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Dates fixed for 2011 'Complete Cotton' training

From cotton growing to spinning and everything else in between, our Complete Cotton training programme provides an opportunity to learn about the cotton industry from some of the world's leading professionals. Running from 11 April - 20 April in Liverpool, UK, the new look 2011 programme has been updated and improved - we have rationalised the syllabus, making it more effective and relevant to today's market conditions. The training incorporates 17 interactive modules - all delivered by industry experts. It now spans 10 days, allowing you more flexibility when making your travel arrangements and less time away from your business commitments back home. The cost has been reduced - for ICA members or employees of firms registered with the ICA the cost is GBP £2,500. For non-members the cost is GBP £3,000.

Click here for more information and to add your name to the delegate list.

Going Global Event: Programme and delegate list now online

With the presenters confirmed, networking sessions booked and industry meetings scheduled, the programme for our Going Global trade event is now available as a download from our website, together with a list of delegates (as at 25 August). The delegate list is growing fast and we aim to keep it updated on a regular basis. We are still accepting bookings for the event, which takes place on 30 September and 1 October 2010 in Liverpool, UK. You can register and pay for your place online and book your hotel accommodation. If you need somewhere to stay, we advise you to register as soon as possible to secure your hotel room - Liverpool is a popular tourist destination and hotels are in demand.

Click here for more information and to register.

The 2010 ICA Directory is on its way

We are putting the finishing touches to the 2010 ICA Membership Directory and, following the well received first edition, we have introduced a few subtle changes that will hopefully make this booklet a valuable desktop piece of information for anybody in the cotton trade. Due out this month, the Directory includes details of ICA members and arbitrators plus information about the services available to you. It also incorporates our 2009 annual report and an update on future plans. Free copies will be sent to all our members and a PDF download will be available via our website. Additional copies are available on request at a cost of GBP £15.

The ICA 'down under'

ICA President, Cliff White, participated in the 15th Australian Cotton Conference held at the Gold Coast in Queensland on 10-12 August. Approximately 950 people attended and the atmosphere amongst delegates was upbeat. Australian cotton production in 2011 is expected to significantly improve on recent seasons and, with the majority of this cotton due to be exported, there was a general interest in the ICA, its rules and arbitration process. Cliff's presentation was another part of our stated aim to take the ICA international and inform all cotton industry players of the Association's role and future plans.

Your chance to become an ICA Arbitrator

If you would like to become an ICA Arbitrator, then why not take the ICA Arbitrator Exam: Basic Level 1. To sit the exam you will first need to review the course material, which is available as a FREE download from our website. Open to ICA members and non-members, the course will provide you with an introduction to the basic principles of the ICA technical arbitration process. You can sit the exam at a range of locations to coincide with the ICA visit schedule or we can try to arrange a location of your choice. Please contact us for further information regarding dates and locations.

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