



Organic Cotton Circular 3/07

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Dear readers,

the Organic Cotton Circular's last edition in 2007 brings some highlights of current developments related to organic cotton around the world. This issue reports about new figures for the organic cotton world market which are very promising to allow more farmers to start growing organic.

It further reports on recent activities of PAN to reach out for young fashion designers, who are key actors to manifest the understanding of their responsibility for a fair fashion and textile industry in the future. Not only PAN has identified designers as an important target group, which can be seen in different "sustainability" competitions for designers. Furthermore, organic cotton currently seems to become a key element to win business awards. And finally we would like to draw your attention to two new publications related to cotton and one event on labelling of sustainable clothing to be held at the upcoming BioFach fair. Find out more about all this in the edition on hand.

With seasonal greetings and the best wishes for a successful year 2008,

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News in details

1. Organic Exchange published new figures on the organic cotton market

The US-based Organic Exchange recently published new figures on the organic cotton market for the 2006/07 season. It announced a 53% increase for the fibre production within one year to 57.931 tons and is optimistic to further increases for the coming seasons.

<http://pan-germany.org/newsletter/deu/news.html?id=704>

2. PAN Germany and PAN UK toured to Fashion schools in Germany, France and the UK

In October and November 2007 PAN Germany and PAN UK toured together with panel experts to several fashion schools in Europe. The aim was to show future decision makers in the fashion and textile industry how they can make a difference in the lives of cotton farmers around the world.

<http://pan-germany.org/newsletter/deu/news.html?id=705>

3. Incentives for designers to go into sustainable fashion in the UK

Nine leading sustainable fashion businesses in the UK launched a competition for young fashion designers titled "Make your mark in Fashion". This news comes together with PAN UK's sponsorship for fashion design students in its mini-grant programme "Organic by Design".

<http://pan-germany.org/newsletter/deu/news.html?id=706>

4. Organic cotton businesses award winning

While in Germany a young fashion company has won a start-up competition of a business magazine, the Confederation of British Industry gave to a company using organic, natural colour cotton the CBI 2007 "New Product of The Year" Award.

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5. Publication of International Trade Centre about the market for organic cotton fibre, textiles and clothing

The organic cotton topic has arrived on the agenda of the international trade organisations: This year, the International Trade Centre (ITC) commissioned a report, which analysed the global market for organic cotton fibre, textiles and clothing.

<http://pan-germany.org/newsletter/deu/news.html?id=708>

6. New publication on child labour in cotton production

The British Environmental Justice Foundation just published another sad report outlining the extensive use of child labour in global cotton production.

<http://pan-germany.org/newsletter/deu/news.html?id=709>

7. Event on organic cotton and labelling at BioFach fair 2008

Within the BioFach congress programme, PAN Germany will conduct a session on how to label sustainable clothing. BioFach fair will take place in Nuernberg, Germany from the 21st to 24th of February 2008.

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