

Fourth Breakout Session:

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Dean Ethridge is Director of the Fiber and Biopolymer Research Institute of Texas Tech University. He has previously held positions at the University of Georgia and at Texas A&M University. His research programs have encompassed most aspects of the cotton and textile sectors. He also served as Director of Economic Services for the National Cotton Council of America and as director of cotton research and investment for a corporation. He served as a Presidential appointee to the position of Deputy Administrator for Policy Analysis within the U.S. Department of Agriculture and has provided international research and consultation in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Europe.

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Dr. Assad Farooq is currently working as Chairman of the Department of Fibre and Textile Technology at the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad Pakistan. He is also principal investigator in a research project worth Rs. 4.2 million entitled “Development of Prediction System for Intelligent Ring Spinning Machine using Artificial Neural Networks”, approved by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, under the National Research Program for Universities. He previously worked as a technical consultant to the European Union (EU) “Switch Asia SPRING Project” and conducted a study on “Gap analysis regarding ginning processing and machinery for fibre quality and productivity”. Dr. Farooq was also lecturer in the Department of Fibre & Textile Technology, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan.