## **TRANSITIONS**

As of March 1, 1997, James L. Simonton filled the position of Textile Engineer at the ITC. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1979 and has spent the intervening years in commercial textile manufacturing. He came to the ITC from Lindale Manufacturing, a division of Greenwood Mills. James will be replacing Edwin Foster after he retires on April 30.

In January, two longtime ITC employees retired. Dr. R.D. Mehta, Head of Finishes/Chemical Research, retired after 27 years of service to the ITC. Also retiring was Tom McMillan, Technician IV. Tom worked over 24 years at the ITC. Tom had a variety of duties, but keeping equipment running was his top priority. We will miss our colleagues and wish them well.

## COTTON FIBER PROPERTIES SEMINAR, JUNE 4-5, 1997

Cotton is the only commodity sold on the individual characteristics of each unit. Fiber properties of cotton are measured for marketing and utilization in textile processing. Cotton breeders, merchants and buyers need an understanding of the various fiber property measurements and how they may be used.

The International Textile Center has conducted two seminars on Cotton Fiber Properties and announces a third to be held June 4 and 5. Subjects covered will include: Fiber Property Basics, Cotton Fiber Measurement, Spinning Tests, Fiber Contamination, Utilizing Fiber Measurements in Screening for Breeding, Value of Cotton Fiber Properties in Textile Processing, and a Textile Processing Demonstration. Instructors will be: Reiyao Zhu, Ph.D., Head of Fibers Research, ITC; James Simonton, Textile Engineer, ITC; Jane Dever, Ph.D., Research Scientist, BioTex; and Bobby Wyatt, Analytical Chemist, ITC.

Cost of the seminar at \$250 will also include two lunches, dinner on June 4, transportation in Lubbock from the hotel to the ITC each day, and a large notebook of reference material. The seminar will be limited to 25 participants.

The seminar hotel is Barcelona Court (5215 S. Loop 289, Lubbock) which has suites, a cooked free breakfast, afternoon drinks, and airport shuttle for \$55 per night. Make reservations with the hotel directly at 1-800-222-1122.

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