

AGENDA

THE 17TH MEETING

OF

THE IFFTI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

12TH APRIL 2007

AT

RYERSON UNIVERSITY
CANADA

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2.	To receive apologies and note membership of the Executive Committee
3.	To adopt the Minutes of the 16 th Meeting of the Executive Committee
4.	To receive and discuss proposals of the 'Vision Review' Sub-Committee.
5.	To receive and discuss proposals of the 'Finance' Sub-Committee.
6.	To decide the Venue for the next Executive Committee Meeting scheduled to be held in October 2007.
7.	To receive a report from Ms. Leisbeth in't Hout, AMFI on the changes at IAF
8.	To receive and discuss the proposal of LDT Nagold.
9.	To receive and approve the Agenda for the 9 th Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council.
10.	Any other item with the permission of the Chair

ANNEXURE

Letters received from LDT Nagold

ENCLOSURE

Agenda for the 9th Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council.

AGENDA NO. 1

WELCOME REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, Pro Rector Academic Development & Quality, University of the Arts London and the Chairperson, IFFTI, will make her initial remarks.

AGENDA NO. 2

ATTENDANCE

2.1 Confirmation of attendance has been received from the following Executive Committee Member Institutions:-

- (a) Amsterdam Fashion Institute, The Netherlands
- (b) Bunka Womens's University, Japan
- (c) Dong Hua University, PR China
- (d) Fashion Institute of Technology, U.S.A
- (e) The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong
- (f) Institut Francais de la Mode, France
- (g) London College of Fashion, UK
- (h) North Carolina State University, USA
- (i) Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia
- (j) Ryerson University, Canada
- (k) University of Huddersfield, UK

2.2 Confirmations is awaited from National Institute of Fashion Technology, India.

AGENDA NO. 3

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 3.1 The 16th Meeting of the Executive Committee was held on 11th and 12th October 2006 at Amsterdam Fashion Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 3.2 The draft Minutes of the aforementioned Meeting were circulated to the Members on 27th October 2006.
- 3.3 As no comments have been received from Members, the Committee is requested to formally adopt the minutes.

AGENDA NO. 4

TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS PROPOSALS OF THE 'VISION REVIEW' SUB-COMMITTEE

- 4.1 At its 16th meeting, the Executive Committee had convened a 'Vision Review' Sub-Committee, comprising following members, to determine the progress made in achieving the laid down 'Objectives' and examine the existing 'Vision', 'Mission' and 'Objectives' of IFFTI and recommend changes, if considered necessary :-
 - (a) Dr. Reginetta Haboucha, FIT, Chairperson
 - (b) Prof. Linda Lewis, Ryerson, Member
 - (c) Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, LCF, Member
 - (d) Ms. Gauri Kumar, NIFT, Member
- 4.2 The recommendations of the Sub-Committee were to be forwarded to the Secretariat by 25th February 2007. These were thereafter to be circulated to the Chairpersons of the 'Initiative', 'Membership' and 'Finance' Committees.
- 4.3 Dr. Reginetta Haboucha, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee will brief the Executive Committee on the findings of 'Vision Review' Sub-Committee.

AGENDA NO. 5

TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS PROPOSALS OF THE 'FINANCE' SUB-COMMITTEE

- 5.1 At its 16th meeting, the Executive Committee had convened a 'Finance' Sub-Committee comprising the following members to determine suitable ways to generate additional funds for hosting IFFTl Conferences and attracting sponsorship from multinationals :-
- (a) Dr. Satoshi Onuma, Bunka, Chairperson
 - (b) Ms. Sylvie Ebel, IFM, Member
 - (c) Ms. Liesbeth in't Hout, AMFI, Member
 - (d) Prof. Edward Newton, HKPU, Member
- 5.2 The recommendations of the Sub-Committee were to be forwarded to the Secretariat by 25th February 2007. These were thereafter to be circulated to the Chairpersons of the Initiative and Membership Committees.
- 5.3 Dr. Satoshi Onuma, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee will brief the Executive Committee on the findings of the 'Finance' Sub-Committee.

AGENDA NO. 6

TO DECIDE THE VENUE FOR THE NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER 2007

- 6.1 Professor Edward Newton has confirmed that The Hong Kong Polytechnic University have graciously offered to host the 18th Executive Committee Meeting at HKPU on 11th and 12th October 2007.
- 6.2 The Committee is requested to approve the proposal.

AGENDA NO. 7

SHIFT OF IAF HEADQUARTERS

- 7.1 At the 16th Executive Committee Meeting, Professor Edward Newton had informed the Committee that the Headquarters of International Apparel Federation had moved to Amsterdam and that the Federation was in the process of re-engineering membership.
- 7.2 The Committee had asked Ms. Liesbeth in't Hout to obtain further details regarding IAF.
- 7.3 Ms. Liesbeth will brief the Committee in this regard.

AGENDA NO. 8

TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL OF LDT NAGOLD TO EVOLVE MODALITIES FOR ACCORDING MUTUAL RECOGNITION TO CERTIFICATES / DIPLOMAS / DEGREES AWARDED BY IFFTI MEMBER INSTITUTIONS.

- 8.1 Mr. Manfred Mroz has proposed that a suitable system be evolved to accord appropriate weightage and recognition to the programmes being conducted at LDT Nagold and other Member Institutions to facilitate students to pursue higher studies at other IFFTI Member Institutions. The mails received from Mr. Mroz are placed at Annexure I (Pages EC-7 and EC-8).
- 8.2 The Executive Committee is requested to discuss the issue and take suitable decisions.

Annexure I

Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2007 18:06:34 +0100
From: "Manfred Mroz" <Mroz@ldt.de>
To: "Commodore Vijay" <ifftisec@yahoo.com>
Subject: Kind regards,

Dear Commodore Vijay,

I hope that you are well.

I would like the problem of the mutual recognition of qualifications at appeal to IFFTI members again. I would like to make a concrete suggestion to you prior to the coming annual conference how I could imagine a solution. As I have already informed you, there are partly very big difficulties since e.g. graduates of the LDT would like to study in New York. I think that the problem can be described easily. All IFFTI members who are classified as university officials can relatively appreciate without problems the completions of a course of study under each other for a post-graduate course. Institutes such as the LDT Nagold which does not have any official university degree, e.g. can assess only with difficulty, on which standard are the LDT graduates. An assessment therefore lasts for very long. I have already personally got deep trouble through this since a graduate of the LDT wanted to study at FIT further quite specifically only at this. However, I could not tell him whether this recognizes the LDT conclusion or parts of it. I have not received any information from it to this to my deep regret from FIT till now.

It would be my suggestion that IFFTI gets active and carries out an 'assessment' of the members. IFFTI could develop a questionnaire or something like this, which must be filled out by the respective institute or academy. IFFTI then would judge the study performances. A recommendation then would result from it. Of course the assessment could be cancelled differently and be established around a bachelor that e.g. the Nagold graduates must study at foreign university 9 months to receive degree. E.g. it is that way at Northwood university in the USA with which we cooperate already for 15 years. Certain graduates of the LDT Nagolds which pass through a special programme after the degree one more year even can get in directly into one Master of Business Administration programme of Northwood university.

Please regard my explanations merely 'as the first outline' which shall serve to push the discussion to the explosive topic a little.

I look forward to a speedy meeting and to many constructive conversations!

Warm regards,

Manfred Mroz

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From: "Manfred Mroz" <Mroz@ldt.de>
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Subject: Mutual appreciation of degrees

Dear Commodore Vijay,
A Happy New Year 2007 for you and your family.

Prior to the next conference in Canada I would like to mention a problem: It is the difficulties of the mutual appreciation of degrees of the IFFTI member organisations.

It is my aim to initiate an obligatory common explanation of IFFTI which affects clear statements with regard to the recognition of qualifications. Again and again, that IFFTI members refer my inquiries direct to the appropriate department in their university. I have the impression that the employees there then have partly big problems to put the conclusion of the LDT Nagold in order. I also have the impression that the LDT Nagold is mistaken for a school of vocational education sometimes!

We as LDT Nagold are not appreciated generally as a non-state academy. However, it cannot be right that our graduates must pass through the complete documentary channel of the foreign partner university to get e.g. a Bachelor Degree. As you know, our graduates are taken on in the companies and paid also correspondingly in Germany directly after the two-year studies at the LDT like graduates of universities of applied sciences. And, our partner like e.g. the University of Northwood in Michigan, Florida and Texas allows our graduates to get an BA-Degree in between only 9 month of further studies in USA!

Dear Commodore,

I do not know exactly either how such a regulation of the mutual appreciation of degrees has to look in detail. I, however, ask you to conduct my suggestion further to the chairperson to obtain a progress here. After all, we want just to strengthen the networking under the members with IFFTI.

Of course I will not press here for a handling of the inquiry provided that only the LDT Nagold has a problem with that. I assume, however, that there are still more members who would welcome a discussion an perhaps an obligatory regulation in this matter.

Warm regards,
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AGENDA NO. 9

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE 9TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

- 9.1 The Agenda for the 9th Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council scheduled to be held on 12th April 2007 is placed at Enclosure (Page 1).
- 9.2 The Executive Committee is requested to approve the same.

AGENDA NO. 10

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Members may take up additional issues with the permission of the Chairperson.

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