

WINNERS



The winning line-up at the Future Materials Awards 2015 showcased a fantastic array of innovative ideas, products and approaches, leaving attendees in no doubt about the exciting future that awaits the textile industry and consumers

Most Innovative Large Size Company Best Innovation - Building and - MILLIKEN



Most Innovative Medium Size Company - POLARTEC



Most Innovative Small Size Company - TISSUEGEN



Best Innovation - Mobile Textiles -CENTI



Construction - MOYA POWER



Best Innovation - Clothing textiles -VIZ REFLECTIVES



Best Innovation - Protective Textiles -LEMUR S.P.A.



Best Innovation - Sports Textiles -**COOLCORE & EUROPLASMA**



Best Innovation - Industrial Textiles -VIDI SYSTEMS



Best Innovation - Medical textiles -**HOHENSTEIN INSTITUTE**



Best Innovation - Sustainable textiles (process) - COVESTRO & SEPAREX



Best Innovation - Sustainable textiles (product) - BONDED LOGIC



Innovator of the year - RESEARCH TEAM COVESTRO AG



Launch of the year - TONELLO



Best Start-up Company - MULTIFUN



Ground-breaking Partnership Development - DRUCKPROZESS GMBH & CO. KG AND ZSCHIMMER & SCHWARZ MOHSDORF GMBH & CO. KG



Best Innovation - Home Textiles -TORCITURA PADANA



supplier Isotex, so we're trying to collaborate all along the value chain with not only our direct customers but with downstream players too, in order to bring about the changes that



everybody's looking for."

Sustainable Textiles, Process (second prize)

Can you tell me about your sustainability goals?

NS: "Sustainability is a central part of our company, it's in our DNA. But the most important thing for us about this award is that it was not brought about by one person but a huge team. We're a large multinational company, and in order to bring these things about, we need to move a lot of people in the same direction. And this award is one that was worked on by many different people and many different teams."

Why is it so important to be recognised here tonight?

"I think this kind of recognition from the industry and a whole group of large peers is very important to us and this is the kind of thing that will keep people motivated. We have to as a leading company continue to work forward in the same direction as we're going now."

HOHENSTEIN • INSTITUTE

Medical textiles

Dr Eva Glink, research project manager

Why do you think your product has

been so successful?

"I think it's really innovative because there's no comparable product on the market and it has real potential for supporting the health of preemies.

"I'm very pleased to be here today and to take part in this fantastic event, and I think representatively for all of the people who have worked together on this product, they are all very proud to be recognised for the work that they did."

Milliken

Innovative Large Company

Howard Haselden, manufacturing director & development manager

How does it feel to win this award?

"We're very pleased and honoured to be considered for the award. We do consider ourselves an innovation ompany: it is our 150th anniversary s year. We really are a company that prides itself on trying to do innovations that do good for people."

How has your company progressed throughout the years?

"We primarily started in North America in South Carolina and South-East US. We have now become a global company: we have really tried to push what we do across Europe and also Asia.

"A lot our technical textiles target building and infrastructure, and where we provide the substrates that belong to a lot of materials, like roofing, gnage. So we've really tried to e what we do and to help our stomers. Because if our customers