

# FIBRES & TEXTILES IN EASTERN EUROPE

## A short story of twenty long years of activity

1992 – Two former employees of the Institute of Chemical Fibres, Dr. Maria Mirosławska and Dr. Edward Masłowski establish the company “Textprogress” with the aim to publish an international journal devoted to fibres and textiles as an information source of the changes in science and industry related to the period of great transformations after 1990. The Institute of Chemical Fibres (IWCh) cooperates in publishing, with Bogdan Mac M.Sc. Eng. as its representative.

1993 – the first issue is edited. Beginning with issue No. 2, Bogdan Mac undertakes the role of editor-in-chief. The journal starts with a content divided into 4 parts: ‘General problems of the textile industry’, ‘Research and development’, ‘Fibre and textile art’ and ‘Conferences and fairs’. *Fibres & Textiles in Eastern Europe (FTEE)* is the first textile journal in the world of such a broad scope.

The following completions are introduced: table of contents in Polish, German and Russian, abstracts in Polish and Russian, as well as special parts: ‘In brief’, ‘Patent review’ and ‘Literature review’. The policy of the journal is systematically changed from informative to fully scientific. This trend also lasts over the next years.

In 1994 IWCh takes over the rights as exclusive publisher of FTEE.

1995 – the first issue devoted to special kinds of fibres or techniques is published. The particular issues are devoted to flax, chemical fibres, polyolefins, fibre weaving techniques, textile architecture, fibre-grade polymers, X-ray research techniques, as well as the electrostatic field and electromagnetic wave impact on textiles, among others.

Two issues: the enlarged No 3-4/1996 and No 4/2000 are devoted to the research activity presentation of particular university departments as well as research and development centres. These issues are of great interest.

In 2000 we enlarge the information on all institutions related to fibres and textiles in Poland and to all related Polish journals.

At the beginning of January 1999 FTEE is placed on the “Philadelphia List” (Thomson Master Journal List of the Institute for Scientific Information, Philadelphia, USA). In 1999 FTEE is also awarded with the golden order of the Polish Textile Association.

2001 – the first Impact Factor is obtained.

2002 – FTEE changes its publishing policy. From No 3/2002 FTEE is a full free accessible journal, with abstracts and full texts on our internet website <[www.fibtex.lodz.pl](http://www.fibtex.lodz.pl)>. This is also the reason that in 2003 the number of copies is decreased.

Since 2003 some of the completions introduced in 1993-1994 have been removed from the publication; also in this time a new international Scientific Programming Board has been active with fifteen outstanding professors from nine countries and the Editorial Team strengthened by an Editorial Committee.

2003 is also the first year in which FTEE publishes five issues per year, 2005 with six issues, and from 2007 six issues are published each year, resulting in changing the editorial formula to a bi-monthly journal in 2011.

The growth of the scientific content of the journal is mirrored by an increase in annually published pages from 180 in 1993 to 776 in 2008.

Up to the present authors from fifty four countries have been published in our journal.

2008 – the Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania starts to participate in publishing

2009 – FTEE is indexed by the Copernicus Master Journal List and receives the JVC factor.

This year we have the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our journal celebrated together with the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publisher; the last months have been a time of great activity, leading to the editing of the second part of issue No 6 (B), devoted to these anniversaries and including a considerable set of articles written by researchers of the Institute which mirrors its present activity. What is more, it should be emphasised that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2013, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue will be published.

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