

# French Machinery: Christian Guinet, new Secretary General

At last ITMA in Barcelona, the French Textile Machinery Manufacturers' Association (UCMTF in French) announced the appointment of Christian Guinet as Secretary General. On September 1, he took over from Evelyne Cholet who had decided to retire.

Bruno Ameline, the president stated "it is a great opportunity for us to welcome Christian. He fits all our requirements: a textile engineer, he joined one of our members in 1982, a great part of his experience has been as export manager in charge of the sales financing and credit insurance. We know each other very well as, within our organization, he has been President of our Promotion Committee. In that position, he organized, with Evelyne Cholet, our road shows, seminars and



*Christian Guinet, new Secretary General, UCMTF.*

National pavilions in many fairs and managed our relations with the textile press.

The transition with Evelyne Cholet has been extremely smooth as they had been working together for many years.

The only sad thing, Bruno Ameline adds is that we will miss Evelyne. She joined our association in 1985 to organize ITMA 1987 and then stayed with us for 34 years. All our contacts know and appreciate her. I am quite sure they will welcome Christian who shares the same values than Evelyne. He will be a great asset to our 35 members which are exporting, all over the world, most of their machines and services worth more than a billion dollars annually.

For more information about French Machinery, please visit [www.ucmtf.com](http://www.ucmtf.com) ♦

## Carrington strengthens leadership team

Carrington Textiles, UK's leading manufacturer of workwear fabrics, continues to demonstrate growth with the appointment of a new Managing Director and Sales Director.

The appointments follow a period of sustained international growth – including a joint venture in Portugal, which has enabled Carrington to significantly increase production capacity, as well as teaming up with an on-the-ground distribution partner in the United Arab Emirates.

The first of these appointments sees Neil Davey progress from Sales Director to Managing Director. Having worked in the UK's textiles manufacturing sector for twenty-seven years, Mr Davey joined Carrington Textiles in 2011. Meanwhile, former Managing Director John Vareldzis steps up to the position of Group CEO to manage Carrington's enhanced international presence.

Passionate about building strong partnerships with customers across the globe, Mr Davey has played a crucial role in expanding Carrington's customer base in new geographies and ensuring product ranges are developed to meet the unique needs of these environments, the company reports. "The last few years have seen Carrington go from strength to strength in terms of our market share, progress in research and development and product innovation," he commented.

"I am thrilled to have been offered the role of Managing Director and thoroughly look forward to taking the lead on initiatives including continuing to reduce our environmental footprint, growing our product range, reaching new markets in the USA, South America and the Middle East and taking tangible steps to manage our operations post-Brexit."

Taking up the helm of Sales Director is Paul Farrell, who will be responsible for



leading a team of twenty-two sales, marketing and product development professionals. Mr Farrell's thirty years of experience began in the paper manufacturing industry, before transitioning across to the textiles space in 2014, where he was Director of Sales and Marketing at Simon Jersey.

"In many respects, paper manufacturing is similar to that of textiles," said Mr Farrell. "Both involve the processing of fibre into a finished product and, as such, it's felt like a natural move into this sector. I have joined Carrington Textiles following a prolonged period of growth for the company and am looking forward to inspiring continued success across the board as its new Sales Director." ♦