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National Committee Membership



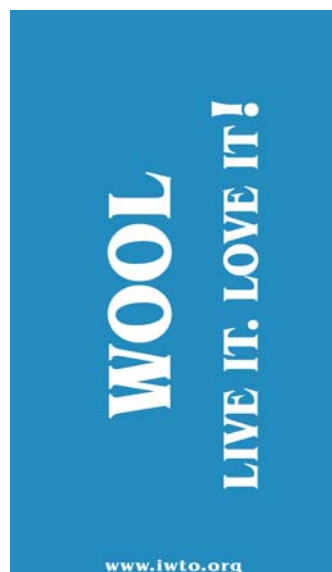
International Wool Textile Organisation

Membership Benefits

Benefits of IWTO Membership

- ◆ Members have the right to access all IWTO information which is available in our database;
- ◆ Full access to the Directory of all IWTO members;
- ◆ Attendance to all IWTO meetings, such as IWTO Annual Congresses, IWTO Wool Forums, IWTO Country Summits, IWTO Round Tables and other meetings, which represent the platform for technical, commercial and political discussions;
- ◆ Right to express opinions and the right to speak at IWTO – Congress, Wool Forums, Country Summits and other Meetings;
- ◆ Arbitration for all wool related cases in the full pipeline as embodied in our Blue Book, as a means of solving disputes in commercial transactions;
- ◆ Possibility to actively participate in the decisions affecting the wool industry at global level;

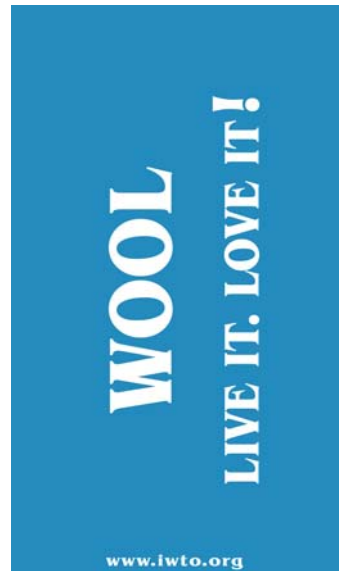
- ◆ Access to the expertise of dedicated researchers involved in the development of reliable standards;
- ◆ Increased visibility on the international scene;
- ◆ Free subscription to the IWTO - Annual World Wool Statistics;
- ◆ Access to our IWTO Licensed Laboratories world wide;
- ◆ Official support for political or commercial proposals by IWTO as the world wide representing body of the wool textile industry;
- ◆ Promotion of wool and wool related issues, activities or events;
- ◆ Platform for networking, making business contacts and finding potential costumers;
- ◆ Free periodical newsletter with relevant information about IWTO and wool related subjects;
- ◆ Knowledge of the latest innovations of the wool and textile industry through presentations by experts;
- ◆ Contacts to potential new customers through our world wide network;
- ◆ Exploring new countries with potential customers through our IWTO Country/Regional Summits;
- ◆ Access to international market researches executed or ordered by IWTO;
- ◆ Access to specific knowledge in our Speciality Committees;



Membership Conditions

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IWTO is a federation of associations. The member associations are national organisations/federations/associations active in the wool industry, normally the national wool or textile association in a country.



IWTO
History, Vision and Mission

History

IWTO was born out of an arbitration agreement signed between the representative bodies of the British and French wool-textile industries in 1927 and the Organisation attaches considerable importance to the concept of arbitration as a means of resolving disputes between members in different member-countries, and requires all potential members to accept the principles of arbitration as embodied in our Blue Book.

With the time, IWTO has adopted several other tasks and emphasised e.g. Statistics, Regulations, Promotion, etc., all to serve the wool industry.

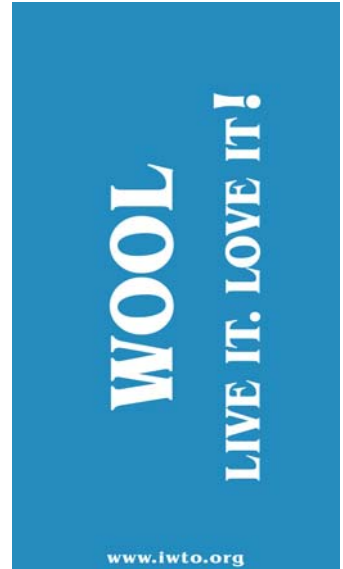
Vision

To position and to value wool clearly in the consumer mind as a material which is desirable for its technical, ethical and comfort values.

Mission

IWTO mission is to help our Wool Industry Members to understand the textile demands of the consumers, and to respond to them with products and promotional activities especially developed to meet their needs, with a fibre that is highly desirable for its social, technical, comfort and sustainable values.

The expected outcome should be a better positioning of the Wool fibre on top of consumers' choices and preferences, and to bring a steady increase of wool sales and higher market share, and the maintenance of commercial advantages along the entire wool demand chain, from retailers to woolgrowers, all around the world.



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The Objectives

The 4 Pillars of IWTO

| Trading Instruments | Facilitating Industry Strategy | Market Access Development | Networking |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test Methods• Regulations• Arbitration• Market Information / Statistics• Licensing Test Laboratories | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forum to discuss the strategies of the wool industry in respect to Marketing, R&D and other areas of the wool textile pipeline• Act as the catalyst for the implementation of Marketing strategies | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocating political and economical interests of the wool sector towards governments and organisations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building world wide industry relationships through Congresses and events• Membership communication via IWTO website |

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The Committees

Supply Chain Committees

Contracts & Specifications Committee

Considers any proposed changes to IWTO Regulations associated with wool measurement and trading and, in particular, reviews the IWTO Blue Book Arbitration and Standard Contracts to ensure they are relevant to current practice.

Directly linked to the Contracts & Specifications Committee is the:

Licensing Panel

IWTO Laboratory Licensing determines the circumstances under which IWTO Test Certificates may be issued. The Panel maintains a register of laboratories holding IWTO accreditation.

Commercial Suppliers Committee

A forum for growers, traders, early stage processors, spinners and weavers to discuss issues of mutual interest and/or concern. Also examines the commercial impact of any changes arising from technical meetings relating to test specifications and regulations.

Directly linked to the Commercial Suppliers Committee is the:

Environment and Animal Welfare Group

Rapidly growing in significance, this Committee monitors national and international environmental regulations set by Government and determines the impact on the wool industry. Advises the IWTO Assembly on appropriate actions to promote the wool industry in relation to environmental issues.



Technology & Standards Committee

Co-ordinates the submission and circulation of technical reports and maintains the IWTO technical standardisation process.

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Technical Textiles

It bundles all know how, information and activities of technical textiles related to wool. This concerns especially the sectors of automotive, healthcare, apparel, aerospace, furnishings, toys and consumer products.

Retail Club

The IWTO - Retail Club is focusing on all activities on the level of marketing and retailing of wool products. The Club is responsible for the input and exchange of know how of the marketing and retail stage with the other levels of the wool pipeline.

Interior Textiles

The IWTO - Home Interiors is focusing on all activities on the level of marketing and retailing of all wool and wool-blend products related to the Home Interiors industry sector, such as carpets and home textiles. It represents the full supply chain of the sector with its specific matters. This Committee is also including the Craft and Handknitting Sectors.



Other Committees

Market Intelligence Committee

The Committee is providing, evaluating and analysing statistics and forecasts from and for wool and wool related industries.

It is monitoring data from all levels, such as growers, manufacturers, processors, retailers, and consumers.

Executive Committee

Composed of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and three additional elected Members, it administers the affairs and operations of the International Wool Textile Organisation and oversees its daily management in accordance with the Directives of the Assembly and the policy guidelines established by the Heads of Delegation Council.

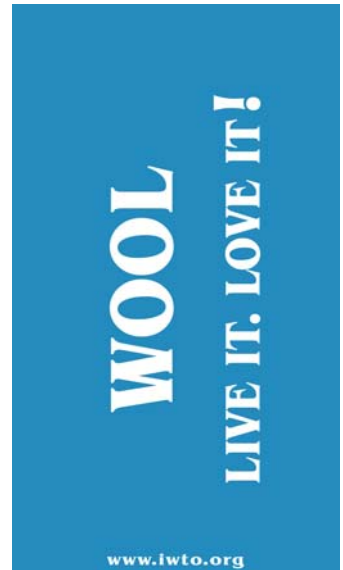
Heads of Delegation Council

Makes recommendations to the Assembly concerning full membership status of National Committees, recommends to the Assembly the dates and locations of future Meetings and International Wool Congresses, and sets the annual budget. Council concerned with the operational aspects and financial control of the IWTO. Includes examination of the function of IWTO and the future directions of the organisation.

The Heads of Delegation Council is composed of the Vice-President, the Past Presidents and the Members of the Executive Committee and chaired by the President of IWTO.

General Assembly

Which is our sovereign body. Being the governing body of IWTO at which all decisions from the various committees are ratified. It is the closing forum and provides a summary and overview of the Congress, including industry announcements.



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The Publications

IWTO Market Information

Published yearly. Provides statistical coverage of all aspects of wool production, processing, manufacture and trade, essential to governments, analysts, traders and manufacturers alike.

Blue Book

The Blue Book is the guide for the conditions under which most of the world wool trade conducts its business. The Blue Book incorporates the International Wool Textile Arbitration Agreement, used as a dispute settlement tool for conflicts arising between partners from different countries.

IWTO Newsletter and IWTO Ticker

Our regular communication tool for all members and people interested in IWTO.

IWTO Books

Vision and Perspective of Consumer Behaviour and Trends in Clothing:

A global study executed by Kurt Salmon Associate.

Future Consumption of Interior Textiles:

A Global Market Research of the Future Direction of the Interior Textiles Sector executed by GfK.

Technical Publications

IWTO Specifications (Red Book):

IWTO Specifications include all test methods and draft test methods developed within the Committees of IWTO for the measurement of wool fibre, yarn and fabric properties.

IWTO Regulations:

IWTO Regulations define the sampling and certification procedures and detail the procedures for resolving disputes in relation to certified test results.

IWTO Database:

The database is a compilation of reports, presented at IWTO Congresses from 1947 onwards.



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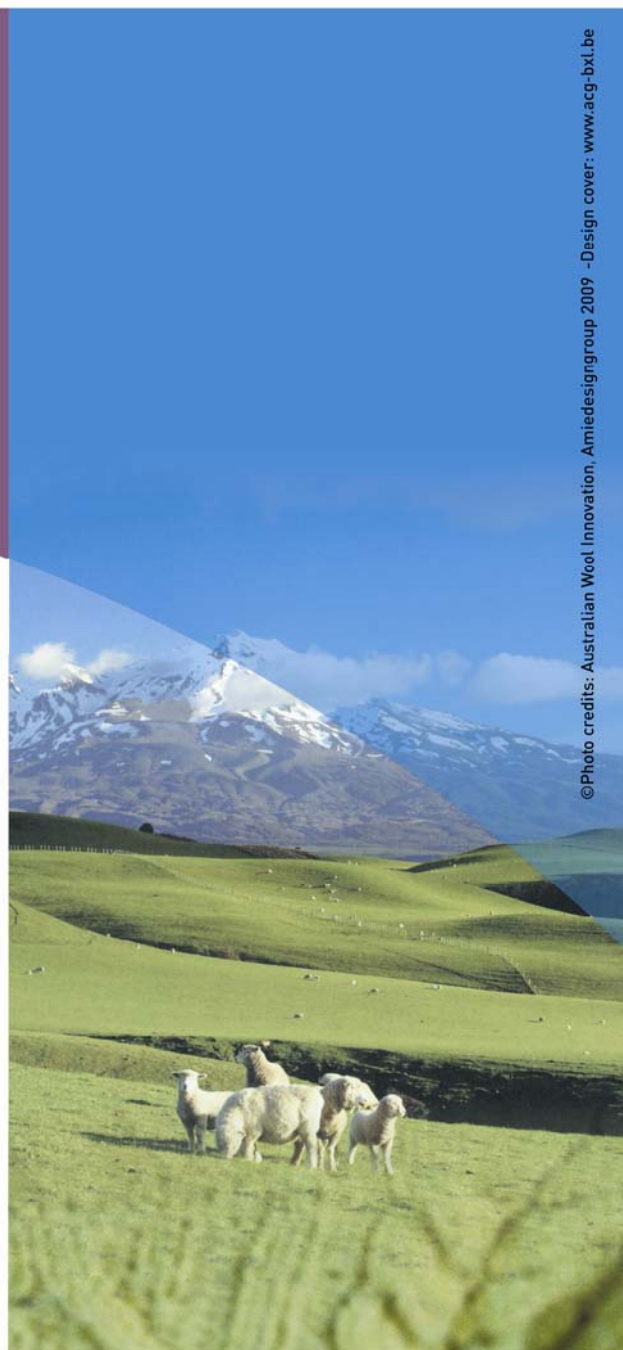
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