How do “Trends and Technologies in the Age of Disruption” impact your students and the way you as educators must prepare them for their future careers? Meet Dr. Mike Fralix, President & CEO of [TC]² (Textile/Clothing Technology Corp.) and Industry Liaison member of the TAPAC Board of Commissioners who will address this question at the TAPAC Assembly of Delegates meeting, Sat., Oct. 26 @ 4:45-6:00 p.m. Mike, an Adjunct Associate Professor at North Carolina State University, is also a member of the Board of Directors of AAFA (the American Apparel & Footwear Assn.), AAFA Education Foundation (Current Pres.), SPESA (Sewn Products Equipment & Suppliers of the Americas-Past Chr.), IAF (International Apparel Federation-Chr. of Technical Committee), YMA Fashion Scholarship Fund, and the Georgia Softgoods Education Foundation (Past Pres.). He was recognized as a Thought Leader at the Outdoor Industry Assoc. Thought Leader’s Dinner in 2013.

Mike will share his experience and insight related to how technologies such as Virtual Dressing, e-Commerce, Lean Systems, Additive Manufacturing, Waterless Coloring, 3D Product Development, 3D printing, and Robotic automation will play a Disruptive role in the movement towards a more sustainable supply chain for the fashion industry. There will also be a time for Q&A following his presentation. This presentation is open to all Assembly of Delegates members and faculty from TAPAC Accredited and Affiliate Member Programs.

The schedule of TAPAC activities during ITAA include:

**TAPAC Pre-Conference Workshop**—“Understanding the Requirements and Expectations for Preparing the Self-Study Report for TAPAC Accreditation Review”—Saturday, October 26, 1:00-3:30 p.m. Register through the ITAA Conference Registration.

**TAPAC Assembly of Delegates**—Business Meeting for TAPAC Accredited and Affiliate Program Representatives or their Proxy, Saturday, October 26, 4:00-4:45 p.m. **Presentation by Dr. Mike Fralix** (see above)—Saturday, October 26, 4:45-6:00 p.m.

**TAPAC Special Topics Session**—“Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes for Textile and Apparel Programs Accreditation Commission (TAPAC) Accreditation”—Sunday, 3:00-4:15 p.m.

**TAPAC Open Forum**—Sunday, October 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

We encourage you to make plans to include these TAPAC sessions in your ITAA schedule. Note that there is a discounted registration fee for the Pre-Conference Workshop for participants from TAPAC Accredited and Affiliate Member programs.

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