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Foreword

I am pleased to present the second in a series of four textile machinery technology handbooks that the ACIMIT Foundation is publishing for use in Italy's institutes of textile technology.

This handbook looks at machinery, accessories, auxiliary equipment and technologies relating to finishing, another segment in which Italy boasts companies of international prominence and advanced know-how. Naturally, the volume also contains references (as plentiful as they are essential) to textile chemistry.

This handbook on finishing follows the one on weaving, published in October 2000 (2,000 copies of this latter volume, which has also been translated into English for overseas readers, have already been distributed) and the knitwear one, published in October 2001.

The fourth handbook in the series, on spinning, is due to be come out in Spring 2002.

The need to publish these books emerged in the course of a series of meetings that ACIMIT had with principals and teachers in the context of various initiatives designed to promote relations between the industry and schools.

We were told that the textbooks currently in use do not reflect the continued and rapid technological evolution the sector has seen in recent years.

With the precise aim of publishing handbooks that respond, as far as possible, to students' learning needs, the ACIMIT Foundation decided, in agreement with the schools' principals, to entrust a group of teachers from the schools themselves with the task of realising the series of books. The teachers involved accepted this challenge enthusiastically.

Thanks therefore go, on behalf of Italy's textile machinery manufacturers, to the principals and teachers whose schools are source of valuable human resources, essential for the development of their industrial concerns.

Since no job is ever done to perfection the first time round, we will be grateful to anyone (students, teachers, company engineers and technicians, etc.) who sends us suggestions and corrections that might enable us to improve this publication and increase the value of the whole enterprise.

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