Since its start in 1998 the Textile Research Centre, CTF, has worked to gather international and national actors who want to reinforce research in the textile and fashion sector. The CTF is attached to the Swedish School of Textiles, THS, at the University of Borås. Through active work the CTF is now of central importance to the research and the artistic development work carried out at the Swedish School of Textiles. Seminars, conferences, publication of journals and other works, and creation of research networks are items from the program.

Today (2009), the Swedish School of Textiles has some 10 professors and 20 postgraduate research students. Its intentions are now to develop and strengthen the CTF as an arena and as part of the infrastructure for research and artistic development work. To achieve this, a re-examination of activities, organization, communication, and financing has been carried on.

Purpose

The purpose of the activities of the CTF is to promote Nordic research in textile and fashion through making research results and information available to all professional groups in the textile field. The CTF strives to provide an overall picture of this kind of research by highlighting design and craft as well as technology and management and the unique combination of these subject areas represented by the Swedish School of Textile and its partners. Thus, CTF activities include hosting lectures, seminars, and conferences along with reflecting current issues and presenting discoveries through publications and contacts with the media.
Areas of Interest and Research:

**Design**

“The development of innovative design with the help of modern technology giving consideration to environmental, estetic, financial and ethical requirements”.

**Textile- and Design Management**

Design management, fashion logistics, humanistik marketing, design direction

**Crafts**

Historic textiles

**Textile Technology**

Environmental technology, technical textiles, fibre technology

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**CTF, Advisory Council**

The aim of the membership of the CTF, Advisory Council was to create close links within the field of textiles relevant to the work of the CTF. The first board meeting was held on August 31 1998.

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