

## Award of Textile Science Research Centre (TSRC) for 2018

Award in the category I is assigned to the *PhD student* Rajna Malinar, BSc for the most sucessfull scientific work in the field of textiles:

## TEXTILE PARTICLE GENERATION – TEST METHOD FOR NONWOVENS MODIFIED FOR USE ON WOVEN MATERIALS

**Summary:** Considering that textile dust can cause many problems in specific environments, there is a need for low particle release textiles. Usually this means using disposable textiles, but in effort to reduce amount of waste that such products generate, aim of our research was to investigate possibilities of using multiple use fabrics as an alternative. For purposes of this study, standard method for testing particle release from nonwovens had to be adapted in order to acquire reliable data on testing woven fabrics. Statistical analysis showed considerably more precise results after prolongation of testing time from 5 minutes (standardised) to 30 min (modified). Examination of particle release from cotton fabric after multiple washing and drying cycles showed increase in smaller particles count (<1  $\mu$ m) but also decrease of larger particles (>5  $\mu$ m) after 10 cycles.

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