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The Future of Natural Fibres for Home Textiles And Recognition of the 2023 DNFI Award Winners

12 January 2023

Hall 11.0, C41, Messe Frankfurt

The Future of Natural Fibres used in Home Textiles will be the focus of a program organized by the Discover Natural Fibres Initiative during Heimtextil in Frankfurt beginning at 11:30 in Hall 11 of Messe Frankfurt on 12 January. The session will feature experts on natural fibres and textiles discussing the uses of natural fibres and trends in home textile markets affecting natural fibres.

The program will conclude with a ceremony recognizing the winners of the 2022 DNFI Award for Innovation in Natural Fibre Research. Dr. Frank Hermanutz and Dr. Tanja Schneck, German Institutes of Textile and Fiber Research Denkendorf ([DITF](#)), won the Award for their research that culminated in the development of “PureCell – Natural fiber-reinforced composites based on pure cellulose.”

The program will include an overview of the global situation of natural fibres, Europe versus off-shore production of home textiles, natural fibres as part of our shared cultural heritage, an update on EU textile regulations and a panel discussion of ecology versus functionality and commodity production versus innovation in the use of natural fibres.

During the Award Ceremony, Drs Hermanutz and Schneck will describe the importance and commercial applications for their research.

The program and award ceremony will be conducted in hybrid format.

Register to attend, virtually or in-person, here (<https://dnfi.org/dnfi-2022-award-ceremony>) Details of the program, including a Teams Invitation for those attending virtually, will be sent to registered participants.

More About DNFI

The Discover Natural Fibres Initiative facilitates the exchange of information and experiences and works to advance the common interests of all natural fibres in the face of competition with oil-based and wood-based manmade fibres. Membership in DNFI is open to anyone with an interest in the growth of natural fibre industries. To become a member, simply register on-line at www.DNFI.org.