

## XV Student Seminar TEXTIL'2015

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at the **Faculty of Material Technologies and Textile Design (FMTTD)** of Lodz University of Technology, was held the XV All-Poland Student Seminar TEXTIL'2015. The seminar has been organized annually since 2001. This year's seminar was held under the theme: "Following fashion into the student threshold", within the framework of the XV Festival of Science, Technology and Art, and dedicated to students of textile secondary schools, mainly with a clothing profile, from across Poland, as well as to students of the Faculty. The Scientific-Organizing Committee, chaired by Wioletta Sybilska Ph.D., consisted of scientific workers from all departments of the FMTTD. Sponsors of the event were the following: His Magnificence, the Rector of Lodz University of Technology, Prof. Stanislaw Bielecki, Federation of Apparel & Textiles Industry Employers - PIOT, Central Institute for Labour Protection - National Research Institute, and the Lectra company.

The program of the Textil'2015 seminar included two parts: a lecturers and designers' competition. In the first part, the participants had an opportunity to hear interesting presentations related to innovative solutions, technologies and products in the area of textile engineering, sportswear, ergonomic aspects of protective clothing design, as well as 'the application of textronics in clothing. A representative of Lectra presented the latest developments in the field of CAD/CAM software dedicated to fashion designers and clothing manufacturers.

A fashion show took place after the oral presentations, during which were presented clothing outfits designed by students and graduate students of the Pattern Design Branch at the FMTTD. At the end of the first part of the seminar the Dean of the FMTTD Prof. Józef Masajtis presented education opportunities of the Faculty to the participants: branches, types of studies and specializations.

In the second - competition part of Textil'2015, seminar presentations of collections of clothing designed by high school students took place. The collections were prepared within the framework of the current school year by school students under the direction of their teachers. The collections were really very interesting, original and fashionable. Presentations were judged in four categories:

- I. clothing presented on models,
- II. clothing presented on mannequins.
- III. clothing presented on posters,
- IV. multimedia presentation.

In the current edition of the seminar, entries for the competition were submitted by the following schools:

- A. The Centre for Vocational and Further Education – Secondary Technical School No. 7 for the Design and Stylization of Clothes in Sosnowiec,
- B. Stanislaw Staszic Secondary Technical School Complex with Integrated Classes in Bialystok,
- C. W.S. Reymont Secondary School Complex in Czestochowa,
- D. The Centre for Vocational and Further Education - Vocational Craft - Art School No. 9 in Sosnowiec,
- E. Westerplatte Defenders Vocational School No. 1 in Zdunska Wola,
- F. Special Vocational School No. 2 in Lodz,
- G. Fashion Industry School in Lodz.

The outfits presented on the models were most numerous and aroused the most interest from among all projects presented. In this category school students had a unique opportunity to play a double role: as designers and models.

The Jury, chaired by Dr. Małgorzata Łukawska, assessed the originality, excellence and utility features of the fashion collections presented and selected the best projects in each category of presentation. The winners received diplomas and valuable prizes.

In the I category the Jury awarded the two first places to:

- the collection entitled "Rainbow" by Ewa Poleszczuk from School B
- the collection "Fashion, city, knitwear" - collective work designed by the students of School C.

The Jury also awarded two second places in this category:

- the collection "On the run" - a collective work of students from School B,
- the collection of "Guys over" - a collective work made by students of School F.

The Third place went to the collection entitled "Insomnia" - author Michał Niedopytalski from School A.

In the II category the first place went to the project "Fashion Street", prepared by students of School C, the second place to the collection "Water and air" - the collective work of school students from School F, and the third place was awarded to the presentation entitled PATH by Patrycja Kwaśniak from School A.

In categories III and IV only the first place was awarded to:

- In the III category the winner was the project entitled "Fashion kaleidoscope", designed by Kamila Czajkowska from School B.
- In category IV the first place went to the project "Diversity", prepared by Marcin Chrupek, also from School B.

Within the framework of the TEXTIL'2015 seminar, school students had an opportunity to visit particular departments of the FMTTD, their workshops and laboratories and to recognize the basic research works carried out at the Faculty, especially in the area of the design and architecture of textiles and clothing.

The fifteenth edition of the TEXTIL'2015 seminar confirmed that it is a very good form of presentation of the FMTTD and contact between students and teachers from the FMTTD with students of secondary schools with a textile profile and their teachers, creating a unique opportunity to encourage young people to take up studies at the FMTTD.

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