



*The Institute of Textile Science*

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**2026 Symposium and 69th AGM  
March 3 & 4, 2026**

**Locations:**

- **Montreal**  
Université de Montréal, École de Santé Publique: room 3019 (3rd floor)  
7101, avenue du Parc, Montreal, QC, Canada  
Please note that parking is limited: use of the subway is suggested
- **Edmonton**  
Cascade Room, Students' Union Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada
- **Raleigh**  
Room 2431, 1020 Main Campus Dr, Wilson College of Textiles, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27606, USA
- **Remote**  
Zoom details sent to remote attendees a few days before the event

## Program

### Tuesday March 3, 2026

<u>MT</u>	<u>EST</u>	
7:45	9:45	<b>Greetings</b> Land Acknowledgements Welcome words: MTL, NCSU, UofA
<b>8 - 8:30</b>	<b>10 - 10:30</b>	<b><u>Opening Talk</u></b> Regulatory Changes for the Textile Industry. <u>Rajath Kumar</u> , Vice President - Global Softlines, Intertek, USA.
<b>8:30 to 9:30</b>	<b>10:30 to 11:30</b>	<b><u>Comfort &amp; Protection</u></b>
8:30 - 9	10:30 - 11	Pressure Effects on Thermal Resistance in Nonwoven Sleeping Bag Textiles. <u>Dr. Stéphane Hallé</u> , Professor, École de technologie supérieure, QC.
9 - 9:30	11 - 11:30	Beyond PFAS: Sustainable Nanofiber Membranes for Protective Textile Applications. <u>Dr. Zahra Abdali</u> , Chief Technology Officer, PlasmaGear, QC.
<b>9:30 to 10</b>	<b>11:30 to 12</b>	<b><u>3-min poster presentations</u></b>
<b>10 - 11</b>	<b>12 - 1</b>	<b>Lunch break in Montreal and Raleigh / Poster session in Edmonton</b>
<b>11-12</b>	<b>1 to 2</b>	<b><u>Inclusive &amp; Accessible Fashion</u></b>
11 - 11:30	1 - 1:30	Collaboration, Creativity, and Care in Fashion Education. <u>Caron Phinney</u> , Assistant Professor, Toronto Metropolitan University, ON.
11:30 - 12	1:30 - 2	FashionAble: Innovation in Accessible, Adaptive, & Universal Fashion Design. <u>Chloë Angus</u> , Fashion Designer & Creative Director, Chloë Angus Design, BC.
<b>12 - 1</b>	<b>2 - 3</b>	<b>Lunch break in Edmonton / Poster session in Montreal and Raleigh</b>
<b>1 - 2</b>	<b>3 - 4</b>	<b><u>Students' Research Corner</u></b>
1 - 1:15	3 - 3:15	TBD
1:15 - 1:30	3:15 - 3:30	TBD
1:30 - 1:45	3:30 - 3:45	TBD
1:45 - 2	3:45 - 4	TBD
<b>2 to 3:30</b>	<b>4 to 5:30</b>	<b><u>69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting</u></b>
<b>6 pm</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Reception</b>

**Wednesday March 4, 2026**

<u>MT</u>	<u>EST</u>	
<b>8 to 9</b>	<b>10 to 11</b>	<b><u>Sustainability</u></b>
8 - 8:30	10 - 10:30	Made-in-Canada lyocell fibre from hemp and recycled fabrics. <i><u>Dr. Patricia Dolez</u>, Professor, University of Alberta, AB.</i>
8:30 - 9	10:30 - 11	Making progress towards 2030 goals at manufacturing facilities. <i><u>Jimmy Summers</u>, Chief Sustainability Officer, Elevate Textiles, USA.</i>
<b>9 to 10</b>	<b>11 to 12</b>	<b><u>Students' Research Corner</u></b>
9 - 9:15	11 - 11:15	TBD.
9:15 - 9:30	11:15 - 11:30	TBD.
9:30 - 9:45	11:30 - 11:45	TBD.
9:45 - 10	11:45 - 12	TBD.
<b>10 to 11</b>	<b>12 to 1</b>	<b>Lunch break in Montreal and Raleigh / Poster session in Edmonton</b>
<b>11- 12</b>	<b>1- 2</b>	<b><u>Textile manufacturing</u></b>
11 - 11:30	1 - 1:30	Improve recycled yarns by a control loop for rotor spinning. <i><u>Pierre Lanfer</u>, Research Assistant, Staple Fibre Technologies, Institut für Textiltechnik of RWTH Aachen University, Germany.</i>
11:30 -12	1:30 - 2	Weaving the future: sustainable fiber innovation does not need to be an oxymoron. <i><u>Dr. Svetlana V Boriskina</u>, Director, META Research Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA.</i>
<b>12 to 1</b>	<b>2 to 3</b>	<b>Lunch break in Edmonton / Poster session in Montreal and Raleigh</b>
<b>1-2</b>	<b>3 - 4</b>	<b><u>E-Textiles</u></b>
1 - 1:30	3 - 3:30	Textile-based soft robotics. <i><u>Dr. Xiaomeng Fang</u>, Assistant Professor, North Carolina State University, USA.</i>
1:30 -2	3:30 - 4	Accelerating Advanced Textile Product Development & Manufacturing Readiness: AFFOA's Role in Scaling E-Textile Systems. <i><u>Dr. Guan Wang</u>, Technology Manager, AFFOA, US.</i>
<b>2-3</b>	<b>4 - 5</b>	<b><u>Students' Research Corner</u></b>
2 - 2:15	4 - 4:15	TBD.
2:15 - 2:30	4:15 - 4:30	TBD.
2:30 - 2:45	4:30 - 4:45	TBD.
2:45 - 3	4:45 - 5	TBD.
<b>3 pm</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>Closing remarks from Sogol Asghari, President, Institute of Textile Science.</b>
<b>3:30-4:30 pm</b>		<b><u>Tour at University of Alberta - Protective Clothing and Equipment Research Facility (PCERF)</u></b>

## **POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

**In Edmonton**

**In Montreal**

**In Raleigh**