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## **Institute of Textile Science of Canada – The POWER of a Scientific and Technical Network**

As my tenure as President draws to a close, I can proudly say that our organization made significant progress during my term. Here are five of the most important achievements:

**Membership:** New members have joined our institute and the ITS Board of Directors.

**Bylaws:** After 50 years, the institute's bylaws were revised and presented to ITS members for approval.

**Scientific sessions:** New strategies were implemented to invite important guest speakers; these speakers were able to deliver clear scientific and technical answers to members of our institute.

**Finances:** ITS's finance management was reviewed and made more efficient.

**BoD meetings:** Conference-call BoD meetings improved relations between BoD members and enabled the BoD to meet more frequently than ever.

ITS wishes to be at the heart of a network of industry, research and academic specialists, and in the past year, we have identified a way that will enable ITS to be a force in developing an overall scientific and technical network in Canada, and in positioning our members and their companies in a context of global technical intelligence.

The dynamism of the ITS BoD and members is at the very heart of the progress we have made. None of the achievements mentioned above would have been possible without them. I would particularly like to thank Dr. Patricia Dolez for her efforts to increase ITS membership and her mastery of the intricacies of ITS secretarial work; Mr. Bernard Rose, Ms. Dawn Carrick and Mr. François Simard for their work on the ITS bylaws; Mr. Kasper Van Veen for sharing and implementing his new vision of the ITS scientific sessions; Ms. Helena Vandeweerd for sharing and implementing her new vision of ITS finance management; and, finally, Ms. Jerry Beaurle and Mr. Tom Hong for their wise advice during BoD conference calls.

Reinforcing a network of people, facilitating technical development within a Canadian, and potentially international, partnership, is never easy, but this dynamic is already a part of ITS's reality. Our plan has the latitude to adapt to this reality, and the flexibility to accompany members to a prosperous future.