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## Pre-Programme for the 64<sup>th</sup> Dornbirn GFC Now Online Ticket Sales Now Open

The wait is over – the *Pre-Programme* for the **64<sup>th</sup> Dornbirn-GFC 2025** is now available online!

This year's congress will feature cutting-edge presentations under the following key themes:

- **Workwear, Protective Textiles & Defense**
- **Carbon Stewardship: Harnessing Biomass, Recycling & Capture for a Sustainable Future**
- **Fiber Innovations: From Production to Application**

### Highlights of the 64<sup>th</sup> Dornbirn-GFC

#### Collaboration with ReHubs, Brussels

Dornbirn GFC is proud to present a lecture series in cooperation with ReHubs, a collaborative platform aiming to scale up textile waste recycling in Europe by promoting the use of recycled fibres. It drives the shift towards a circular textile industry through cross-sector collaboration and knowledge-sharing. Petra Schweiger, Project Consultant: "As a synergy-driven alliance, ReHubs is pleased to join Dornbirn GFC, together with our community partners, to showcase collaborative projects and case studies that advance circular business models and textile-to-textile recycling".

The lecture series will feature contributions from ReHubs members including:

**Recover™ Textile Systems** (Spain), **Resortecs** (Belgium), **Refashion** (France), **Rester & Touchpoint** (Finland), and **Rematrix & Rubber Conversion** (Italy).

#### RWTH Aachen & Industry Partner Block

Led by Prof. Thomas Gries from RWTH Aachen University, scientists and industry leaders will again present their joint innovations.

- **Staler Anlagenbau GmbH, Germany**  
*"Sorting It Out – Inspired by Waste"*  
Learnings from other waste streams help shape textile sorting technologies. High-precision recognition, cross-sector collaboration, and enabling regulations are key for a functioning circular economy.
- **RWTH Aachen – Kira Heins**  
*"The Journey of a New Material in the Construction Industry"*
- **LEIPA, Schwedt**  
*"A Simulation-Based Path to Energy Efficiency in BCF Yarn Production"*  
This talk highlights how process simulations can lead to significant energy savings in yarn production.
- **OceanSafe, Switzerland**  
*"coNea by OceanSafe"*  
A revolutionary, 100% bio-based filament and staple fiber, coNea is biodegradable, free from harmful substances, and based on lignin—a wood-derived polymer. It combines sustainability with excellent performance for both industrial and consumer applications.

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#### Get Your Ticket Now

Admission includes access to **all three days, 100+ expert presentations, catering**, and the **evening networking event**.

Also featured: **Exhibition Area** and extensive **Networking Opportunities** with global industry professionals.

🔗 Tickets & Info: [www.dornbirn-gfc.com](http://www.dornbirn-gfc.com)

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### Dornbirn GFC ASIA / Korea – Innovation Meets Hospitality

The Dornbirn GFC ASIA took place on **April 3–4, 2025** at **BEXCO, Busan**, in collaboration with **DYETEC, KOFOTI, and Textile TechForum**.

A heartfelt thank you to our gracious Korean hosts and especially to **Dr. Byung-kab Song** for his tireless support and warm hospitality. Busan proved to be not only a dynamic venue for innovation but also a vibrant city well worth visiting.

The two-day conference featured powerful insights and inspiration from global speakers:

- **Christian Cavell (SYRE)** demonstrated breakthrough solutions for textile recycling.
- **Kasper Nossent (DyeCoo Textile Systems B.V.)** shared responsible dyeing innovations.
- **Isabell Sarah Karmel (RHEON LABS)** presented advanced performance fiber technologies.
- **Prof. Kanji Kajiwara (Shinshu University, Japan)** made a compelling collective call for innovation as the key to a better future.

The event was a true celebration of global collaboration, sustainability, and technological progress in the fiber and textile sector.

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### Save the Dates – All Dornbirn GFC Events 2025 Your Key Dates for Innovation, Knowledge & Networking

- **CRETE 2025 – International Conference**  
*27 – 31 May 2025, Chania, Greece*  
In partnership with the Technical University of Crete.
- **64th Dornbirn GFC & 5th Innovation Days**  
*10 – 12 September 2025, Dornbirn, Austria*  
The must-attend annual meeting for fiber innovation.
- **Dornbirn GFC ASIA / India**  
*18 November 2025, Mumbai*  
In cooperation with **Techtextil India 2025**.

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