



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

Wednesday March 4, 2026

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

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

In Edmonton

In Montreal

In Raleigh