

2nd International Conference on Innovations in Sports Materials

Centexbel - the scientific and technological research institute for the Belgian textile industry - and Sport Vlaanderen - the Flemish agency responsible for (elite) sport policy in Flanders organized the 2nd International Conference on Innovations in Sports Materials on November 19 & 20, 2019.

75 participants from all over the world attended two inspiring days of presentations, network moments, an athletic intermezzo (morning run), and two visits. We were very happy to welcome an interesting mix of people from (textile) materials companies and (elite) sport scientists.



Most presentations addressed scientific and technological material innovations and solicited sport scientists to discuss them in detail as well as their possible impact on the performances of elite athletes. The twelve lectures reviewed a diversity of product developments that are ready for use by the (Belgian) athletes selected for Tokyo 2020. Most of the innovative materials have already been thoroughly tested in different research projects.

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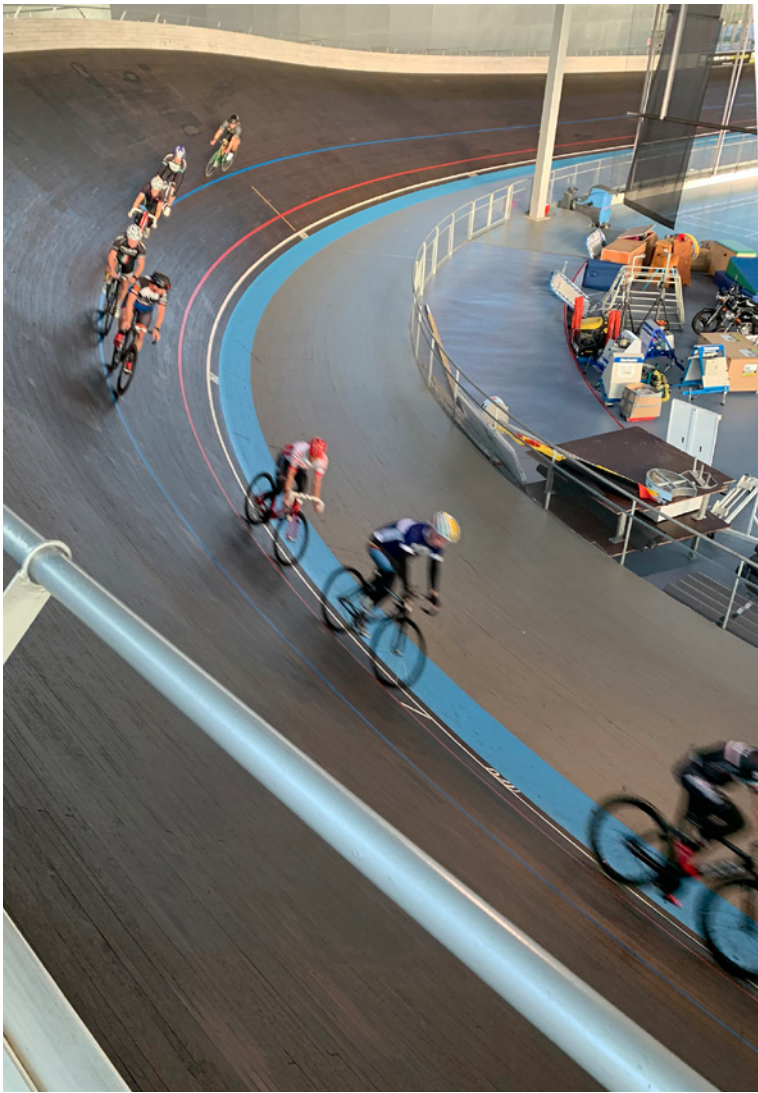


A panel discussion focused on the best way to prepare the athletes to perform under the extreme weather conditions in Tokyo. During the discussion Sport Vlaanderen revealed their own innovation development project 'COLD2GOLD' in which a consortium of six partners is developing three different garments to support the Belgian athletes in their search for medals in Tokyo.

Sander De Vrieze (right) moderates the discussion panel

Liebaert Textiles, Propeaq, Debomat, SleepAngel, Rudolf Chemie, and Doubdle showcased their innovative sport materials at the mini-exhibition accessible to the attendees during the breaks.

We are sure that the conference has unveiled the efforts and insights of sport scientists to support the (Belgian) elite athletes and that we have witnessed the première of several fantastic innovations that will be used in Tokyo 2020.





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