



2024 FALL CONFERENCE

INNOVATION: A Catalyst for the Future

Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel
3315 Scott Futrell Drive
Charlotte, NC 28208



Thursday, October 24, 2024

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Complimentary Lunch Served During Registration**

Sponsored by Goulston Technologies and Unifi, Inc.

1:00 p.m. - 1:10 p.m. **Opening Remarks:** SYFA President – Meredith Boyd, Unifi, Inc.

1:10 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **“Fiber and Yarn Update”** – Laura Murphy, Consultant

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. **“Innegra, The High Performance Social Fiber”** – Jen Hanna, Quantum

2:50 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. **Break** - *Sponsored by Pulcra Chemicals, LLC and EDPNC (Economic Development Partnership North Carolina)*

3:10 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. **“Industry Leader Panel”** – Brian Moore, Unifi, - Per Olofsson, Symtech – Jason Hickman, Aquafil-O’Mara

4:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **First Day Closing Remarks**, SYFA President, Meredith Boyd, Unifi, Inc.

Cocktail reception at 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by Premiere Fibers, Inc.

SAVE-THE-DATE
SYFA Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament
April 9, 2025
SYFA Spring Conference
April 10-11, 2025



Friday, October 25, 2024

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. **Registration and Complimentary Breakfast Buffet**
Sponsored by Jomar Softcorp International, Inc.
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:10 a.m. **Opening Remarks:** SYFA President – Meredith Boyd, Unifi, Inc.
- 8:10 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **“Novel Solutions for Fluorine-free Water Repellency** – Jerrod Flanagan, Goulston Technologies
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. **“From Farm to Fiber: Developing Elastane with 70% Renewable Content”** – Jean Hegedus, Lycra Consultant
- 9:50 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. **Break - *Sponsored by Milliken & Company and Polyspintex***
- 10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **“Wearable Tech: How Machine Learning and Smart Yarns Got Us a NASA Contract in 2024”** - Matthew Kolmes, Volt AI
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. **“e.dye Waterless Color System”** – Andrew Fraser, e.dye Americas
- 11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks** - SYFA President – Meredith Boyd, Unifi, Inc.



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