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Dear Readers,

I am pleased to announce that from the 1st of September 2019, the function of Chairperson of the Scientific Board of FIBRES & TEXTILES in Eastern Europe will be performed by Katarzyna Grabowska, PhD, DSc, Prof. TUL. I would like to congratulate the Professor on becoming the Chairperson of the Scientific Board of our journal and wish her success in the friendly and creative atmosphere.



Radosław Dziuba, PhD
Managing Director of IBWCh



Professor Katarzyna Grabowska

Professor Katarzyna Grabowska was born in 1960 in Łódź, Poland. She graduated from Łódź University of Technology, and obtained her MSc. degree in 1985. In 1997 she gained a Ph.D. in the mechanical technology of fibres, and in 2007 a D.Sc. degree of technical sciences in the field of textiles, both from Łódź University of Technology. Professor Katarzyna Grabowska is a specialist in the field of spinning, yarn structure and the mechanical properties of yarns. She is also a designer of decorative threads with irregular and complex structures. Her research areas include electromagnetic field attenuation, optimisation of rope construction as well as the construction of electrical circuits implemented in textiles, namely grease textiles. She is a specialist in the field of project management and design knowledge. Moreover, she is an author and has been the manager of many projects financed from budget and non-budget (EU) funds. She has been the author of scientific articles published in journals from the Philadelphia List, and many times cited. Prof. Katarzyna Grabowska is the Dean of the Faculty of Material Technologies and Textile Design at Lodz University of Technology. She is also the Editor-in-chief of the Autex Research Journal, an international scientific journal devoted to textile issues, published under the auspices of the AUTEX association, and is placed on the so-called Philadelphia magazine list. Since 2016 she has been President of the AUTEX Association (it was the first time a woman from Central Europe had been chosen for this position), proof of how important the role of Poland is as a member of the AUTEX Association and of how much heart and soul and effort she puts into the shaping and development of this association. She defines this event as one of the most important in her professional and organisational career, as well as in her efforts to popularise textiles in the world. Moreover, she is Vice President of the European Textile Platform (ETP), with a seat in Brussels. Her scientific interests centre around the construction of physical and mathematical (including statistical) models describing the properties of linear textile products with extended surfaces. The first research works in the field of linear fibrous composites began directly after the defence of her doctoral thesis and resulted in her being awarded domestic and bilateral grants. Afterwards, her research was published in numerous publications noted on the ISI Master Journal List. Her academic achievement in the field of fancy threads led to numerous quotations in JCR magazines, thereby unequivocally constituting her position as an authority and creator of the school of decorative yarns. The obtainment of 5 domestic and one European patent should be listed as a scientific achievement as well. The monograph entitled *Fancy Threads*, published in 2019 in English, constitutes a summary of research of many years. Prof. Katarzyna Grabowska maintains permanent cooperation with the economic environment, which enables her to have frequent contact with research institutes as the Chief of Scientific Councils of a few research establishments. Moreover, she performs the function of Associate Director for Science of the Institute of Architecture of Textiles.