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The Performance Days fair, which takes place on 28-29 November in Munich, has announced the winners of this year's awards for outstanding new developments in the areas of function and sustainability. The two winners fit the theme of the trade fair's upcoming edition, which has been described as "Water - Our Responsibility".



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The Eco Performance Award for the best sustainable development has been given to a

laminate from tech company Jou Jou Fish. According to the jury, the "JYRNP0002 307" fabric combines various sustainable technologies, and is made from 100% recycled nylon. Additionally, its micro-porous membrane is produced without solvents.

And the fabric is not only made from pre-dyed fibres (solution-dyeing) but its DWR coating is also applied using a dry-finish treatment. However, the jury said the material can continue to improve as it is currently produced from post-industrial waste products, instead of being a post-consumer polyamide.

Nevertheless, the jury was enthusiastic about the development, describing it as “the best ecological solution currently available on the market”.

Meanwhile, Green Threads and its "DPQ 1092 DWR" tear-resistant fabric has received the Performance Award. Made from fine nylon yards (7d and 4d), which have never been used in performance fabrics before, the material is super lightweight.

This is coupled with an “extremely good” tear resistance, the jury said. And despite weighing just 17g, the lightweight fabric can achieve the same performance as 50g fabrics, thus reducing the amount of raw materials and energy consumed during production.

This is also a factor that protects the environment when the garment is disposed at the end of its lifecycle.



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The awards will be presented at Performance Days on 28 November following Ulrike Arlt's opening speech.

The fair was founded in 2008 as the first and only event dedicated to functional fabrics for sports and workwear.

The biannual trade show aims to give innovative textile manufacturers, suppliers and service providers a platform to present their functional fabrics, membranes, treatments, laminates, paddings, equipment and accessories such as yarns, tapes, prints, buttons and zippers.

Designers, product managers, buyers and decision makers from almost all European sportswear manufacturers come together every April/May and November to source high-quality materials for their collections.

Since this year, the Performance Days is also hosting an event in the US in partnership with Reed Exhibitions. Called 'Functional Fabric Fair powered by Performance Days', the event takes place in New York's Javits Centre, exhibiting the latest development trends in the functional textile industry.

The next US edition will take place on 22-23 July 2019.

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