



INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Standing Committee
Washington, DC

Proposed Agenda for the 64th Plenary Meeting
St. George's Hall
Liverpool, UK
September 25-29, 2005

Liverpool: The Cotton World in One City

Industry Standardization: the Key to Trade Growth

Sunday, September 25, 2005

- 8:00 Set up of Trade Booth area
- 9:30 Meeting of the Private Sector Advisory Panel
- 10:00 Registration at St. George's Hall
to 16:00 Tours and shopping opportunities
- 13:30 Meeting of the Expert Panel on Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC)
- 19:00 Welcome Reception at the historic Liverpool Town Hall
20:30 Coaches Depart for Hotels

Monday, September 26, 2005

- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 **Inaugural Session**
Chair: David Stern, Chairman, Weil Bros. & Stern Ltd.
- Welcoming Remarks by the Chair
 - Inaugural Remarks
Dr. David Higham, Director, Government Office for the North West
 - Keynote Address
Fritz Grobien, President of the ICA
 - Report of the Chair of the Standing Committee
Bakhtiyor Ibragimov, Chairman of the Standing Committee
 - Report of the Executive Director
Terry P. Townsend
 - Approval of the Agenda of the 64th Plenary Meeting
 - Welcoming Remarks on Behalf of all Delegates by Poland
- 10:30 Tea/coffee
- 11:00 **First Open Session:** Trading Cotton on an Instrument Based Testing System
Chair: Andrew Macdonald, Santista Textil, SA., Brazil
- Report of the Expert Panel on CSITC
- Speakers:

- Hossein Ghorashi, Uster Technologies, USA
 - Nick Earlam, Plexus Cotton Limited, UK
 - James Knowlton, USDA/AMS Cotton Program, USA
- 12:30 Lunch for all participants
- 13:45 **Second Open Session: Demand Enhancement**
Chair: Sebahattin Gazanfer, Chair, International Forum for Cotton Promotion (IFCP)
- Woods Eastland, Staplcotn, USA
 - Jeff Silberman, International Forum for Cotton Promotion
 - Sebahattin Gazanfer, Taris-Union of Cotton Sales Cooperatives
 - Mark Messura, Cotton Incorporated
- 15:15 Tea/coffee
- 15:45 **First Plenary Session: Statements**
Chair: Philip Stern, Managing Director, Weil Brothers & Stern Ltd.
- Statements from International Organizations
 - Statements from Member Countries
 - Statements from Non-Member Countries
- 15:45 **1st Breakout Session: The Benefits of Standardized Bale Sizes and Packaging**
Reid Room, St. George's Hall
Chair: Bruno Widmer, Société Generale de Surveillance S.A., Switzerland
- 17:15 Adjourn
- 19:00 Conference Dinner at the Crowne Plaza
- 22:00 Coaches Depart for Hotels

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

- 7:00 Breakfast-Meeting of the World Cotton Research Conference (WCRC-4) Organizing Committee, Cockerell Room, St. George's Hall
- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 **Third Open Session: Outlook for Cotton Supply and Use**
Chair: Ray Butler, Managing Director, Cotlook Limited
- Reports from the Secretariat
 - Bob Antoshak, Globecot Inc., USA
- 10:30 Tea/coffee
- 11:00 **Second Plenary Session: Government Measures Affecting Cotton**
Chair: James Hughes, Embassy of the United Kingdom, Washington, DC
- Report from the Secretariat
 - Report from the WGGM
Siphiwe Mkhize, South Africa
 - Report from the WTO
 - Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch for all participants
Lunch meeting of the International Forum for Cotton Promotion (IFCP), Cockerell Room, St. George's Hall

- 13:45 **Fourth Open Session:** The Benefits of Standardized International Trading Rules for Cotton
Chair: Neal Gillen, American Cotton Shippers Assoc. USA
Speakers:
- Jagdish Parihar Olam International Limited, Singapore
 - Jan B. Wellmann, Bremen Cotton Exchange, Germany
- 15:15 Tea/coffee
- 15:45 **First Plenary Session** (continued)
Chair: Philip Stern, Managing Director, Weil Brothers & Stern Ltd.
- Report from the Private Sector Advisory Panel
Christine Campbell, Australian Cotton Industry Council Ltd, Australia
 - Statements from Member Countries
 - Statements from Non-Member Countries
- 15:45 **2nd Breakout Session:** Good Trading Practices in the Yarn Trade
Reid Room, St. George's Hall
Chair: Andrew Macdonald, Santista Textile, SA., Brazil
- 17:15 Adjourn
- 20:00 Departure for Liverpool Quay Side for Mersey Ferry Trip and Dinner
22:30 Coaches depart for Hotels

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

- 7:00 Breakfast meeting of plenary meeting host committees, Cockerell Room, St. George's Hall
- 9:00 **Fifth Open Session**
Chair: Dr. Thomas Schneider, Faserinstitut Bremen e.V., Germany
Technical Seminar: Rapid Instrument Testing: Opportunities for Breeders and other Segments of the Industry and the Need for Uniform Definitions
- Harmonization of Rapid Machine Testing of Fiber Quality
Dean Ethridge, International Textile Center, USA
 - Maximizing Benefits of Fiber Quality Data
Ralph Schulzé, Australia
 - What We Need to Know about Fiber Quality Testing
Robert Jiang, The International Cotton Association, UK
 - Pricing Cotton on Rapid Instrument Based Testing in India
Rajan P. Nachane, Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT), India
 - Meeting of the Committee on Cotton Production Research
 - Topic for the 2006 Technical Seminar
- 10:30 Tea/coffee
- 11:00 **Sixth Open Session:** African Cotton and the International Community
Chair: Ibrahim Malloum, Cotontchad, Chad
Speakers:
- Jolly Sabune, Cotton Development Organization, Uganda

- Cèlestin Tiendrebeogo, SOFITEX, Burkina Faso
- Amin Abaza, Modern Nile Cotton, Egypt
- Barry Fisher, African Cotton and Textile Industries Federation

- 12:30 Lunch for all participants
- 13:30 Group Photo at the Steps of St. George's Hall
Departure for Heritage Tour to Quarry Bank Mill, or
Optional Shopping and sightseeing activities in Liverpool, including a walking tour of
Confederate History from the U.S. civil war
- 17:30 Coaches return from Quarry Bank Mill
- 19:00 Departure for the Maritime Museum, Cotton Exhibition and Closing Plenary Dinner
21:30 Coaches Depart for Hotels

Thursday, September 29, 2005

- 9:00 **Seventh Open Session:** The Impacts of Cotton on Health and the Environment
Chair: Graham Matthews, Imperial College, UK
Speakers:
- Kimberly Pfeifer, Oxfam America
 - Richard Holland, World Wildlife Fund
 - Allan Williams, Australian Cotton Growers Research Association
 - Eric Kueneman, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN
- 10:30 Tea/coffee
- 11:00 **Closing Plenary Session**
Chair: Dave Harrison, Government Office for the North West
- Invitation from Brazil
 - Closing comments by the Chair on behalf of the UK
 - Closing comments on behalf of all delegates by India
- 12:00 Lunch for all participants
- 13:30 ICAC delegates are welcome to attend the ICA Conference on China at the Crowne Plaza:
- China (Mainland) Cotton Situation
 - China (Mainland)'s Futures Market
- 13:45 **Meeting of the Drafting Group at St. George's Hall (Member Country Delegates Only)**
- 15:05 ICAC delegates are welcome to attend the ICA Conference on China at the Crowne Plaza:
- Developments in Classing of Cotton in China (Mainland)
 - Electronic Trading Platform for Imported Cotton
- 15:30 Tea/coffee
- 16:00 **Meeting of the Steering Committee (Member Country Delegates Only)**
Chair: Bakhtiyor Ibragimov, Chairman of the Standing Committee
- Election of Standing Committee Officers
 - Approval of the Report of the Committee on Cotton Production Research
 - Approval of the Statement of the 64th Plenary Meeting
 - Other Business