

25th CSITC ROUND TRIAL COMPLETED Participation Trending Upward

The 25th Round Trial under the auspices of the Task Force on Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC Task Force) was conducted during the first quarter of 2013.

Seventy-six testing facilities from all continents submitted results from 114 instruments. When the season variation in participation by laboratories in the Southern Hemisphere is considered, participation in the Round Trials is continuing to climb.

With a median Combined Properties Evaluation of 0.47, (zero would be perfect) results from this Round Trial were better than the long term average of 0.50, indicating that participating laboratories are improving their performances.

The purpose of the Round Trials is not to grade laboratories or provide pass/fail results, but to improve cotton instrument testing world wide by providing detailed, confidential, diagnostic results to each participating laboratory.

Information about CSITC and a general summary of Round Trial results (information for individual laboratories is confidential) are available at www.CSITC.org.

The next meeting of the Task Force on CSITC is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2013 in Raleigh, North Carolina, United States adjacent to the Universal Cotton Standards Conference. The Task Force governs all aspects of the work of CSITC, including the conduct of the Round Trials. Observers are welcome at CSITC meetings. Please notify the ICAC Secretariat of your interest in attending to receive an invitation and agenda (Carolina@icac.org).