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Dear friends,

A few months ago, I became the new President of IFATCC, as next year the Spanish Association will be organizing the **27th IFATCC International Congress in Barcelona**. This is the reason for this letter. We—every member of AEQCT—are very happy and honored by the responsibility we have taken on. We believe it will be a wonderful congress, held at the Casa de Convalecència, part of the Modernist Hospital complex in Barcelona. The venue is both beautiful and welcoming.

The city of Barcelona is always a magnificent host, and during the congress dates—late September to early October—the weather is usually very pleasant, offering ideal conditions for walks, beach outings, and other outdoor activities.

The program will include three plenary sessions, followed by two parallel rooms with technical presentations. We're also planning a networking dinner, which—if all goes well—will be combined with an excursion to a special dinner location in the Barcelona area.

So far, we've structured the congress around four main thematic blocks:

1. Textile Innovation
2. Smart Industry
3. Energy & Water
4. Sustainability

In addition, to encourage young professionals and researchers, we will be awarding a prize for the best work presented by a young participant.

As I mentioned, we are truly excited about this congress. However, to ensure a technically excellent event with engaging and enjoyable activities, we need to secure financial support. AEQCT is a non-profit association, and therefore we do not have sufficient savings to fund the event on our own.

This is why we would like to encourage all companies, both large and small, to contribute and support us.

Moreover, we are not only seeking financial support—we would also like to **invite all companies interested in presenting their textile innovations and research**. The congress aims to be a platform for collaboration between the research community and the textile industry, fostering dialogue, inspiration, and shared progress.

The more detailed information about sponsorship opportunities is included in the attached brochure. With this letter, I simply wanted to share the excitement we feel as we prepare for this event and to invite you to be part of it.

Warm regards,



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