

March / April 2023

TEXTalks[®]

INTERNATIONAL

www.textalks.com

Cotton the World Trusts
Sustainable. Transparent. Innovative.



COTTON USA™
THE COTTON THE WORLD TRUSTS

ACIMIT Pre-ITMA Press Conference Stresa, Italy

Italian manufacturers approaching ITMA 2023 with the full force of innovations. Supported by ITA, the Association of Italian Machinery Manufacturers, ACIMIT organized a press conference on 15 March at Villa Frua (Stresa, Italy) to unveil Italian participation in ITMA.

During the event, Alessandro Zucchi, President of ACIMIT, showed the preliminary figures for 2022. Both Italian production and exports of textile machinery increased by more than 10% compared to the previous year. The production value exceeded 2.6 billion euros. Of this value, 87%, or around 2.3

billion euros, was realized abroad. Italian exports went mainly to Asia and Europe. Overall, the two areas absorbed 79% of foreign sales. China, Turkey, India, and the United States of America were the main destinations of Italian sales abroad in 2022. Alessandro Zucchi: "The positive results do not, however, cancel out the obstacles that companies still face in this period. The critical issues following the Covid-19 pandemic have been amplified by the ongoing Russian-Ukrainian conflict. However, forecasts prepared by our Economic Office show an improvement in the second half of the year and in the 2024-26 period, which gives us hope."



Panel Discussion

At the press conference, the various initiatives that ACIMIT, with the support of – the Italian Trade Agency (ITA), has put in place to promote Italian participation in ITMA were announced. Roberto Luongo, the General Director of ITA, stated: "The Italian textile machinery industry represents one of the leading production sectors for our country due to its strong projection on international markets. Our textile technologies are considered to be of a high-quality level, and an element of great pride."

On the topic of sustainability and digitalization, five ACIMIT member companies also spoke, bringing their company experiences: Flainox, Iteima, Marzoli, Salvade, Sperotto Rimar. Their contributions highlighted the validity of the projects that ACIMIT has been pursuing for some years now in the field of sustainability and digitalization, namely the Sustainable Technologies project, with the Green Label as the core of the initiative, and the digital certification called ACIMIT Digital Ready.



Alex Zucchi. President. ACIMIT



Roberto Luongo. ITA



Valentina Brignoli. ITEMA



Federico Businaro. Sperotto Rimar



Cristian Locatelli. Marzoli



Marco Salvade. Salvade



Andrea Bozzo. Flainox

SHAPING THE FUTURE



ITMA 2023

08 — 14
JUNE 2023

FIERA MILANO RHO
MILAN . ITALY

www.itma.com



madeinitaly.gov.it



Ministry of Foreign Affairs
and International Cooperation

ITA[®]
ITALIAN TRADE AGENCY

ACIAIT
ITALIAN TEXTILE MACHINERY