The Nonwovens Innovation Academy 2019 (NIA), held at the DITF (Deutsche Institut für Textil und Faserforschung) in Denkendorf on 16th - 17th October, demonstrated once again that the nonwovens and related industries harbours a talented and thriving research community.

Over 100 R&D and innovation managers, product developers, researchers and students from Europe to the Middle East, India and North America gathered for an intense conference programme and networking.

Seeking inspiration and sharing knowledge to create new solutions and improve current applications were the main drivers for participants.

The conference programme covered the industry’s topical issues under the following themes: nonwovens technologies, materials and recycling, spinning technologies, medical developments and innovative applications.

Eighteen researchers and students presented academic posters in the networking area to the delegates and a jury of experts. Two research projects won the contest and will receive a grant to visit the INDEX™20, the leading nonwovens exhibition taking place 31st March - 3rd April 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland.