

50th FIFTY YEARS

International Association of Wool
Textile Laboratories



INTERWOOLLABS
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EXCLUSIVE ORGANISATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO CELEBRATE OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

We invite top making companies, spinners, fabric makers and wool testing laboratories from around the world to join Interwoollabs and experience the benefits that come with membership of our exclusive organisation. Presently we are a group of about 100 companies/laboratories from 27 countries. An Interwoollabs membership will enhance the reputation of any company working in the wool industry as a supplier of quality wool tops or further downstream for benchmark testing. Membership of our exclusive organisation will signal to your business partners that micron and length testing are carried out with any of the available testing apparatus accurate and aligned to international standards at the highest level. During the 38th IWTO Paris Congress in June 1969 the International Association of Wool Textile Laboratories (INTERWOOLLABS) was set up at the request of IWTO.

INTERWOOLLABS has set up laboratory harmonisation programmes (Round Trials) in the following areas:

- » Fineness measurement of wool tops using the Airflow apparatus (IWTO-6) in 1969;
- » Fineness measurement of wool tops using the Projection Microscope (IWTO-8) in 1970;
- » Fibre Length measurement of wool tops using the Almeter (IWTO-17) in 1972;
- » Fineness measurement of wool tops using the Laserscan apparatus (IWTO-12) in 1996;
- » Fineness measurement of wool tops using the OFDA100 apparatus (IWTO-47) in 1996.

INTERWOOLLABS DEVELOPMENT

Interwoollabs develops co-operation between wool testing laboratories to ensure that all members are operating under the same terms and conditions provided by IWTO. Support and guidance is given in case of requests around technical issues.

IWTO recognises Interwoollabs as the sole supplier of fineness calibration standards for their Test Methods. Test Reports with the INTERWOOLLABS licensed stamp provides recipients with confidence that the result has been achieved by a laboratory that has successfully participated in Round Trials with other laboratories around the world.

The major benefit to members is benchmarking their laboratory's measurement performance against other laboratories doing the same test twice each year (Round Trials). Each member receives a full report for each programme that they participate in. The report shows a comparison of all laboratory results, as well as the mean average. Each member's identity is only known to the Secretary, hence ensuring the anonymity of all participating laboratories.

Interwoollabs provides detailed evaluation of performance and calibration. With continual support and technical expertise the organisation with its management committee strives to ensure accurate results being achieved and maintained by our members. At the beginning of each year members receive 1 full set of 9 x 100g IH Standard Tops for calibration purposes. This is included in the Annual Subscription fee.

In addition, members receive free of charge an electronic copy of the IWTO Test Method(s) relevant to the Programme(s) in which they participate. When IWTO updates the Test Methods they provide the Secretary of INTERWOOLLABS with a new copy which is then distributed to the relevant laboratories.

At the start of each year Interwoollabs provides our licensed members with the Interwoollabs Stamp and Certificate. These are issued after the successful participation in the Round Trials to document the high standards of our laboratories.

Transparency and quality assurance are ever more important when competing in a global market place and Interwoollabs helps its members achieve this.

The prestige associated with Interwoollabs certification within the industry is something to take great pride in.

BECOME AN INTERWOOLLABS LICENSED MEMBER IN 2019 AND ENJOY 50% OFF THE JOINING FEE TO CELEBRATE OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

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Contact us via email info@interwoollabs.org and state which IWTO test methods you wish to become a licensed member for.

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Interwoollabs will then send you our minimum required criteria for the requested IWTO test method, and our membership application form.

03

Complete your application form following our guidelines on the minimum required criteria, and include any additional information that the application form requests.

04

Return your completed application form to the Secretariat via email

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You will then be invited to take part in our latest Interwoollabs Round Trial and your membership application will be submitted to our Management Committee for approval.

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Once your application for membership has been approved and you have successfully participated in two Interwoollabs Round Trials you will be regarded as a licensed member of Interwoollabs and receive our prestigious Stamp and Certificate.

WHAT OUR MEMBERS THINK

Zhangjiagang Yangtse Wool Combing part of the CHARGEURS WOOL division comments:

Since joining, Interwoollabs has helped Yangtse Wool Combing to build and maintain a benchmark for our laboratory to guarantee the integrity and reputation of our company when we certify our testing results. By having the full transparency of Interwoollabs, when the customers of Yangtse Wool Combing receive a testing certificate with the Interwoollabs stamp they are guaranteed the results are true and accurate and therefore easily accepted.

One of our many prestigious members in China 'Jiangyin Shenghai Industrial Co. Ltd', part of the Schneider Group comments:

We are confident that the Interwoollabs membership is for sure a reliable accreditation for the Wool Textile Laboratories, which contribute to maintain the performance and the credibility of our business. The periodical Round Trials can assure the regular calibration of our instruments and provide a continual support and training to our staff.



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MGMT. COMMITTEE

Goetz Giebel - President

Goetz Giebel since 2014 has worked as a consultant in the wool industry, co-operating internationally with a range of companies involved from raw material processing to garment making.

He has been working for over 30 years in the wool textile industry and held several positions, initially at a wool trading company, as wool buyer for a top maker and was employed for 18 years with a worsted spinning mill as director for purchasing and in yarn sales. In May 2017 he became President of Interwoollabs.

Andrew Lambert - Secretary General

Andrew Lambert studied Law at the University of Leeds. He started work as an enforcement officer for HMRC in 2009, before joining the Textile Trade Services team in 2011. He was then appointed business manager in 2013.

After gaining vast experience in the Textile industry and working on a variety of projects including work with Interwoollabs, Andrew was appointed Secretary General of the Association in May 2015.

David Crowe - MGMT. Committee Member

David currently holds a number of industry positions including: Member: Management Committee of Interwoollabs; Chairman: FAWO Technical Committee; Committee Member: ILRT Group Executive; Secretary: IWTO Contracts & Specifications Committee.

Axel Drieling - MGMT. Committee Member

He started working at the Fibre Institute in Bremen (Faserinstitut Bremen e.V. -FIBRE-) in 1996 and is member of FIBRE's Executive Board since 2006. He is responsible for all cotton and natural fibre related activities of the institute, and for its standardization and harmonization activities.

For cotton, Axel is member of the International Cotton Advisory Committee's (ICAC) Task Force on Cotton Testing and Chairman of the International Textile Manufacturers Federation's (ITMF) International Committee on Cotton Testing Methods. For wool, Axel is member of the INTERWOOLLABS Management Committee.

Antonella Pizzarelli - Vice President

Antonella Pizzarelli has been working for the Schneider Group for more than 20 years, based at Pettinatura di Verrone in Biella – Italy.

She's responsible for the cashmere and precious fibres department (combing and dehairing plant), both for production and quality and supervise the laboratories of the various mills of the Schneider Group around the world.

She became a member of the management committee in 2016 during the IWTO conference in Sydney.

Paul Hughes Jnr - Treasurer

Group Trading & Finance Director
Standard Wool (UK) Ltd

Sourcing greasy and semi processed wool from around the world, processing this in the UK and Chile, marketing onto spinners and manufacturers worldwide predominately in the woollen and knitwear industry.

Jim Chiang - MGMT. Committee Member

He gained great business relationship and experience in Japan, Southeast Asia, India, Turkey, Italy and other overseas countries for many years.

He became a new member of Managing Committee of the International Association of Wool Textile Laboratories in May 2018 during IWTO conference in Hong Kong.

Chen Min - MGMT. Committee Member

Chen Min now is a member of Management committee of International Association of Wool Textile Laboratories. He also acted as secretary of ISO/TC38 and Chairman of Wool Innovation and Technology Forum of International Wool Textile Organization in 2008-2016.