

The Textile Research Centre, CTF

Aims

The CTF was founded in 1998 and is based at The Swedish School of Textiles at the University College of Borås.

The aims of the Centre are:

To give a research profile to the unique combination of subjects within the School.

To strengthen the research capabilities in the subject areas of the School: crafts, design, textile- and design management and textile technology.

To build up and strengthen research within the School's educational programmes, to attract national and international expertise, thus meeting the requirements of subject-specific professors and postgraduate programmes.

The Objectives of the CTF are:

To bring together all interested parties in crafts, design, textile- and design management and textile technology in order to create a Nordic centre for textile research.

The Centre collects, assemble and process relevant information, to stimulate research and make it available to all professional groups in the field of textiles. Therefore, part of the Centre's responsibility is to arrange lectures, seminars and conferences, and to report ongoing discussions and results of research in publications and other media.

Areas of Interest and Research:

Design

"The development of innovative design with the help of modern technology giving consideration to environmental, estetic, financial and ethical requirements".

Textile- and Design Management

Design management, fashion logistics, humanistik marketing, design direction

Crafts

Historic textiles

Textile Technology

Environmental technology, technical textiles, fibre technology

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Associate Professor and Department manager Textile at Swerea IVF. Finished her PhD in 1996, focusing on "Phase Distribution of Mixed Biopolymer Gels in Relation to Process Conditions". Has since then worked intensely with biopolymers and gel formation phenomena, followed by fibre spinning processes, in particular electrospinning of nanofibers. Associate professor in 2003.

Anna Thorvaldsson

PhD-student at Swerea IVF. Finished her Master of Science in biotechnology in spring 2006. The studies focused on biopolymers (DA-work) and molecular biology. Has thereafter worked with electrospinning of nanofibers for biomedical applications.

Bengt Hagström

PhD in Mechanical Engineering. Expert on polymer processing, polymer melt rheology and melt spinning of fibres.

Anders Bergner

Senior scientist at Swerea IVF. Polymer material engineer in 1987, then studied innovation engineering 1989-1992. Has long industrial experience in the field of polymeric materials, composites and textiles from automotive-, defense- and medical technology as Design Engineer, Project Manager, R&D Manager and Technical Manager.

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PhD in Physical & Colloidal Chemistry of Biomacromolecules. Expert in electrospinning of functional nanofibers and micro/nanostructures.

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Senior scientist at Swerea IVF. Finished his PhD in 2006 with a thesis titled "Functional Copolymers of Polyvinylpyrrolidone". Has since then worked with electrospinning and crosslinking of polymers. Expert on materials science with a specialization in polymer organic chemistry.

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Researcher at Swerea IVF with focus on electrospinning.

Textile Research Council, CTF

The aim of the membership of the Textile Research Council was to create close links within the field of textiles relevant to the work of the CTF. The first board meeting was held on 31 August 1998.

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