

Alessandro Zucchi of Ferraro SpA new ACIMIT President

A changing of the guard at the helm of ACIMIT, the Association of Italian Machinery Manufacturers for the Textile Industry. Indeed, the members' assembly held this past 27 June called on Alessandro Zucchi to succeed Raffaella Carabelli as President of ACIMIT.

Born in the province of Bergamo in 1958, Zucchi is married and a father of two children. He has garnered multi-year experiences in the textile machinery sector, and is currently Managing Director and a partner at FERRARO, a manufacturer specializing in finishing machinery. In addition, he is a shareholder in another company in the sector, BUROCCO VALVOLE, and working as an Executive Vice President.

Zucchi has long been active in the life of the association, lending his support to outgoing president Raffaella Carabelli over the past two years, as Vice President. Since 2015, he has been involved with ACIMIT's delegation at Cematex, the Committee of European Textile Machinery Associations.

Following Zucchi's election, the assembly expressed its warm gratitude to the outgoing president, Raffaella Carabelli, who for four years guided the Association with enthusiasm and professional expertise.

Along with the new president, the assembly also elected new Vice Presidents, Messrs. Federico Businaro (Isotex, Santex Rimar Group), Cristian Locatelli (Marzoli, Camozzi Group), Andrea Piattelli (Unitech) and Michele Riva (Reggiani Machine). ♦



Growth in textile machinery orders continues for second quarter

According to data compiled by ACIMIT, the Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers, the order index for textile machinery during the period from April to June rose by 26% compared to the same period in 2016. The value of the index stood at 117.3 points (basis: 2010=100).

Specifically, significant increase in orders was recorded for domestic market, where the index stood at an absolute value of 92.9 points (+66% over April-June 2016). On foreign markets, the increase amounted to 22%, and the absolute value of the index stood at 123.4 points.

ACIMIT president Alessandro Zucchi expressed the satisfaction of the entire sector: "The data confirms that a recovery is currently underway for our domestic market. This is the third consecutive quarter that the order index is on the rise." ♦

