

Call for Papers

**Techtextil Symposium North America
April 1-3, 2008
Cobb Galleria Centre
Atlanta, Georgia, USA**

The 2008 edition of the highly acclaimed Techtextil Symposium North America will be held in conjunction with Techtextil North America April 1-3, 2008 at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta. The Symposium will have the theme **Adjusting to a Global Industry – A new dynamic** and will run concurrent with the exhibition. As in 2006, the timing of the 2008 edition will be such that participants will have ample time to visit the exhibition floor. Thirteen sessions will feature over 65 worldwide experts making presentations. This Symposium received high praise in 2004 and 2006 and has quickly developed into *THE* “must attend” event for the technical textile industry.

Papers are especially solicited in the following areas:

- 1) Extreme fibers and fabrics for special applications
- 2) Composites – involving high performance fibers/fabrics
- 3) Opportunities in law enforcement, fire service, and emergency responders
- 4) Automotive and transportation applications
- 5) Smart/intelligent nonwovens and other materials
- 6) Nanotechnology in technical textiles – potential real world applications
- 7) Future materials – what, when, and how technical textiles will impact industry

Consideration will be given preference to those papers relating to:

- 1) New development and technology in all fiber/fabric forms
- 2) Innovations in materials, processes, or manufacturing techniques.
- 3) Developing products and applications for technical textiles.
- 4) Technical textiles research that may impact the industry.
- 5) Markets (existing or emerging), industry issues (trade and others), trends, etc.

Markets covered may include those related to technical textiles for: agriculture, construction, technical clothing, geotextiles, technical components of home furnishings, general industrial, medical, transportation, environmental, packaging, protection, and sports.

Selection of the papers to be presented will be based on abstracts of 300-500 words. Authors should emphasize new and significant findings/developments. Poster presentations related to technical textiles are also welcome. **Abstracts must be received before August 1, 2007 at the following address:**

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Though electronic submission (email) is preferred, the abstract may also be sent by fax.

The abstract *must* include the name, company or other affiliation, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address and mailing address of the speaker and/or the person to whom correspondence about the abstract should be directed. Presentations should have only *one* speaker though co-authors may be listed. The *speaker* for the paper should be underlined and will receive a complimentary conference registration. Authors will be notified of acceptance of their abstracts by September 1, 2007. Authors of accepted papers are required to provide a *full paper* by January 15, 2008. The papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings. It will be assumed that authors have secured any necessary clearance for all abstracts, papers and other materials submitted.

All presentations should be planned to run approximately 25 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions. While full papers are preferred, extensive outlines and PowerPoint presentations will be considered for publication in the proceedings.

For questions, please contact Bill Smith at 864-292-8121 or smithita@charter.net: