



The Discover Natural Fibres Initiative (DNFI) was created in January 2010 as an outgrowth of the International Year of Natural Fibres 2009, declared by the United Nations General Assembly.

The purposes of DNFI are to advance the interests of all natural fibre industries and to encourage increased use of natural fibres in the world economy.

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The **DNFI Innovation in Natural Fibres Award** aims to promote the development of new products, components and applications using natural fibres as well as new processes for manufacturing of environmental friendly products.

The **DNFI Innovation in Natural Fibres Award** aims to recognize the innovations as well as the people and institutions responsible for them with the goal of raising public awareness of the achievements of the natural fibre sector as a whole.





During the period from middle of August to end of September 2017, **Natural Fibre Supporters** from 161 countries have participated in the online voting



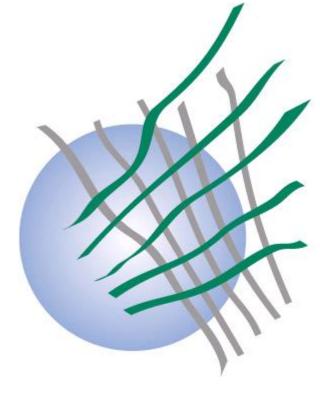


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Congratulations to the winners







"Congratulations – your research characterizes the dynamic nature of naturel fiber technology, representing solutions to 21st Century challenges."







"They say innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower. Congratulations to the very deserving winners of this significant award."



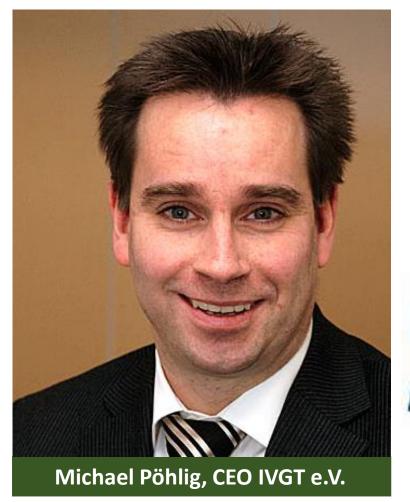


"Research on natural fibres is helping to identify new applications for natural fibres, thus creating new opportunities and value addition. Congratulations to Marie-Isabel and Roland."





"Congratulations to Marie-Isabel and Roland. Researchers like you help the natural fibers industry to take the right direction into the future."



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"Marie-Isabel and Roland - Well done. IVGT is proudly supporting the 2017 DNFI award. We see forward to the next great natural fiber innovation."



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Marie-Isabel Popzyk

Institut für Textiltechnik der RWTH Aachen University

Dr. Roland Klein

Fraunhofer-Institut für Betriebsfestigkeit und Systemzuverlässigkeit

"Reduction of the moisture absorption of natural fibers and production of no-twist yarns for use in structural components"







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The 2017 Award Trophy was handed over by the DNFI vice chair Michael Carus (photo left) on 6th December 2017, during the BCC Conference in Cologne/Germany.

