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# **AGENDA**

**THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**OF**

**THE IFFTI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**20<sup>TH</sup>-21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2003**

**AT**

**INSTITUT FRANCAIS DE LA MODE**  
**PARIS**

**AGENDA FOR**  
**THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE IFFTI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT IFM, PARIS**  
**ON 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2003**

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.**

**WELCOME REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON – IFFTI**

Professor Edward Newton, Chair Professor, Fashion Design, Institute of Textiles and Clothing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the Chairperson, IFFTI, will make his initial remarks.

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## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.**

### **APOLOGIES SENT**

- 2.1 Confirmation of attendance has been received from
- (a) Donghua University, Shanghai, PR China,
  - (b) Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, USA,
  - (c) Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Kowloon, Hong Kong,
  - (d) Institut Francais de la Mode, Paris, France,
  - (e) London College of Fashion, London, UK,
  - (f) National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi, India,
  - (g) Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Australia,
  - (h) Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada.
- 2.2 Reply is still awaited from Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

#### **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 3.1 The 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee was conducted at 1730 Hrs, on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2003, at Donghua University, Shanghai, China.
- 3.2 The draft Minutes of the Meeting were circulated to the Members on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2003 (copy placed at *Annexure I, page no.7*).
- 3.3 As no comments have been received from Members, the Executive Committee is requested to formally adopt the Minutes of the aforementioned Meeting.

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**25<sup>th</sup> April 2003**

**Dear Member,**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF IFFTI**  
**HELD AT SHANGHAI FROM 18<sup>TH</sup> TO 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2003**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of IFFTI was held at Donghua University, Shanghai, from 18<sup>th</sup> March 2003 to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2003. The Conference comprised the following sessions:-

- (a) **18<sup>th</sup> March** - The 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IFFTI Executive Committee : Minutes of the meeting are placed at *Annexure I (Page No. 5)*.
- (b) **19<sup>th</sup> March – Forenoon Session** - Part – I of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council : At the meeting, the members of the IFFTI General Council deliberated on the Agenda Points concerning IFFTI affairs. The Minutes thereof are placed at *Annexure II (Page No. 10)*.
- (c) **19<sup>th</sup> March – Afternoon Session** : A report on the activities of this session is placed at *Annexure III (Page No. 17)*. The events held during the session are summarised below :-
  - (i) Presentation by New Members : Ms. Angela Peers, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK and Ms. Evangeline Tang, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore, made presentations on their respective Institutions for the benefit of IFFTI General Council,
  - (ii) Presentation on ‘E-Learning’ : By Mr. Ian Sapwell, RMIT, Australia,
  - (iii) Panel Discussions on ‘E-Learning’,
  - (iv) Conducted Tour of Donghua University.
- (d) **19<sup>th</sup> March - Evening** : Banquet hosted by President, Donghua University.

- e) **20<sup>th</sup> March - Day Time** – IFFTI Annual Conference, International Fashion Forum and Changning-Donghua Fashion week : At this session, key note speeches were made by following eminent personnel:-
- i) Welcome Speech – President Donghua University,
  - ii) About IFFTI – Prof. Edward Newton, Chairperson IFFTI,
  - iii) Fashion and Textile Academic Organization Reflecting the Pipeline of Australian Industry – Mr. Ian Sapwell, RMIT, Australia,
  - iv) 2005 USA-China: A New Beginning for Apparel and Textile Trade – Prof. Patrick Yanez, FIT, USA,
  - v) Future Fashion in Changning – Prof. Xuechao, Governor of Changning District, Shanghai, China,
  - vi) Fashion Culture of Dunhuang's Art – Prof. Fan Jinshi, Director of Dunhuang Research Institute, China,
  - vii) View of Fashion Education of China – Prof. Zhang Weiyuan, Fashion Institute of Donghua University, China,
  - viii) The Feasibility and Methodology of Study on Chinese Ancient Silk by Means of Dunhuang's Frescos and Sculptures – Prof. Bao Mingxing, Fashion Institute of Donghua University, China,
  - ix) The Added Value of Design – Prof. Joseph S. Lewis, FIT, USA,
  - x) The Wu-Nuo Culture and its Application on Miao's Costumes and Ornaments – Prof. Edward Newton, Dr. Chao-Chiung Huang, Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan, China,
  - xi) Industry and Academic Partnership in Vocational Education – Mr. A. K. G. Nair, Pearl Academy of Fashion, India,
  - xii) Lecture and Fashion Show – By Famous Designer from Japan.
- f) **20<sup>th</sup> March - Evening** : Fashion show organized by Mr. Zhang Zhaoda, famous designer from China.
- g) **21<sup>st</sup> March – Morning** : At this session keynote speeches were made by the following eminent personnel:-



- i) *The Consequences of Globalization on Fashion Education* – Ms. Anne Normoyle, SIT TAFE, Australia,
  - ii) *Contour Fashion Education and Training at De Montfort University and our Contribution to Industry and Society* – Ms. Janice Mee, De Montfort University, UK,
  - iii) *An Investigation into the Satisfaction and Dilemmas of Fashion Education* – Dr. Jocelyn Chen, Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan, China,
  - iv) *Standardization of Design Programme* – Prof. Wu Haiyan, China Academy of Art, China,
  - v) *E-Learning for Fashion* – Mr. Arindam Das, Pearl Academy of Fashion, India,
  - vi) *A Dream about Future Fashions* – Prof. Teruko Tamura, Bunka Women's University, Japan,
  - vii) *Textile and Apparel Design Education: Issues and Challenges Facing the Developing Nations* – Dr. Sanjay Gupta, NIFT, India,
- h) **21<sup>st</sup> March - Afternoon** : Visit to the Clothing Factory.
  - i) **21<sup>st</sup> March - Evening** : Farewell Banquet hosted by Donghua University.
  - j) **21<sup>st</sup> March - Night** : 'Changning-Donghua Cup' Student Fashion Design Competition of Multilateral Intercollegiate Fashion Institutes and Chinese Acrobatic Performances.
  - k) **22<sup>nd</sup> March** : Sight-seeing for IFFTI members to a traditional old town on the suburb of Shanghai and Pu Dong New District.
  - l) **22<sup>nd</sup> March - Night** : Fashion show of Bunka Fashion College, Japan.

### **OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE**

2. The outcome of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is summarised below for the information of General Council Members:-
  - (a) Adoption of the Minutes : Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting and 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the General Council of IFFTI were adopted.
  - (b) New Membership : The following Institutions were inducted as New Members into the Foundation:-

- (i) Manchester Metropolitan University, UK, as - Regular Member,
  - (ii) North Carolina State University, USA, as - Regular Member,
  - (iii) Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore, as - Associate Member.
- (c) Adoption of the Recommendation of the Programmes Committee with minor modifications.
- (d) Finalization of Venues for future IFFTI Meeting upto the year 2007.
- (e) Adoption of the IFFTI Balance Sheet for the period 01<sup>st</sup> April 2003 - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003.
- (f) Decision to launch IFFTI Website
- (g) Extensive exchange of ideas took place at the Panel Discussions held during the afternoon of 19<sup>th</sup> March 2003. The Members welcomed this opportunity to understand the latest developments on the subject at other Member Institutions. It was unanimously decided to include this as a regular feature at future Conferences. A report on Panel Discussions is placed at ***Annexure III (Page No. 17)***.
- (h) Benefit accrued to IFFTI Members through exposure to current advances and new developments in the spectrum of the fashion and textiles sector. The Conference also provided an opportunity to Members to come together on a common platform for mutual exchange of knowledge, technology transfer and discuss the latest innovations in fashion, textiles and related industries.
3. The Members thanked Donghua University for arranging an extremely well-organised IFFTI Conference at such short notice. The Conference had provided an ideal platform to propel IFFTI towards achieving its objectives.

With warm regards,

**Commodore Vijay (Retd.)**  
**Secretary**

Encl.:

1. ***Annexure I*** – Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IFFTI Executive Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2003. (*Page No. 5*).
2. ***Annexure II*** – Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council held at the forenoon session on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2003. (*Page No. 10*).
3. ***Annexure III*** – Report on IFFTI activities held at the afternoon session on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2003. (*Page No. 17*).

**MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF IFFTI HELD  
AT DONGHUA UNIVERSITY, CHINA, AT 1730 HRS. ON  
18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2003**

The following EC Member Institutions were represented at the meeting:-

<b><u>S. No.</u></b>	<b><u>Institution</u></b>	<b><u>Represented By</u></b>	<b><u>Designation</u></b>
(a)	HKPU, Hong Kong	Prof. Edward Newton	Chairperson
(b)	Donghua University, China	Prof. Weiyuan Zhang	Member
(c)	FIT, New York, USA	Dr. Georgianna Appignani	Member
(d)	LCF, London, UK	Prof. Julia Gaimster	Member
(e)	RMIT, Australia	Mr. Ian Sapwell	Member
(f)	Ryerson Polytechnic, Canada	Prof. Mary McCrae	Member
(g)	UAM, Brazil	Mr. Sergio Garrido Moraes	Member
(h)	IFFTI	Commodore Vijay (Retd.)	Secretary

2. The following Institutions had sent in their apologies for being unable to depute their authorized representatives to attend the Meeting :-
  - (a) IFM, Paris and
  - (b) NIFT, India
3. The Committee took on record the apologies sent by IFM and NIFT.
4. The Chairperson emphasized the importance of representation at IFFTI Conferences and Executive Committee Meetings. He stressed that the Executive Committee has a very important role to play in guiding IFFTI business towards its objectives. He therefore requested the Executive Committee Member Institutions to invariably depute suitable representatives for all IFFTI meetings and large-scale events planned at the Annual Conferences. Such events provide an ideal platform for mutual interaction with various cross-section of participants, both from the academia as well as the industry. Participation in such activities would prove mutually beneficial to IFFTI members, in addition to providing support to the Member Institution arranging such a mega event.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

### **WELCOME REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON**

5. While welcoming the Executive Committee Members, the Chairperson expressed his appreciation at the fact that Members in such large numbers had come to attend the IFFTI Annual Conference despite the short gap between the two Annual Conferences and the international situation prevailing at the time of the Conference. He hoped that the enthusiasm displayed by Members would translate into bonding for mutual benefit.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

### **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

6. While unanimously endorsing the recommendations of the two Sub-Committees, convened to process the applications for IFFTI Membership received from two new Institutions, the Committee decided to offer 'Regular' Membership to both the applicants, namely:
  - a) Manchester Metropolitan University, UK and
  - b) North Carolina State University, USA.
7. The Secretary was directed to place the recommendations of the Committee before the General Council for ratification.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

### **AGENDA FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IFFTI GENERAL COUNCIL**

8. The Committee deliberated on the Agenda of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the General Council. The comments/decisions of the Committee on the Agenda points are given in the succeeding paragraphs:-
  - 8.1 Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the General Council : The Committee approved the Minutes of the aforementioned Meetings circulated vide IFFTI Secretariat letter No. IFFTI/0203/2002 dated 05 December 2002.
  - 8.2 The Report on Activities of IFFTI : The Secretary presented a comprehensive report on the activities undertaken by the IFFTI Secretariat during the period from January 2002 till now. The Committee noted the same and expressed satisfaction at the tasks pursued and completed by the Secretariat under the guidance of Prof. Edward Newton, Chairperson and other Executive Committee Members.

### 8.3 Work Plan of IFFTI :

8.3.1 Papers on 'Best Practices in Fashion Education' : The Secretary informed the Committee that altogether 17 papers had been received under this initiative. Prof. Elizabeth Rouse, LCF would be coordinating the future course of action to evaluate and publish selected papers. It is proposed to have the publication ready by the next Annual Conference scheduled at Ryerson, Canada in April 2004.

#### 8.3.2 Initiative on Funding for Faculty Travel :

8.3.2.1 This issue was debated at length. Finally the Committee recommended that the funding should presently be restricted to Economy Class airfare for travel of Junior Faculty to present papers at the IFFTI Annual Conference scheduled to be held at Toronto, Canada, in April 2004.

8.3.2.2 The Committee was of the view that the monetary assistance under this scheme should be considered for only those Member Institutions:

- a) which have already deputed at least two Members from their Institution to attend the Conference and,
- b) are up-to-date in payment of Membership Subscription.

### 9 Corporate Communication Plan :

9.1 Website : The Secretary explained that at the last Annual Conference, UTS, Australia, had offered to design the 'Homepage' of the IFFTI Website. However, till now no progress has been achieved despite continuous interaction with UTS. In the meanwhile Secretariat has designed a Website which provides the basic information about IFFTI. He then projected the draft Website for viewing by Executive Committee Members. After due deliberations the Committee took following decisions: -

9.1.1 The basic Website designed by the Secretariat is to be launched at the earliest. Presently the option of the World Map showing location of Member Institutions is to be used as the 'Homepage' as an interim measure.

9.1.2 Concurrently the task of designing an appropriate 'Homepage' for the Website is to be assigned to a professional organisation. Member Institutions are requested to assist the Secretariat in identifying a suitable agency for the purpose. Recommendations of the Members are to reach the Secretariat by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003.

- 9.2 Brochure : The new editions of the Brochure are to be printed and distributed by the Secretariat.
- 10 Network of Specialised Information : In view of inadequate response from Members, the Committee decided not to proceed further in this matter for the time being.
- 11 Venues of Future IFFTI Meetings : The Secretary informed the Committee that the rescheduling of the 2003 Conference had necessitated a relook at the venues of the future IFFTI meetings. The Committee deliberated on the issue and finalised the venues for IFFTI meetings upto the year 2007. Secretary was asked to place the revised proposal before the General Council for ratification.
12. Linkages with International Apparel Federation : It was decided that for the time being, the Secretariat would only circulate the schedule of the Annual Conferences of the International Apparel Federation for the information of IFFTI Members.
13. Accounts, Finance and Budget :
- 13.1 Balance Sheet : Balance Sheet for the period from 01<sup>st</sup> April 2002 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2002, was approved by the Executive Committee.
- 13.2 Membership Subscription : The Members were pleased to note that majority of the backlog had been cleared.
- 13.3 Income and Expenditure Statement : The Members took note of the Income and Expenditure Statement presented by the Secretary.
- 13.4 Budget : Budget for the period from 01<sup>st</sup> October 2002 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003 was approved by the Committee. It was further decided that the Secretary should make a projection for next five years, of the surplus funds, which can be deployed in financing IFFTI initiatives.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

### **EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF SECRETARY IFFTI**

14. Keeping in view his past performance, the Committee decided to extend the tenure of Commodore Vijay (Retd.), as full time Secretary of IFFTI, by another two years upto 31st July 2005.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

### **ANY OTHER ITEM**

15. There being no further points, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF IFFTI  
HELD AT DONGHUA UNIVERSITY, SHANGHAI,  
ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2003**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2003 at Donghua University, Shanghai, PR China.

2. The Meeting was presided over by Professor Edward Newton, Head and Chair Professor, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, and Chairperson IFFTI.
3. The Meeting was conducted in two parts.
4. Part I of the Meeting was held from 0930 hrs to 1200 hrs. At this Meeting the IFFTI General Council deliberated upon the Agenda Points.
5. The following representatives of IFFTI Member Institutions attended the forenoon session of the IFFTI Meeting.

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Represented By</b>	<b>Designation</b>
a)	Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong	Prof. Edward Newton	Chairperson
b)	Amsterdam Fashion Institute, Netherlands	Dr. Pauline Terreehorst	Member
c)	Bunka Women's University, Japan	Mr. Joji Sakai	Member
d)	De Montfort University, UK	Ms. Helen M. Dunn	Member
e)	Donghua University, China	Prof. Weiyuan Zhang	Member
f)	Fashion Institute of Technology, USA	Dr. Georgianna Appignani	Member
g)	Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan	Sister Maryta Laumann	Member
h)	London College of Fashion, UK	Prof. Julia Gaimster	Member
i)	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia	Mr. Ian Sapwell	Member
j)	Ryerson Polytechnic University, Canada	Prof. Mary McCrae	Member

k)	Sydney Institute TAFE NSW, Australia	Mr. Nicholas C. Huxley	Member
l)	Universidade Anhembis Morumbi, Brazil	Mr. Sergio Garrido Moraes	Member
m)	Manchester Metropolitan University, UK	Ms. Angela Peers	New Member
n)	Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore	Ms. Evangeline Tang	Associate Member
o)	Pearl Academy of Fashion, India	Mr. A. K. G. Nair	Associate Member
p)	IFFTI	Commodore Vijay (Retd.)	Secretary

### **ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT, DONGHUA UNIVERSITY**

6. The President, Donghua University, Shanghai welcomed the IFFTI Members to the 5<sup>th</sup> IFFTI Annual Conference. He explained that the Conference was being held to coincide with the International Fashion Forum and Changning-Donghua Fashion Week of Shanghai International Fashion Culture Festival to enable the Members to derive maximum benefit from their visit to Shanghai. He hoped that the IFFTI Members would participate actively in the ongoing events of the Fashion Week and enjoy the city of Shanghai and the hospitality of the local people. He thanked the Chairperson and Members of IFFTI General Council for hosting the IFFTI Conference at Donghua University.

### **WELCOME REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON**

7. Prof. Edward Newton, Chairperson, expressed happiness at the fact that the Conference was being attended by such a large gathering inspite of short notice and the difficult international situation prevailing at the time of the Conference. He further stated that this augured well for the future of the Foundation and hoped that all the delegates would take full advantage of the elaborate activities planned by Donghua University besides participating in the IFFTI Meetings.

### **APOLOGIES SENT**

8. The following Member Institutions had sent in their apologies for being unable to depute authorised representatives to attend the IFFTI General Council Meeting:-
- a) IFM, Paris,
  - b) NID, India,
  - c) NIFT, India,
  - d) Polimoda, Italy,
  - e) Temasek, Singapore,



- f) UTS, Australia,
- g) University of Huddersfield, UK,
- h) UMIST, UK.

9. The General Council took on record the apologies sent by the aforementioned Members.
10. The Chairperson thereafter asked the Secretary to table the Agenda Points for the consideration of the General Council.

**AGENDA POINTS FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF IFFTI**

11. The Secretary gave a brief overview of the Agenda Points of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of IFFTI which needed to be ratified by the General Council. He informed the General Council that the below mentioned issues had been approved by the Executive Committee at its 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2003 at Shanghai. After due deliberations the General Council gave the following decisions:-

- 11.1 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of General Council of IFFTI.**

- 11.1.1 **Decision** : The General Council adopted the Minutes of both the Meetings, which were circulated vide IFFTI Secretariat letter no. IFFTI/0203/2002 dated 05 December 2002.

- 11.2 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - New Members.**

- 11.2.1 **Decision** : The General Council ratified the decision of the Executive Committee to offer 'Regular Membership' to both the following Institutions:-

- a) Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU), UK and
- b) North Carolina State University (NCSU), USA

- 11.2.2 The confirmation of Membership of NCSU was subject to the Institute paying the required subscription.

- 11.2.3 The General Council thereafter welcomed MMU, UK and NCSU, USA into the Foundation and invited Ms. Angela Peers to participate in the proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> IFFTI General Council Meeting. NCSU had expressed inability to depute a suitable representative to attend the Conference owing to previous commitments.

- 11.3 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - Work Plan of IFFTI.**

- 11.3.1 The proposal of Prof. Elizabeth Rouse regarding 'Funding of Faculty Travel', was deliberated upon in detail by the General Council. The General Council agreed

that one of the main objectives of IFFTI was to ‘*Promote an international forum for the exchange of ideas and collaborative research and development in fashion design, technology and business and related industries*’. To achieve this goal IFFTI General Council wished to encourage greater collaboration between Member Institutions by increasing participation of Junior Members of faculty in IFFTI Annual Conferences. To encourage this the General Council took following decisions :-

11.3.1.1 **Decision** :

- a) Provide IFFTI funds to support travel of Junior Faculty to present papers at the 6<sup>th</sup> IFFTI Annual Conference scheduled to be held at Toronto, Canada in April 2004,
- b) The funding is to be restricted to ‘Economy Class’ airfare for travel to/from the Annual Conference,
- c) Only IFFTI Member Institutions which are upto date in payment of IFFTI Membership Subscription, would be eligible for funding under this initiative,
- d) The General Council did not consider it appropriate to restrict the funding to the faculty of only those Institutions which had already deputed two other representatives for the Annual Conference. This prerequisite was therefore deleted.

11.3.1.2 Request for grant of funding for reading a paper at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is to be forwarded to reach Prof. Elizabeth Rouse by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003. The applications are to be sent by email to [e.rouse@lcf.linst.ac.uk](mailto:e.rouse@lcf.linst.ac.uk) together with the following information:-

- a) Name of junior faculty desirous of presenting the paper,
- b) Position and Responsibilities,
- c) Institution,
- d) Letter of support from the Institution,
- e) A copy of the abstract of the paper.

11.3.1.3 The decision on funding of travel of junior faculty for future Annual Conferences would be taken at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference depending upon the response from Members and the long term forecast of availability of surplus funds.

11.3.2 As regards the Initiatives on ‘*Papers on Best Practice in Fashion Education*’ the General Council expressed satisfaction at the number of papers received. However, the Council requested the remaining Members to encourage faculty in their respective Institutions to also participate. The Secretary informed the General

Council that the shortlisted papers would be published and distributed at the next Annual Conference at Toronto, Canada.

**11.4 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - Corporate Communication Plan – Website.**

11.4.1 **Decision** : The General Council endorsed the decision of the Executive Committee to launch the basic IFFTI website designed by the IFFTI Secretariat, at the earliest. The General Council also ratified the decision of the Executive Committee to hire the service of a professional agency to design the ‘Homepage’ of the Website. Members were requested to forward the recommendations regarding suitable agencies to the IFFTI Secretariat by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003.

**11.5 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - Network of Specialised Information.**

11.5.1 **Decision** : The General Council endorsed the decision of Executive Committee to keep in abeyance further action on this Agenda point.

**11.6 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - Venues for Future IFFTI Meetings.**

11.6.1 **Decision** : The General Council ratified the decision of the Executive Committee to hold future IFFTI Meetings at the venues given below:-

S. No.	Meeting	Venue	Period
a)	10 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	IFM, Paris, France	November 2003
b)	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and 11 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	Ryerson, Toronto, Canada	April 2004
c)	12 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	NIFT, New Delhi, India	November 2004
d)	13 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	LCF, London, UK	July 2005
e)	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and 14 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	Bunka Women’s University, Tokyo,	November 2005
f)	15 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	FIT, New York, USA	July 2006
g)	8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and 16 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	IFM, Paris, France	November 2006
h)	9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and 17 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	Australia	April 2007

**11.7 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - Linkages with International Apparel Foundation.**

11.7.1 **Decision** : The General Council ratified the decision of the Executive Committee that presently, only the schedule of the Annual Conferences of IAF need to be forwarded to the Members.

11.8 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - Accounts, Finance and Budget.**

11.8.1 **Decisions** :

11.8.1.1 Balance Sheet for the period from 01<sup>st</sup> April 2002 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2002:  
The General Council approved and adopted the Balance Sheet for the period from 01<sup>st</sup> April 2002 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2002 placed at pages 24 to 30 of the Agenda

11.8.1.2 Statement of Affairs as on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2002 : The General Council took on record the Statement of Affairs placed at page 33 of the Agenda.

11.8.1.3 Budget for the Year 2003 : The General Council approved the Budget for the year 2003 placed at page 34 of the Agenda.

11.8.2 The General Council asked the Secretary to provide the planned projections of IFFTI surplus funds for next five years, at the next Annual Conference. This will assist the General Council in deciding on quantum and type of exposure on future initiatives.

11.8 **CONSIDERATION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF SECRETARY IFFTI.**

11.8.1 **Decision** : The General Council ratified the decision of Executive Committee to extend the term of Commodore Vijay (Retd.) as full time Secretary of IFFTI, for a further period of two years upto 31<sup>st</sup> July 2005. The General Council placed on record its appreciation for the systematic working of the IFFTI Secretariat under Commodore Vijay as Secretary and his efforts at personal interaction with Members to bring about increased involvement by the representatives of Institutions, in the affairs of IFFTI. The same was evident by a large attendance at the Conference and payment of outstanding dues by Member Institutions to the tune of US \$ 89,000/-.

11.8.2 Commodore Vijay (Retd.) thanked the General Council for the faith reposed him by the General Council and assured the Members of his continued efforts towards achieving IFFTI goals.

12. In conclusion, Prof. Edward Newton, the Chairperson thanked the General Council Members for deputing representatives in such large numbers to the Annual Conference. The representatives participated actively in IFFTI affairs during the IFFTI Meetings and Panel Discussions. It was also encouraging that 13 IFFTI representatives were presenting papers on wide ranging topics at the International Fashion Forum over the next two days. Thus the Conference would provide a platform for mutual interaction and exchange of ideas and practices, between representatives of Member Institutions. He also hoped that the Members

would take back with them a deep understanding of the Chinese Textile Industry and the beautiful town of Shanghai.

13. Prof. Newton requested the General Council Members to join him in placing on record a vote of special thanks for Prof. Weiyuan Zhang and the staff of Donghua University for taking on the responsibility of hosting the Annual Conference at such short notice. The professionalism and the attention to detail displayed in making elaborate arrangements for travel, comfort and exposure of IFFTI Members to all the activities of International Fashion Forum, was indeed commendable. He was sure that such synergy would go a long way in greater bonding amongst IFFTI Member Institutions.

14. There being no further points, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**REPORT ON PART II OF THE IFFTI GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE  
POST LUNCH SESSION ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2003**

The following additional representatives of IFFTI Member Institutions participated at this session:-

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Represented By</b>	<b>Designation</b>
a)	Bunka Women's University, Japan	i) Mr. Satoshi Onuma ii) Dr. Teruko Tamura	Special Invitee Special Invitee
b)	Donghua University, China	Prof. Li Keling	Special Invitee
c)	Fashion Institute of Technology, USA	i) Prof. Joseph S Lewis ii) Prof. Petrick Yanez	Special Invitee Special Invitee
d)	Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan	Dr. Jocelyn Chen	Special Invitee
e)	Amsterdam Fashion Institute, Amsterdam	Ms. Lara Simons	Special Invitee
f)	HKPU, Hong Kong	Prof. Raymond Au	Special Invitee
g)	Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore	Ms. Alicia Ruth Fung	Special Invitee
h)	Pearl Academy of Fashion, India	Mr. Arindam Das	Special Invitee
i)	Ryerson Polytechnic, Canada	Ms. Alice Chu	Special Invitee
j)	Sydney Institute TAFE, Australia	Ms. Anne Normoyle	Special Invitee
k)	Manchester Metropolitan University, UK	Ms. Catherine Fairhurst	Special Invitee

**PRESENTATION BY NEW MEMBERS.**

- The session commenced with presentations by Ms. Angela Peers, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK and Ms. Evangeline Tang, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore, about their respective Institutions for the benefit of Members.

## **PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

3. To begin with, Mr. Ian Sapwell, RMIT, Australia, gave a brief presentation on the topic of 'E-learning'. This was followed by an absorbing session of discussions on the subject, in which, a large number of Members participated. The discussion provided an insight into the latest development in the field and various practices being adopted by different Institutions with varied success rates.
4. The Members expressed a desire to make Panel Discussion an integral part of all future Conferences.
5. After detailed deliberations, the following issues were shortlisted as possible topics for panel discussions at the next Annual Conference:-
  - a) Assessment Procedure,
  - b) Design and Culture – modification of design to suit the culture of different countries,
  - c) Compliance – child labour, working hours,
  - d) Future Fashion Education – Moderation necessitated to adapt to the advancement in modern technology,
  - e) Evolution of fashion over the years,
  - f) Globalisation of Fashion.
6. A view emerged that the panel discussions may be more meaningful if these were preceded by a presentation by an expert on the subject who may be specially invited for future IFFTI Panel Discussions.
7. The Members agreed to deliberate further on the aforementioned issues and revert to the Secretariat with concrete recommendations.

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## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

### **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

#### **4.1 New Members**

4.1.1 At the 4<sup>th</sup> IFFTI Annual Conference, the Members expressed the view that it would be of immense benefit to IFFTI if it widened its base by including leading fashion Institutions of the world into its fold. Thus, membership should be accorded to a larger number of Institutions representing the different geographical regions of the world, within the parameters of membership criteria agreed upon by IFFTI members. Accordingly, the Members were asked to suggest names of Fashion Institutions that could be considered for Regular and Associate Membership of the Foundation.

4.1.2 In response, the Secretariat received recommendations from the Members for consideration of following Institutions for IFFTI Membership:-

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name of Institution and Address</b>	<b>Recommended By</b>
a.	The Swedish College of Textiles Boras, Sweden.	Mr. Ian Sapwell, RMIT
b.	Senai/Cetiqt Colour Institute, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Prof. William Oxenham, NCSU
c.	St. Petersburg State University of Technology and Design, Russia	Prof. Janice Mee, DMU
d.	Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising Los Angeles, California	Dr. Georgianna Appignani FIT

#### **4.1.3 The Swedish College of Textiles:**

4.1.3.1 A Sub-Committee comprising following Members was constituted to evaluate the application of the Institution:-

- (a) Dr. Dario A. Cortes - Fashion Institute of Technology, New York
- (b) Ms. Sylvie Ebel - Institute Francais de la Mode, Paris

4.1.3.2 The Sub-Committee has unanimously recommended that the Swedish College of Textiles be offered '*Regular Membership*' of IFFTI.



4.1.3.3 The Executive Committee is requested to adopt the recommendation of the Sub-Committee placed at *Annexure II, page 26*

4.1.4 The Secretariat is following up with the remaining Institutions.

4.1.5 In addition, application was also received directly from Dubai International Institute, Dubai. However, their application had not been recommended by an IFFTI Member. The Institution has been requested to fulfill the mandatory requirement.

**(a) Member 1: Dr. Dario A. Cortes, Fashion Institute of Technology, New York**

*I have reviewed the documentation provided by the Swedish School of Textiles, University College of Borås, Sweden. They meet all of the criteria listed by IFFTI for full membership.*

*The School offers the BA, BSc, MA, MSc and Ph.D. degrees in Textiles, Fashion, Management and related subjects. Their goal is to become the leading international research center in Textile and Design. For the Fashion Design program, their application rate is 15 - 20 to 1 acceptance.*

*There is a strong industrial attachment in Knitwear and Textile programs. There are about 500 students enrolled. The two publications which were provided are strong evidence to the potential contribution the institution can give to IFFTI.*

*In my opinion, the interdisciplinary nature of their events and publications, their institutional objective of international partnerships and the apparent mix of design, management and technology programs make would make them most welcomed members to the association.*

***I propose they be accepted for full membership.***

*Sincerely,*

*Dario A. Cortes, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Academic Affairs*

**(b) Member 2: Ms. Sylvie Ebel, Institut Français de la Mode, Paris**

***We have received and carefully reviewed the application of the Swedish School of Textiles Borås and recommend Regular Membership.***

*The Swedish School of Textiles covers the 3 main components of an IFFTI Institution: Design, Management and Technology.*

*It offers a wide range of degrees at undergraduate & postgraduate level: BA (fashion design, textile design, ), BSc (textile management, textile engineering, textile sciences - specialism in handloom weaving), MA (fashion & textile design), MSc (textile sciences - specialism in handloom weaving, textile technology, textile management) and participates in the E-Team Programme (European Master's in Advanced Textile Engineering) with 20 other European universities.*

*The institution is recognised by the Swedish government and is the only higher educational department for textiles in Sweden. The results obtained during the last national evaluation are very positive: the fashion and textile design programmes at Borås are the only design programmes with those of Umeå University, which have passed the evaluation.*

*The library resources related to textile seem to be accurate and the fashion educational facilities are wide and modern (knitting laboratories, weaving laboratories, dyeing & finishing laboratories, 3 computer areas, design studios ...)*

*The Textile Research Centre (CTF) which was created by the school in 1988 is involved in many interesting areas such as design, craft, design management and textile technology, publishes the Nordic Textile Journal and organises great events such as future design days.*

*The links with industry are strong.*

*Yours sincerely.*

*Sylvie Ebel*

*Director of the Education Division*

*Institut Français de la Mode*

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.5**

### **WORK PLAN OF IFFTI**

#### **5.1 Papers on Best Practice in Fashion Education.**

5.1.1 At the 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting held in July 2002 at New York, the Committee decided that the surplus funds of the Foundation should be utilised to support Initiatives which would further the goals of IFFTI and be of direct benefit to Members. It was decided to create an opportunity to identify and disseminate the innovation and good practices that exist within the Member Institutions and to bring the findings to a wider audience through a publication. Accordingly, the Member Institutions were asked to submit Papers on the topic of '*Best Practice in Fashion Education*'.

5.1.2 Around 6-8 selected papers would be published and presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> IFFTI Annual Conference scheduled to be held in 2004. An award of US\$1000 would be made to the individuals whose papers are selected for publication.

5.1.3 In response, 35 papers were received by the Secretariat from the following Member Institutions:-

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Institution</b>	<b>Number of Papers</b>
1	Amsterdam Fashion Institute, The Netherlands	1
2	Bunka Women's University, Japan	2
3	De Montfort University, UK	3
4	Fu-Jen Catholic University, Taiwan	3
5	Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong	3
6	Institut Francais de la Mode, Paris	1
7	London College of Fashion, UK	3
8	Manchester Metropolitan University, UK	2
9	National Institute of Design, India	1
10	National Institute of Fashion Technology, India	6
11	North Carolina State University, USA	3
12	Pearl Academy of Fashion, India	4
13	Sydney Institute of TAFE NSW, Australia	1
14	Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Brazil	1
15	University of Huddersfield, UK	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>

5.1.4 An Editorial Board under the able guidance of Prof. Elizabeth Rouse and comprising following Members was convened to evaluate the Papers:-

- (a) Dr. D. K. Batra, NIFT, India,
- (b) Ms. Karen Webster, RMIT, Australia,
- (c) Prof. Pauline Terreehorst, AFI, Amsterdam,
- (d) Dr. Trevor Little, NCSU, USA

5.1.5 Prof. Elizabeth Rouse would apprise the Members regarding the present status of the IFFTI Initiatives.

## 5.2 **Travel Funding for Junior Faculty to Present Papers at the next Annual Conference**

5.2.1 One of the objectives of IFFTI is to ‘*promote an international forum for the exchange of ideas, and collaborative research and development in fashion design, technology and business and related industries*’.

5.2.2 In order to encourage greater collaboration between IFFTI Member Institutions and to encourage participation by Junior Faculty in IFFTI Annual Conference, it was decided to fund the travel of selected Junior Faculty Members to present Papers on the *theme* of the Conference at IFFTI Annual Conference scheduled to be held in 2004.

5.2.3 A Sub-Committee comprising following representatives of Member Institutions has been convened to evaluate these Papers:

- |  |               |
|--|---------------|
| (a) Elizabeth Rouse, LCF, UK – Chairperson             | - Chairperson |
| (b) Sister Maryta Laumann, Fu Jen, Taipei              | - Member      |
| (c) Prof. Joseph S. Lewis/Dr. Desiree Koslin, FIT, USA | - Member      |
| (d) Dr. Himadri Ghosh, NID, India,                     | - Member      |
| (e) Ms. Emanuela Pisoni, Polimoda, Italy               | - Member      |
| (f) Prof. Raymond Au, HKPU, Hong Kong                  | - Member      |

5.2.4 The launch of this Initiative is pending finalisation of the revised venue of the 2004 IFFTI Annual Conference.

## 5.3 **Donghua University Offer.**

5.3.1 Donghua University have asked if IFFTI could be involved in the activities of the “10<sup>th</sup> Shanghai International Fashion Culture Festival – International Fashion Forum” scheduled to be held in Shanghai in June 2004.

5.3.2 The proposal received from Donghua is placed at *Annexure III, page 30* for the consideration of the Committee.



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**June 10, 2003**

**Dear Mr. Commodore Vijay,**

**First of all, please allow me to extend my heartfelt thanks for your support on the “2003 IFFTI annual conference” in Shanghai. It is a big success!**

**We'll hold the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary for “Shanghai International Fashion Culture Festival – International Fashion Forum” in June, 2004. On the occasion, I'd like to invite you and Prof. Newton to Shanghai as our honored guests. The topic of the forum is “Design & High-Tech – Integration and Application”. The detailed information of the forum will be sent to you later.**

**Since the annual Shanghai International Fashion Forum is a very good and also a mature platform for communication, we'd like to know if it is possible to cooperate with IFFTI on this platform. Our suggestions are as follows:**

- a) Call for high-level papers all over the world in the name of IFFTI**
- b) Call for high-level design works of students from different fashion colleges all over the world in the name of IFFTI**
- c) Attend the comment on papers and design works in the name of IFFTI**

**What do you think of our suggestions? Look forward to hearing from you soon!**

**Sincerely,**

**Keling Li (Dean)**

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

### **IFFTI MEETINGS**

#### **6.1 Venues.**

6.1.1 Uptil now IFFTI Meetings have been held at following locations:-

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.	<b>Plenary Conference</b>	NIFT, New Delhi, <b>India</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> Nov. <b>1998</b>
2.	1 <sup>st</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	IFM, Paris, France	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 1999
3.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference</b> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	UAM, Sao Paulo, <b>Brazil</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> Nov. <b>1999</b>
4.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	LCF, London, UK	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2000
5.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference</b> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	LCF, London, <b>UK</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> Nov. <b>2000</b>
6.	5 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	HKPU, Hong Kong	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 2001
7.	6 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	IFM, Paris, France	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2001
8.	7 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	FIT, New York, USA	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> July 2002
9.	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	<b>HKPU, Hong Kong</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Nov. <b>2002</b>
11.	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b> and 9 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	Donghua University, Shanghai, <b>China</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar. <b>2003</b>

6.1.2 At the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference held at Shanghai in March 2003, the following forecast of venues had been agreed upon.

**VENUES FOR FUTURE IFFTI MEETINGS APPROVED AT THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Period</b>
11	10 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	IFM, Paris, France	November 2003
12	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b> and 11 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	Ryerson, Toronto, <b>Canada</b>	April <b>2004</b>
13	12 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	NIFT, New Delhi, India	November 2004
14	13 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	LCF, London, UK	July 2005
15	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b> and 14 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	Bunka Women's University, Tokyo, <b>Japan</b>	November <b>2005</b>
16	15 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	FIT, New York, USA	July 2006
17	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b> and 16 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	IFM, Paris, <b>France</b>	November <b>2006</b>
18	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b> and 17 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting	Melbourne, <b>Australia</b>	April <b>2007</b>

6.1.3 Due to SARS outbreak in the country and the essential time lost in recuperating, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada have expressed their inability to host the IFFTI Annual Conference in April **2004**.

6.1.4 Consequently the Secretariat, under the guidance of the Chairperson, embarked upon the task of finding an alternative volunteer for hosting this Conference. In response NIFT-India, NCSU-USA, RMIT-Australia, Temasek-Singapore and MMU-UK, graciously offered to conduct the 2004 Conference. A proposal to select the revised venue for the 2004 Conference was forwarded by the Secretariat to Executive Committee Members vide mail dated 06 November 2003 (copy placed at ***Annexure IV, page 34***)

6.1.5 The response received is placed at ***Annexure V, page 54***.

6.1.6 The Executive Committee may deliberate and decide on the revised venues for future IFFTI Meetings.

## **6.2 Panel Discussion.**

### **6.2.1 Topics**

Some of the topics for future Panel Discussions which were discussed at the last Conference are mentioned below:



- a) Assessment Procedure,
- b) Design and Culture – modification of design to suit the culture of different countries,
- c) Compliance – child labour, working hours, etc.
- d) Future Fashion Education – Moderation necessitated to adapt to the advancement in modern technology,
- e) Evolution of fashion over the years,
- f) Globalisation of Fashion

### **6.2.2 Guest Speaker**

At the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at Shanghai, it was decided to make interactive sessions in the form of Panel Discussions, a permanent part of all future IFFTI Conferences. To make these sessions more informative and beneficial to the Members, it was further decided to invite an eminent speaker to initiate the Panel Discussions through a presentation on the selected topic.

### **6.2.3 Format**

At the last Annual Conference some of the Members had opined that the Panel Discussions should be made an integral part of the main Annual Conference instead of being held during the IFFTI General Council Meeting as hitherto.

6.2.4 The Executive Committee is requested to deliberate and decide on the following:-

- a. Topics for future Panel Discussions,
- b. Names of Guest Speakers at the Panel Discussion.
- c. Format of Panel Discussions.

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IFFTI/020406/2003

06 November 2003

Dear Executive Committee Member,

**REVISED VENUE FOR THE 6<sup>TH</sup> IFFTI ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN 2004**

Please refer to the Secretariat mail dated 23 September 2003 on the aforementioned subject (Enclosure 1).

2. NIFT-India, NCSU-USA, RMIT-Australia, Temasek-Singapore, and MMU-UK, have offered to host the 2004 Annual Conference. The details are placed at Enclosure 2.
3. The venues of the previous IFFTI Annual Conferences together with the forecast of future Conferences approved at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, are given in Enclosure 3.
4. According to existing Regulations, the representative of the Institution hosting the next Annual Conference is invited to attend the preceding unattached Executive Committee Meeting, in case the Institution is not a Member of the Executive Committee. Hence the authorized representative of NCSU/Temasek/MMU would need to be invited to attend the Paris EC Meeting, in case one of them is selected to host the 2004 Annual Conference, as these institutions are not Members of the Executive Committee. The decision regarding the choice of venue for the 2004 Conference is therefore required to be taken before the next Executive Committee Meeting scheduled to be held at Paris on 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> November 2003.
5. Keeping in view the special circumstances of the case and urgency of the matter, it is proposed to take the decision regarding the venue for the 2004 IFFTI Annual Conference by Circular Resolution.
6. It is, therefore, requested that your order of preference of venues for the 2004 IFFTI Annual Conference may please be forwarded to IFFTI Secretariat on form placed at Enclosure 4.

Best regards,

Commodore Vijay (Retd.)  
Secretary

*Enclosure 1*

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IFFTI/0304/2003

23 September, 2003

Dear IFFTI General Council Member,

**IFFTI ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2004.**

At the 5<sup>th</sup> IFFTI Annual Conference held at Shanghai, it was decided to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and the 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of IFFTI at Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, in April 2004.

However, Ryerson University have now expressed their inability to host the IFFTI Conference in the year 2004. In this regard mail of Prof. Mary McCrae is enclosed for your information please.

The revised venues for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and the 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of IFFTI would be intimated to you shortly.

The inconvenience caused to the members is deeply regretted.

Best regards,

Commodore Vijay (Retd.)

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Dear Executive Committee Members,

With very deep regret I must inform you that the School of Fashion, Ryerson University, has decided that it will NOT be able to host the 2004 IFFTI Conference as proposed. As a result of the lack of a solid endorsement from the School's faculty, the Dean was unable to approve the Conference.

Although there is strong endorsement of the concept of Ryerson hosting an IFFTI Conference, the majority of the School's full time faculty are concerned about the short amount of time left to prepare and execute this important 2004 event. This is in spite of the strong industry and government support. The Faculty concluded that the planning time already lost, due to the SARS outbreak in Toronto, has put time constraints on this project that may impact on the event execution. The faculty members do not want to have the School put itself in any potential risk position during an already very demanding year for the School.

The School would be pleased to host the IFFTI Conference in April 2005. The faculty enthusiastically agreed that this would be ideal timing for the School and Ryerson University. Could consideration please be given to Ryerson being the Conference host in April 2005?

Would another institution be able to host the 2004 IFFTI Conference? To provide more lead time for the 2004 Conference perhaps it could be in the fall of 2004. This is not a good time of the year for Ryerson as our student fashion show is always at the end of the school year in April.

Unfortunately this is short notice for the Executive Committee, but it would be appreciated if there could be a review of this potential solution. The many benefits of IFFTI and the Conference are recognized by the School. There is regret about our not being able to be the 2004 host and the inconvenience this will cause IFFTI. The School looks forward to a successful outcome in this situation. I await your reply.

Regards,

Mary

**OFFERS RECEIVED FOR HOSTING  
THE 2004 IFFTI ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Host Institution</b>	<b>Proposed Period</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1.	National Institute of Fashion Technology <b>India</b>	March 2004	Firm commitment received from the authorized representative and the Head of Institution. (Enclosure 5)
2.	North Carolina State University <b>North America</b>	April 2004	Firm commitments received from the authorized representative and the Head of Institution (Enclosure 6)
3.	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology <b>Australia</b>	March 2004	Firm commitments received from the authorized representative and the Dean of Faculty of Art, Design and Communication. However, RMIT, have proposed that Members pay the charges (at reduced rates) for participating in some of the activities of the L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival and the RMIT's Intermesh Symposium, with which RMIT propose to align the IFFTI Annual Conference. This is because the planning for these events, as also the budget for 2004, have already been finalized. (Enclosure 7)
4.	Temasek Polytechnic <b>Singapore</b>	Not specified	General offer of assistance from authorized representative. But would prefer to host in 2005 (Enclosure 8)
5.	Manchester Metropolitan University <b>UK</b>	Not Specified	General offer of assistance from the authorized representative (Enclosure 9)

**VENUES OF PAST IFFTI ANNUAL CONFERENCES**

<b><u>S. No</u></b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Host Institution</b>	<b><u>Venue</u></b>	<b><u>Remarks</u></b>
1.	1998	National Institute of Fashion Technology	<b><u>India</u></b>	Plenary Conference
2.	1999	Universidade Anhembi Morumbi	<b>Brazil</b>	
3.	2000	London College of Fashion	<b>UK</b>	
-	2001	Not Held	-	
4.	2002	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	<b>Hong Kong</b>	
5.	2003	Donghua University	<b>PR China</b>	Originally scheduled at RMIT, Australia. Rescheduled after they expressed inability.

**APPROVED FORECAST OF FUTURE IFFTI ANNUAL CONFERENCES**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Host Institution</b>	<b><u>Venue</u></b>	<b>Remarks</b>
6.	2004	Ryerson, Toronto	<b>Canada</b>	Ryerson have now expressed inability.
7.	2005	Bunka Women's University, Tokyo	<b>Japan</b>	Ryerson-Canada, RMIT-Australia and Temasek-Singapore have also offered to host the 2005 Conference
8.	2006	IFM, Paris	<b>France</b>	
9.	2007	<u>RMIT, Melbourne</u>	<b>Australia</b>	

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**REASONS IN BRIEF FOR THE FIRST CHOICE**

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**NAME OF INSTITUTION**

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**NIFT OFFER**

**NIFT/DG/2003/IFFTI/018**

**30<sup>th</sup> October, 2003**

This is with reference to letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2003 from Secretary, IFFTI regarding hosting of IFFTI Annual Conference 2004 by NIFT. In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that NIFT will be happy to host the IFFTI Annual Conference 2004 on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2003. This is particularly to synergise with the three day mega event [D.SY.N.@04](#) (Design Synectics Noetics) being organized by NIFT and promoted by the Ministry of Textiles in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. The event will have a series of fashion shows, theme pavilion, exhibitions, seminars, informal interactions, etc focusing on emerging aspects of fashion business concerning developing and developed nations.

The Government of India views the Event as a pioneering initiative to be of Strategic National Importance which will create a design driven mechanism for accelerating the growth of textile and apparel industry. The Export Promotion Councils and apex bodies shall also be organizing seminars, exhibitions and aiding the process of bringing in buyers and exporters together on a common platform. Delegates from leading national and international business houses and other agencies are expected to participate in the event which shall be a regular feature in the international fashion calendar.

An event of such magnitude would certainly provide a rare opportunity to the members of IFFTI to network with other international organisations, participate in the seminars and provide a forum to share their concerns and build strategies.

I look forward to your acceptance of our invitation for holding of IFFTI Annual Conference 2004 in New Delhi, India and request for your earliest confirmation to enable us to make arrangements for the same.

Yours  
Sd/  
**GAURI KUMAR**

**Prof. Edward Newton,**  
**Chairman, IFFTI,**  
**The Hong Kong Polytechnic University,**  
**Institute of Textile & Clothing,**  
**Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong**  
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**CC: Commdr. Vijay, Secretary IFFTI**  
**For information and necessary action.**

**GAURI KUMAR**



**NCSU OFFER**

From:Tjlittle@aol.com | This is Spam | Add to Address Book  
Date:Tue, 23 Sep 2003 22:45:40 EDT  
Subject:Conference Hosting  
To:ifftisec@yahoo.com

Commodore,

While NCSU is a new member to IFFTI and there may be other IFFTI members in North America who would like to host the Conference, I would like IFFTI to consider NCSU as a host for the April 2004 conference. Please advise if this is worth pursuing on our part and what information you may need to make decisions.

Regards.

**Trevor Little**

From:"Trevor Little" <tlittle@unity.ncsu.edu> | This is Spam | Add to Address Book  
To:"Commodore vijay" <ifftisec@yahoo.com>  
CC: "Nancy Cassill" <ncassill@yahoo.com>, "Blanton Godfrey" <abgodfre@tx.ncsu.edu>, "Oxenham, William" <woxenham@tx.ncsu.edu>  
Subject:Re: Conference Hosting  
Date:Fri, 26 Sep 2003 17:10:14 -0400

Commodore,

Thank you for your email with details about the IFFTI conference. I have discussed the conference venue with Dean Blanton Godfrey and Dean Oxenham and they are both supportive of hosting the Conference at the College of Textiles at NCSU. They will respond to you in the next couple of days so that you will have assurance of full College support for the Conference.

The operational details will reside with the faculty in the TATM department and, if we are to move forward, I will form a Conference Planning group to organize all aspects of the event. There will be adequate space in the College of Textiles to host a conference for 200 persons and April is an excellent time of year in Raleigh.

I have discussed the Conference with the Managing Editor of JTATM, Nancy Cassill ([www.tx.ncsu.edu/jtatm](http://www.tx.ncsu.edu/jtatm)) and she has agreed to devote one of next years issues to the IFFTI conference papers.

There are four r&d institutions locally that would be of interest to IFFTI, i.e (TC)2, Cotton Incorporated, INDA and AATCC. We can also arrange visits to manufacturing plants within 2 hours of the conference venue. We will also have tours of the College of Textiles and the College of Design.

I believe that we can be a great host site for IFFTI and put together a globally attractive venue.

Regards.

**Trevor**

Date: Tue, 30 Sep 2003 18:36:17 -0400

From: "Blanton Godfrey" <Blanton\_Godfrey@ncsu.edu> | This is Spam | Add to Address

To: ifftisec@yahoo.com

CC: "Trevor Little" <trevor\_little@ncsu.edu>, "William Oxenham" <william\_oxenham@ncsu.edu>

Subject: IFFTI Conference

Dear Commodore Vijay:

Trevor Little and I have discussed this possibility to host the IFFTI conference in April 2004, and I have agreed with him this is a great opportunity for us to become far more actively involved in our support of the organization. We are honored to host this meeting.

**A. Blanton Godfrey**  
**Dean, College of Textiles**

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**From:** "William Oxenham" <William\_Oxenham@ncsu.edu> | [This is Spam](#) | [Add to Address Book](#)

**To:** ifftisec@yahoo.com

**CC:** Trevor\_Little@ncsu.edu

**Subject:** IFFTI Conference 2004

**Date:** Wed, 1 Oct 2003 09:07:58 -0400

Dear Commodore Vijay,

Just a brief note to say how delighted we are, to have the opportunity to host the 2004 conference.

Trevor Little is ready to put a committee together and I have absolutely no doubts that this will be

a well organized event, and that the College of Textiles and IFFTI will both benefit from this arrangement.

Kindest regards,

**Bill Oxenham**

William Oxenham

Associate Dean Academic Programs,

College of Textiles,

-  
North Carolina State University,

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Raleigh,

NC 27695-8301

Tel 919 515 6573

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**To:** "Commodore vijay" <ifftisec@yahoo.com>

**CC:** "Nancy Cassill" <Nancy\_Cassill@ncsu.edu>, "Trevor Little" <tlittle@unity.ncsu.edu>

**Subject:** Fw: IFFTI

**Date:** Mon, 27 Oct 2003 08:22:03 -0500

Dear Commodore Vijay,

As you may see from the email below we have a group of faculty who are keen to go forward with the planning of next year's IFFTI conference. Could you let us have some confirmation that we will indeed be hosting this and we will then begin to start advertising (initially in JTATM).

Best wishes,

**Bill Oxenham**

----- Original Message -----

From: <[nlcassil@ncsu.edu](mailto:nlcassil@ncsu.edu)>

To: <[Trevor.Little@ncsu.edu](mailto:Trevor.Little@ncsu.edu)>

Cc: <[William.Oxenham@ncsu.edu](mailto:William.Oxenham@ncsu.edu)>

Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2003 4:07 PM

Subject: IFFTI

**Trevor and Bill-**

It is official that IFFTI will be at NCSU in April 2004? If so, I would like to get something from the Commodore in the forthcoming JTATM issue (to be launched November 12, 2003).

Just let me know if I can proceed and contact him.

Thanks,

**Nancy**

**RMIT OFFER**

**Date:** Tue, 7 Oct 2003 10:41:24 +1000  
**To:** [ifftisec@yahoo.com](mailto:ifftisec@yahoo.com)  
**From:** "Robin Williams" <robin.williams@rmit.edu.au> | [This is Spam](#) | [Add to Address Book](#)  
**Subject:** IFFTI Conference  
**CC:** karen.webster@rmit.edu.au, maxine.sparks@rmit.edu.au, kaye.ashton@rmit.edu.au

Dear Commodore

Thank you for your emails concerning the change in plans for the IFFTI annual conference 2004. I can understand fully why Ryerson would be unable to deliver next year. I have spoken to Karen Webster about the possibility of us providing some kind of rescue plan in 2004 in Melbourne.

Karen & Kaye Ashton are both keen to do this & believe that by aligning the conference to the Melbourne Fashion Festival, delegates would still have an outstanding experience, despite the fact that, of necessity, the conference would be a significantly cut down version of what IFFTI members normally expect.

Karen is today discussing the matter with Maxine Sparks & Kaye Ashton & they will be in touch with you directly about persuing the matter.

Regards

**Robin**

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**Date:** Tue, 07 Oct 2003 13:55:24 +1000  
**From:** "Karen Webster" <karen.webster@rmit.edu.au> | [This is Spam](#) | [Add to Address Book](#)  
**To:** [ifftisec@yahoo.com](mailto:ifftisec@yahoo.com)  
**CC:** "Kaye Ashton" <kaye.ashton@rmit.edu.au>, "Maxine Sparks" <maxine.sparks@rmit.edu.au>, "Robin Williams" <robinw@ems.rmit.edu.au>  
**Subject:** IFFTI Conference 2004

Dear Commodore Vijay,

I am writing to offer IFFTI a solution for the 2004 Conference. RMIT would be most happy to host the IFFTI meetings in 2004 in conjunction with a number of exciting activities that are occurring in March.

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This would be an ideal time for International visitors to come to Melbourne to share the experience of this dynamic fashion focused city.

Rather than setting up a separate IFFTI conference, RMIT Fashion is already hosting a symposium from March 19 to 21 titled Intermeshed, which incorporates a one day conference, master classes and workshops. As much of the planning has commenced for this it would provide the basis for a fashion education conference while offering an exciting educational, research and creative base for IFFTI members while attending the IFFTI meetings. The details are as follows:

RMIT University  
INTERMESH symposium:  
Narratives in Fashion and Textiles  
19 March - 21 March 2004

RMIT Fashion (Higher Education) will host a three day symposium in March 2004, which will focus attention on surface treatments and techniques for textiles and fashion. The Symposium (19 - 21 March 2004) will investigate and disseminate knowledge, and inspire practice, relating to the interface between traditional and contemporary surface fashion and textile techniques. This event will incorporate master classes for small groups led by international practitioner experts; themed workshops; and, a one day Symposium featuring international keynote speakers and presentation of refereed and non refereed papers. Submissions for abstracts for papers, and expressions of interest for workshop facilitation, will be invited. The Symposium will form part of L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival's Cultural Program 2004. This event is supported by the World Shibori Network.

Additional to the symposium, the L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival will be on from March 14 to 21. This is a high profile festival with a number of exciting International guests. A description of the festival is:

Scheduled for 14 - 21 March 2004, the L'Oréal Melbourne Fashion Festival brings Melbourne to the forefront of fashion, arts and culture and all things cutting-edge.

Melbourne Fashion Festival Ltd was established in 1997 as a combined initiative of the Australian fashion and retail industry, the State Government of Victoria and the City of Melbourne. The

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Festival has grown to become Australia's largest and most successful consumer-oriented fashion event.

The Festival launches collections of Australia's leading fashion designers, labels and fashion retailers in a series of sophisticated and spectacular fashions shows. From Sunday to Sunday people flock to the catwalks, parties, exhibitions, parties, business and fashion industry events, and parties all over Melbourne.

One of the highlights of the week is the Business Seminar which will be held on the Wednesday 17th of March. This is a one day forum that provides forward information to the fashion industry and would be of great benefit for IFFTI members to attend. Past presenters at the business seminar have included:

Trend Forecasters:

Martin Raymond and Christopher Sanderson (from Future Laboratory/Viewpoint magazine), Li Edelkoort (from Studio Edelkoort/Trend Union), Carol Farmer, Carol Fertig, David Shah (Textile View/Viewpoint), Lisa White (View on Colour/Bloom), Ilse Crawford (ex Donna Karan home wares and

Elle Decoration UK) and Charles Leadbeater Designers:

Philippe Starke, Walter Van Birendonck, Philip Treacy, Dirk Bikkembergs, Suzanne Clements and Inacio Ribeiro (Clements Ribeiro and Cacharel) Retail Experts Mary Porteus from Yellow Door/ex Harvey Nichols, Ed Burstall (Henri Bendals), Rita Clifton (Interbrand)

As you can see it is a rather exciting list and 2004 will prove to be even more exciting (unfortunately I can't announce details until November).

Additional to the Business Seminar there are innumerable exhibitions, events and parades that highlight Melbourne as a fashion capital. Details can be found on [www.mff.com.au](http://www.mff.com.au).

I am hoping that the above activities would provide an exciting opportunity for IFFTI to consider RMIT as the host for the 2004 IFFTI meeting activities. I would like to request details of what would be expected of RMIT by IFFTI. Our only concern will be associated costs. AT short notice (we have finalized our 2004 budget activities) we may need to request financial support in hosting the activities and would like confirmation of what would be involved and proposed expenditure.

I look forward to hearing your response,

Best regards

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**Karen**

**Karen Webster**

Strategic Leader/Programs Manager - Fashion  
Fashion and Textiles  
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**Date:** Wed, 05 Nov 2003 18:05:04 +1100

**From:** "Karen Webster" <karen.webster@rmit.edu.au> | [This is Spam](#) | [Add to Address Book](#)

**To:** ifftisec@yahoo.com

**CC:** "Harriet Edquist" <harriet.edquist@rmit.edu.au>, "Kaye Ashton" <kaye.ashton@rmit.edu.au>, "Maxine Sparks" <maxine.sparks@rmit.edu.au>, "Robin Williams" <robinw@ems.rmit.edu.au>

**Subject:**  Proposal for RMIT to host the 2004 IFFTI Conference

Dear Commodore Vijay

It is with pleasure that I propose that RMIT host the 2004 IFFTI Conference. Please find attached a draft proposal for you to distribute for approval by the IFFTI Executive.

I would like to have the opportunity, if feasible to do a presentation to the IFFTI Executive at the meeting in November. I could present an overview of Melbourne, RMIT and the Melbourne Fashion Festival.

With regards

Karen

**Karen Webster**

Strategic Leader/Programs Manager - Fashion  
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*Enclosure 8*

**TEMASEK OFFER**

Subject:6th IFFTI Conference

Date:Wed, 24 Sep 2003 14:10:44 +0800

From:"Lim Lay Hoon, Sylvia" <limla@TP.EDU.SG> | This is Spam | Add to Address

To:"Commodore vijay" <ifftisec@yahoo.com>

Dear Mr. Vijay.

I am extending my invitation for the conference to be held in Singapore either in 2004 or 2005. I will be happy to host it.

Do let me know.

Rgds,

**Sylvia LIM**

Temasek Polytechnic

Singapore

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**Subject:** RE: 6th IFFTI Conference

**Date:** Tue, 30 Sep 2003 09:35:44 +0800

**From:** "Lim Lay Hoon, Sylvia" <limla@TP.EDU.SG> | [This is Spam](#) | [Add to Address Book](#)

**To:** "Commodore vijay" <ifftisec@yahoo.com>

Dear Vijay.

Thanks and would appreciate if you cld keep me posted on the progress.. It would be ideal for Singapore to host the one in 2005. This will give us preparation lead time. By the way, when will the conference for 2004 be?

Kindest regards,

**Sylvia LIM**

*Enclosure 9*

**MMU OFFER**

**Date:** Tue, 23 Sep 2003 12:40:49 +0100

**From:** "ANGELA PEERS" <A.Peers@mmu.ac.uk> | [This is Spam](#) | [Add to Address Book](#)

**To:** iffisec@yahoo.com

**Subject:** Re:

Dear Sir

I am so sorry, I recognise all the hard work and organisation that you have achieved to date in order to prepare for this event.

I await to hear of the new venue, but in the meantime, if I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

**Angela Peers**

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1	<i>Prof. Li Keling, Donghua, PR China</i>	4	1	2	3	5
2	<i>Dr. Dario Cortes, FIT, New York</i>					
3	<i>Prof. Edward Newton HKPU, Hong Kong</i>					
4	<i>Ms. Sylvie Ebel, IFM, Paris</i>	-	2	1	-	-
5	<i>Prof. Rouse, LCF, London</i>	5	1 (equal)	1 (equal)	3	4
6	<i>Ms. Gauri Kumar NIFT, India</i>					
7	<i>Ms. Karen Webster, RMIT, Australia</i>	5	2	1	4	3
8	<i>Prof. Mary McCrae, Ryerson Canada</i>	3	1	2	4	5
9	<i>Mr. Sergio Garrido UAM Brazil</i>					

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**REASONS IN BRIEF FOR THE FIRST CHOICE**

**The IFFTI Annual Conference haven't been hold in USA before and also not in future schedule. And, NCSU is very famous on the area of clothing comfort and function.**

**Li Keling**

**SIGNATURE**

**Donghua University**

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12 November 2003

Dear Sir,

Concerning IFM, the preferences for the 2004 conference would be :

1 – RMIT Australia

2 – NCSU – USA

Best regards

Valérie Perraut

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E	Manchester Metropolitan University, UK	4

**REASONS IN BRIEF FOR THE FIRST CHOICE**

**In my view there are advantages and disadvantages for my two first choices. RMIT has an existing programme which is already organized. The disadvantage from LCF's point of view is there is only a very limited opportunity for staff to give Best Practice papers and therefore few if any staff from LCF would be funded to attend particularly given the costs of accommodation for a week and of travel to Australia.**

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**North Carolina State would be starting from scratch and organizing the conference would be demanding but the promise of published papers would enable us to send a group of staff.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Elizabeth Rouse \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_ London College of Fashion \_\_\_\_\_

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**REASONS IN BRIEF FOR THE FIRST CHOICE**

**RMIT and Melbourne would be a vibrant, dynamic venue for the IFFTI Conference offering ideas, experiences and supporting events.**

**Karen Webster**

**SIGNATURE**

**RMIT University**

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**REASONS IN BRIEF FOR THE FIRST CHOICE**

**Having the conference in USA – North Carolina State University**

- 1. Keeps the IFFTI Conference in North America as originally planned.**
- 2. Confidence in NCSU's ability to organize the conference.**
- 3. Initial plans sound good. Hopefully no additional charges.**
- 4. USA had originally been scheduled but because of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks had to be cancelled. This would give USA another opportunity to be the host.**
- 5. Delegates may also visit FIT in New York while on this trip and perhaps Ryerson University since the distance is not far from NCSU..**
- 6. RMIT has a great program and would be wonderful hosts but I would be concerned about all of the additional costs that members would have to incur. Also the schedule**



is much longer than the usual IFFTI Conference. This might be a problem for some members.

7. NIFT also has an exciting program but they have already been an IFFTI host. I feel the opportunity should now go to another member.
  8. Singapore and Manchester were very supportive in offering to be hosts but I feel they would prefer more time and would not be opposed to one of the other members being host.
  9. If the majority chose either RMIT or NIFT I would not be opposed.
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\_\_\_\_\_ Mary McCrae \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_ Ryerson University \_\_\_\_\_

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## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

### **CORPORATE COMMUNICATION PLAN**

#### **7.1 Web Site.**

7.1.1 The Executive Committee had entrusted the task of developing the IFFTI Web Site to the Secretariat. The Phase I of the Website displaying following information has been prepared:

- a) General information about IFFTI: background, vision, mission, values, objectives, organisation,
- b) Details of Membership and its procedure, list of Members with contact details,
- c) Details of Executive Committee Meetings and Annual Conferences held including their Agenda and Minutes,
- d) Forecast of future Meetings,
- e) Hyperlink to the Web Sites of each Member Institution.

7.1.2 The Secretary would provide further details at the Executive Committee Meeting.

#### **7.2 Brochure.**

Additional copies of IFFTI Brochure have been printed and forwarded to the Members.

#### **7.3 Write-up in Trade Publications.**

The Committee may deliberate whether it would be appropriate to provide publicity to IFFTI through reputed International Trade Publications. If so, the budget for the same may be earmarked.

#### **7.4 New Initiatives.**

The Committee may identify new Initiatives that may be funded by IFFTI.

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## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

### **IFFTI LIBRARY RESOURCE NETWORK**

- 8.1 At the 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting held at Paris on 02 July 2001, IFM had proposed setting up a partnership between all Libraries and Documentation Centers of IFFTI Member Institutions. This issue was deliberated upon at subsequent IFFTI Meetings but was kept on hold owing to lack of response from Members.
- 8.2 NIFT, India has now made a proposal for networking the Library Resources of Member Institutions. The draft proposal for the same is placed at *Annexure VI, page 63*.
- 8.3 The detailed proposal would be discussed by DG NIFT at the Executive Committee Meeting.

**Library Resource Network**  
(a NIFT initiative)

**Mission**

Making available an open ended platform for sharing of information resources (without any limitations on its form, size, source and geographical location) among various IFFTI member institutes and users working on Fashion Technology.

**Vision**

To have a virtual online union catalogue of participating IFFTI member institutes facilitating a common pool of database in the area of Fashion Technology. This Fashion Portal will have a Digital Information Delivery System catering to the information needs of Fashion community globally.

**Technology Perspective**

**Web Centric**

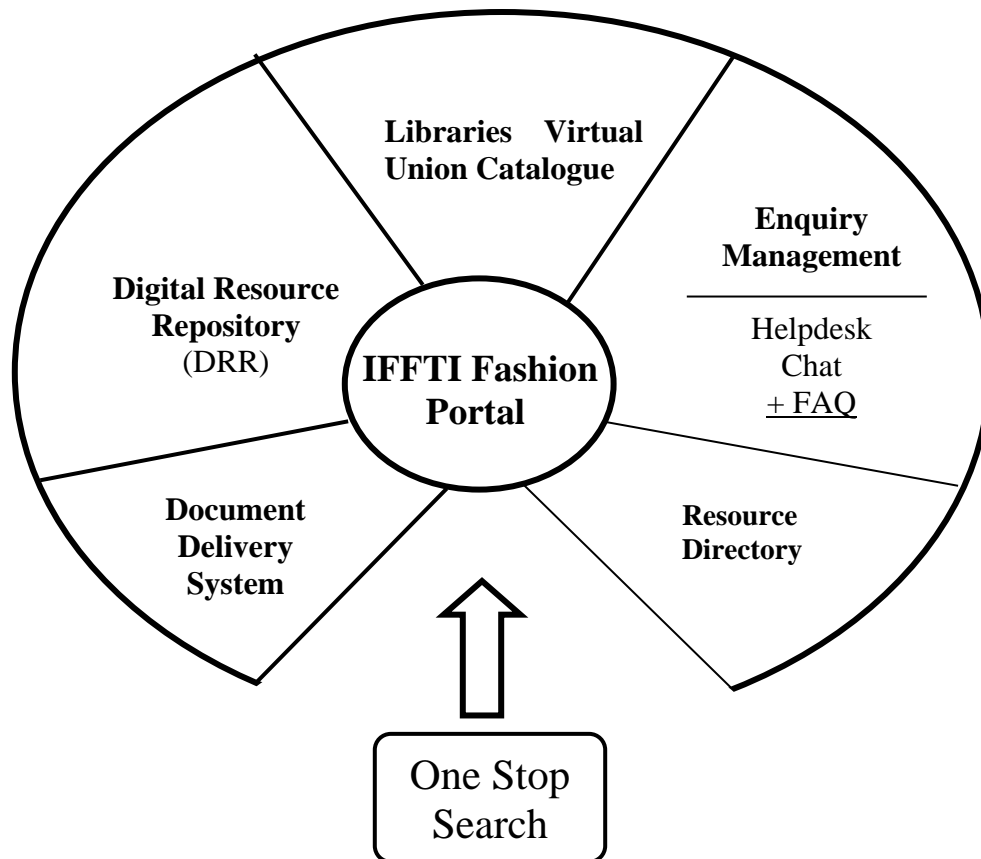
- The proposed platform should be in the form of a Portal which is web enabled providing connectivity across the globe through internet. The portal would act as a one-stop gateway to electronic resources and library services of participating organisation including access of external knowledge resources and shall have following building blocks : -
  - Single logon
  - Unified search
  - Personalization
  - Collaboration
  - Security
  - Scalability
  - Openness
  - Application integration

**User Interface**

- Portal shall make available friendly and personalised front-end interface for its users which shall be fully graphic providing for ease of access / operations.

## Application

- The application integration with an open ended approach would involve :-



- Digital Resources Repository (DRR) would have contribution from various participating organizations. It may be in distributed mode depending upon sources / subjects areas. Various objects in DRR may constitute :-
- Electronic text, documents and presentation
  - Scanned images
  - Digitised videos (Video clips / animation clips)
  - Digitised audios (Audio clips)
  - Internet URLs
- The OPACs of libraries / documentation centers of various participating organisations would be available to end-user in virtual mode. [Only Ansi Z39.50 libraries will be supported].
- Enquiring Management System.
- Virtual Helpdesk Service
    - Patron's queries and Feedback
    - Text chat
  - Building up Enquiry Database Including FAQ Database

- Functionality of capturing, receiving and responding to enquiries via :
  - Virtual helpdesk (DL Portal)
  - E-mails
  - Over the Enquiry / Reference counters
- Text chat (between users and virtual Librarian manning the service)
- Online database / contents present on IFFTI Fashion Portal would be available seamlessly with an integrated document delivery system.

### **Server Platform / Networking**

The solution can be around Linux platform for Web Server / Library server or Windows 2000.

The Web Servers and Library Servers of the organizations would have to be on Internet backbone.

For networking, TCP/IP protocol would be employed.

### **Implementation Strategy**

Implementation Should be done in a phased manner. In the initial phase, libraries / of five member organisations may participate for developing a model by using existing resources to the extent possible. Once the model is found successful, an advanced portal having participation with unlimited no. of organisations dealing in Fashion related subjects should be targeted in the next phases(s).

In the initial phase, following would be required : -

- The library Server of the participating organisations should be on internet backbone.
- A new layer of software - would be employed for handling multiple databases / search engines. (Annexure I). It should be extended to have some additional features as envisaged above on the basis of priorities by organisations.
- The databases / contents should be arranged by broad subjects and may be also be by source (organisation). In this phase, efforts should be made to consolidate the existing information available electronically at the participating libraries / organisation and devise ways to grow it further from here.
- Efforts should be made to identify the sources for other information on Fashion (General and specific both) which NIFT may like to have it as part of the portal.

### **Benefits**

- Global Fashion Community gets a common platform for sharing of information on fashion
- Participating institutes can access rich collection of fashion information held in Resource Centres of the member institutes across the world.
- Digital information sharing and revenue model for participating institutes.

## Budgetary Costing

### PHASE I

**Library Resource Network:** Development of solution around a selected library management software based on ANSI Z39.50 search engine for linking minimum 5 databases (Member Libraries) : Rs.15 Lakhs (US\$33,000/- approx)

**Hardware:** Web server & other installations: Rs. 5 lakhs (US\$11,000/- approx)

**Personnel:** Co-ordinator of library Resource Network : Rs.20,000 pm (US\$450/- approx)

**Total cost of development of Library Resource Network would be Rs.20 lakh (US\$44,000/- approx) plus recurring cost.**

### PHASE II

Each additional site license will cost approx Rs. 1 lakh (US\$2200.00 approx)

#### **Membership Prerequisite:**

Membership fee US\$1000.00 per annum per participating member.

Each member institute would appoint a nodal officer.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

**LINKAGES WITH INTERNATIONAL APPAREL FEDERATION**

The Chairperson would brief the Executive Committee on the progress made in the matter.



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

**ACCOUNTS, FINANCE AND BUDGET**

10.1 The following are enclosed for information and approval:-

- a) Audited Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003 (*Annexure VII, Page 69*)
- b) Provisional Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2003 (*Annexure VIII, Page 74*).
- c) Status of Membership Subscription (*Annexure IX, Page 76*).
- d) Statement of Affairs as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003 (*Annexure X, Page 78*).
- e) Budget for the year 2004 (*Annexure XI, Page 79*).

10.2 The Executive Committee may deliberate and approve the same.



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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

**ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

Members may discuss additional issues with the permission of the Chairperson.

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