## **Women in Textiles** Summit

March 6-8, 2019 | Hyatt Regency | Savannah, GA USA

An empowerment conference for women in the industrial fabrics industry that addresses challenges, successes and opportunities through an interactive agenda.

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## Success isn't about the end result; it's about what you learn along the way.

- Vera Wang

#### Who should attend?

- Leaders and emerging professionals
- Providers of goods and services within the specialty, shade, weather and advanced textiles industries
- Employers of, or those employed by, small, medium or large organizations
- Businesses, associations, universities, distributors, fabricators, engineering firms, government agencies and suppliers

#### Why should you attend?

Have you ever wondered how some people balance work and life so effortlessly?

**Do you crave** real perspective on speaking your mind and elevating your success?

Are you searching for a way to share your experiences and build your confidence?

If you have been looking for answers, the Women in Textiles Summit is for you. This groundbreaking event provides opportunities to cultivate positive relationships, encourages new industry trailblazers and elevates your expertise by exposing new voices, relatable stories and diverse perspectives.



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#### A Summit for Experienced and Emerging

# LEADERS

A new journey is about to begin. As the pace of our industry ebbs and flows, we recognize the opportunity for **new voices**, **relatable stories and diverse perspectives**.

At the 2019 Women in Textiles Summit we're gathering some of the brightest leaders in the textiles industry to **share, grow and create** like never before. We will explore creative approaches to current challenges and inspire forward thinking that happens when we ask what we want personally, professionally and for the industry as a whole.

#### **Registration Rates**

Visit IFAI.com/Women to register today! Register before February 19 for the best rates.

	Member	Nonmember
STANDARD RATE Dec. 15-Feb. 19	\$750	\$950
LATE RATE After Feb. 20	\$850	\$1,050



#### **Grow Beyond Your Comfort Zone**

All too often people are quick to fall into a routine of things. Though staying in your comfort zone has its benefits, you can do so much more! Find new resources to inspire your growth and your business (and you).

Be Better Than You Were Yesterday

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## Smart Textiles

The start-up culture is emerging as textile manufacturers have begun diversifying and differentiating by leveraging smart textiles. This culture is driving a new mentality and providing leadership roles for women. Discover what new opportunities exist in this industry transformation.

Justine Decaens, M.Sc.A, Head of Technological Innovation, CTT Group for Wearable Tech & Smart Textiles: A Platform for Women's Leadership

Thursday, 11 am

#### Create a **Better Workweek**

Say goodbye to the 'Sunday Scaries'. How can we outsmart our own psyche and get back to a relaxing Sunday night? Build your confidence and discover strategies from successful professional women with experience in shutting down your weekday worries.

#### Schedule at-a-Glance

Wednesday, Mar. 6 4 Registration Open 5-7 pm Welcome Reception Thursday, Mar. 7 7:30 am Registration Open 8-9 am Breakfast 9-10:15 am Welcome and Keynote: Setting the Stage 10:15-10:45 am Industry Case Study 11-11:45 am Smart Textiles: A Platform for Leadership Noon-1:15 pm Interactive Lunch on Mentoring 1:30-2:30 pm Trailblazing Industry Women (Panel) 2:30-3 pm Industry Case Study 3:15-4:15 pm Roundtable Discussions 4:15-4:30 pm Closing Remarks 6-8 pm Reception/Dinner

Friday, Mar. 8 8–9 am | Breakfast 9–10 am | Work/Life Balance and Boundaries (Panel) 10:15–11:15 am | Closing Keynote: Being Bold and Naïve 11:30 am-Noon | Grab and Go Snacks

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#### Summit Highlights

#### New Voices Keynote Speakers



### Thursday, 9 am Setting the Stage

Patti Bates, General Manager, Technical Markets, Glen Raven Technical Fabrics

Patti Bates is an industry icon. Her participation in IFAI, USIFI, Textiles and Apparel Chapter of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee and Glen Raven's mentorship program show not only her dedication but her determination. By sharing her personal and professional experiences she cultivates creative approaches to current challenges and inspires forward thinking. Her expertise in navigating the industry, balancing priorities and valuable mentoring will set the stage for a remarkable summit experience.



#### Friday, 10:15 am **Being Bold and Naïve**

Sarah Moshman, Emmy Award Winning Documentary Film-Maker

From Dancing with the Stars to discovering a dream come true. Sara recounts her experiences as a documentary filmmaker who shines a light on extraordinary women across the U.S. With a unique mix of an entrepreneurial spirit, a drive to change the way the world perceives women - Sarah entertains, enlightens and encourages the crowd to live their best lives. Share in her transformational story as she shares how she translated her passion of storytelling to professional success.

## Diverse Perspectives Panel Discussions

#### Thursday, 1:30 pm Trailblazing Industry Women

Trailblazers persevere in the face of uncertain success. Hear stories of career victories, struggles and strategies for navigating the business world from a diverse group of industry-leading women and discover tangible, actionable advice for how you can grow your business.

#### Friday, 9 am Work/Life Balance and Boundaries

Work and life demands are not predictable. Work has deadlines, families have crises. There are many different approaches to creating harmony and negotiating balance. Listen in and discover a few new ideas for forming, implementing and enforcing your own boundaries.

## Relatable Stories Participatory Conversations

#### Thursday, Noon Interactive Lunch on Mentoring

Mentoring can be a powerful tool for both the mentor and mentee. Participate in active discussions on peer to peer mentoring, how to find a mentor, how to be a mentee, generational differences, setting and managing expectations.

#### Thursday, 3:15 pm Roundtable Discussions for Discovery

This is your chance to pick the brains of industry leaders and peers and share your own insights. Explore the impact of industry changes, share resources for professional growth, brainstorm how to find and retain new talent and more!



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## Join us!

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