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NEW RESEARCH SCIENTIST JOINS ITC

Dr. Seshadri S. Ramkumar joined the ITC in January. He comes with a Ph.D. in Textile Science from the University of Leeds in England, preceded by the M.Tech. and B.Tech. degrees in textiles technology at the Anna University in India. Also, he has a postgraduate diploma in business administra-

tion from Annamalai University, India. His research activities have involved yarns, fabrics, and ambient conditions in textile mills. His Ph.D. dissertation developed unique techniques for testing and evaluating the surface characteristics of fabrics. His focus at the ITC will be on textile processing issues.

ITC ANNOUNCES NEW DEGREE PROGRAM

After a ten-year hiatus, the International Textile Center will again offer an academic program. This was made possible by joining the ITC with the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources in April, 1998. The degrees offered will come under the Master of Agriculture program. There will be two basic tracks offered: in Fiber and Textile Technology and in Fiber and Textile Management. The degree program will begin with the fall semester of 1999. It is a multi-disciplinary program that can be flexibly designed to meet the needs of a variety of people; e.g., textile mill professionals, cotton gin manufacturers and managers, cotton breeders, cotton merchants, textile filtration specialists, fiber and textile measurement technologists, etc. As a side effect of starting this degree program, the May session of the Texas International Cotton School can now be made available for graduate credit and continuing education units (CEUs).

JOE THOMPSON DONATES SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Joe Thompson, retired owner of Southwest Textiles, Inc., in Abernathy, Texas, has established an endowment of \$10,000 for scholarships for students in the new ITC degree programs.

Joe founded Southwest

Textiles and he operated it until October 1998, when the business was taken over by his grandson, Chuck Thompson. Southwest Textiles spins coarse counts of yarn for a variety of applications, including sweaters and work gloves.

RIETER TEXAS CUSTOMER DAY

The Rieter Corporation, Spartanburg, South Carolina, held a Customer Day for Texas manufacturers at the ITC on November 17. Representatives from American Cotton Growers, Mt. Vernon, Lorber Industries of Texas, Southwest Textiles, Lorenzo Textile Mills, and United Filters attended. After presentations in the morning, lunch was served at the ITC, followed by a bus tour to visit the new Lorber facility in Snyder, Texas.