energy management. Various solutions were shown for increasing production speed while at the same time ensuring energy efficiency. These included, for example, new weft insertion systems, optimized control systems, and systems for electronic speed regulation. Innovations were also presented in the field of digitalization, which enable processes to be streamlined through new software solutions, for example. This includes software for cloud-based pattern changing or the simulation of needle systems.

The entirety of the solution on display at the ITMA 2023 was also aimed in particular at addressing the changing customer requirements in the post-pandemic age. At the center of this was the claim to create perspectives through new fields of application as well as to reduce costs and thus remain competitive in a global market.

WEFTTRONIC = registered trademark

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MANAGEMENT

Marco Salvadè

At the association's General Assembly held on July 4, 2023, **Marco Salvadè** was appointed to replace **Alessandro Zucchi** as **President of the Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers (ACIMIT)**, Milan/Italy.

Salvadè began his career at Salvadè Srl, the family company specializing in the finishing machinery sector, founded by his father and uncle in 1967. After being a member of the company's board of directors, he has been President since 2021.

Salvadè has long been active in the life of the association. Since 2018 he has been a member of ACIMIT's General Council, and since March 2023 he has been part of the Italian delegation at CEMATEX, the Committee of European Textile Machinery Associations.

Following the election of Salvadè, the General Assembly expressed its gratitude to the outgoing president, Alessandro Zucchi, who has guided the association for the past 6 years.

Along with the new president, the General Assembly also elected its new Vice Presidents, **Chiara Bonino** (Bonino Carding Machines Srl), **Federico Businaro** (Sperotto Rimar Srl), **Ugo Ghilardi** (Itema SpA) and **Cristian Locatelli** (Marzoli Machines Textile Srl).

MANAGEMENT

Roger Schnüriger

Roger Schnüriger has been the new **Chief Financial Officer (CFO)** of the **Stäubli Group** and a member of the Group Executive Committee since June 1, 2023. With him, the global leader in industrial and mechatronic solutions Stäubli AG, Pfäffikon/Switzerland, is recruiting an experienced manager, who has a strong track record in transforming and developing global finance functions for industrial companies. Schnüriger has most recently served as Group CFO for the medical device company Medela AG, Baar/Switzerland. He brings with him over 20 years of financial and international management experience gained in functional and division leadership roles at multinational groups Sonova, DKSH and Syngenta.