GOTS India Seminar 2018

Being Future Efficient : Evolution of Standard

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Evolution ....
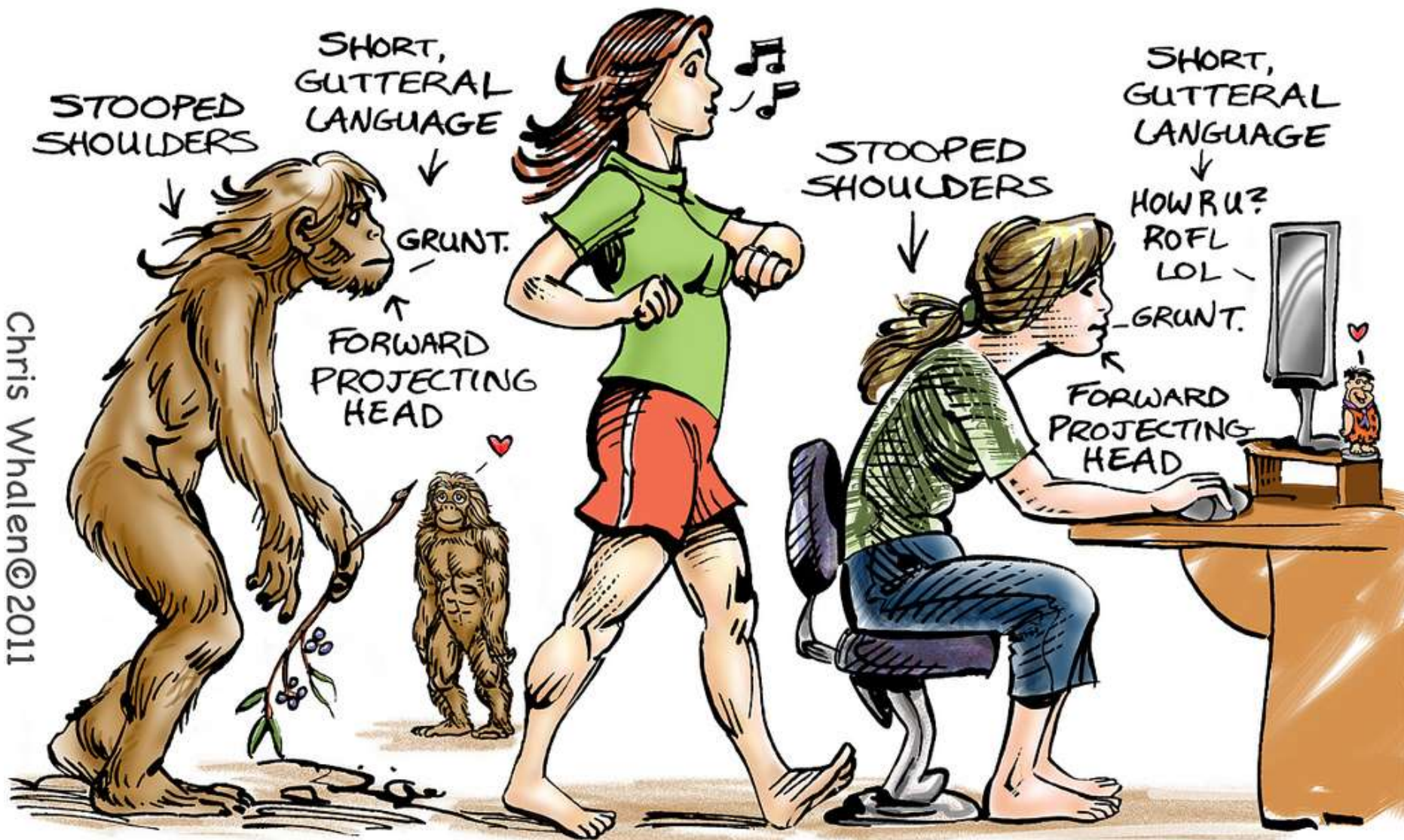

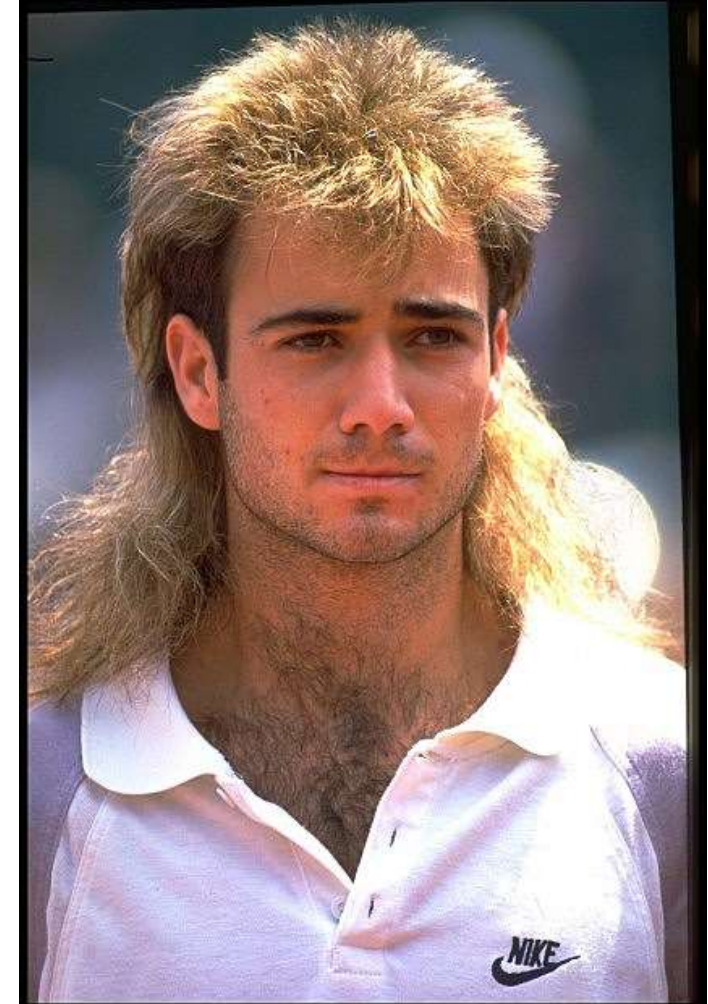Image courtesy of the Smithsonian's Human Origins Program; John Gurche, reconstructions artist

Evolution : right or wrong ?

What we thought was cool is not any more ...

Or is it ?

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Are we going backwards ?

We cannot deny that there is change.

- **We understand things better now.**

- **We take care of ourselves.**

- **We take care of things around us.**

- **We take care of the environment.**

- **We recognise the ill effects of our profligacy.**

- **And we are trying to mend our ways.**

(Really?)

The GOTS Vision remains the same

Organic textiles will become a significant part of everyday life, enhancing people's lives and the environment

Photo Courtesy : Textile Exchange

And it continues to evolve…

For example : Combined Product Label

COMBINED PRODUCT
[name of component]
certified to GOTS

'Organic'
Certified by [certifier's ref.]
[licence number]

Representative photograph only.

So what else is new ?

A few things of interest

GOTS logolution

Centralised Database System

- **Jointly with Textile Exchange**

- **Partial funding support received from GIZ, Germany**

- **Vendor finalised.**

- **Negotiations completed with Vendor**

- **Contract documentation being reviewed.**

- **Identified Swiss firm for Foundation groundwork.**

- **First detailing meeting with vendor completed.**

What will the CDS do ?

- **All data held centrally rather than at CBs ends.**

- **Scope & Transaction Certificates issued by CDS.**

- **Reduce possibility of fraud because it will incorporate volume reconciliation – no duplication between TE and GOTS.**

- **Provide vital and reliable information to GOTS & TE related to impact and other assessment.**

GM in Organic Cotton

- **The need to address the GM conundrum.**

- **GOTS will now require all Seed Cotton to be tested for GM, where test methods are relatively robust.**

- **Testing of processed cotton is still unreliable. A project is now underway to hopefully solve this problem.**

- **Financial support from the Organic Cotton Accelerator (OCA).**

- **Standardisation Bodies will be involved along with a Reference Laboratory.**

- **Estimated time : 8 to 12 months.**

GM testing project (continued)

Expected outcomes :

1. **Confirmation if testing is possible with fibre and textiles**

2. **Comparison of available test methods**

3. **Extensive Round Robin with (selected) laboratories**

4. **Recommended test protocol**

▪ **Eventually may lead to an ISO standard for testing**

GOTS standard revision

- **One year process will commence March 2019.**

- **Should you have any suggestions or comments, please do send them in through your respective stakeholder associations (see list of stakeholders on GOTS website).**

- **Suggest changes to your CBs**

- **Be part of the evolution of GOTS**

So there are quite a few things going on ..

- **And you are all invited to be part of this journey.**

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Thank you.

And now on to the panel ...

Futuristic Certification Systems for Textile Chemicals

Panel Discussion

Panellists

- **Lars Doemer,** Co-Founder, GoBlu International

- **Dr Pankaj Desai,** Head- Research & Development, Colourtex

- **Dr Rajesh Ramamurthy,** Head – Product Stewardship Asia, Archroma

- **Dr Siva Pariti,** Global Technical Program Manager, Sustainable Textile Solutions

- **Shriram Atgur,** Head- Sustainability & Product Stewardship, AEON

Format

- **Opening remarks : 5 minutes for each speaker**
  - Compliance requirements / certification schemes for the textile chemical industry
  - Interoperability of MRSLs and certification schemes
  - How do certification system contribute to improvement in business efficiency
  - Certification / Approval schemes as tools for Risk Management
  - View about GOTS - Practical or Stringent ?

- **Q&A with audience participation**

Thank you all !