MINUTES OF THE 26TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13TH AND 14TH OCTOBER, 2011 AT BUNKA GAKUEN UNIVERSITY, TOKYO, JAPAN

Meeting	The 26 th Meeting of the Executive Committee				
Date	Session 1 on Thursday 13 th October, 2011				
Time	1400 hours to 1700 hours				
Location	President's Office Meeting Room, Bunka Gakuen University, Tokyo, Japan				
Attendance	(a) <u>Chair</u>				
	Dr. Satoshi Onuma, Bunka Gakuen University, Japan – Chairperson				
	(b) Regional Members				
	 Ms. Tina Guglielmino, School of Fashion and Textiles, RMIT, Australia – Deputy Chairperson Prof. Frances Corner, London College of Fashion, U.K. – Member Dr. AKG Nair, Pearl Academy of Fashion, India – Member and Chair, Finance Sub - Committee Prof. Li Keling, Donghua University, P.R. China – Member Dr. Raymond Au, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong – Member 				
	(c) Chairs of Sub-Committees				
	Ms. Ann Priest, Nottingham Trent University, UK – Chair, Education Initiatives Sub – Committee				
	(d) <u>Co-opted Members</u>				
	Prof. Edward Newton – Emeritus Chair				
	(e) <u>Interpreter</u>				
	Ms. Gu Tongyu, Donghua University, P.R. China				
	(f) Member Secretary				
	Commodore Vijay Chaturvedi (Retd.)				
Apologies	 Dr. Giacomo Oliva, Fashion Institute of Technology, U.S.A. – Regional Member Prof. Trevor Little, North Carolina State University, U.S.A. – Chair, Research Sub-Committee 				
Welcome	At the outset Mr. Sunao Onuma, Chairperson, Bunka Gakuen University welcomed the Executive Committee Members to Sun City, Tokyo and Bunka. He stated that the IFFTI Annual Conference was hosted by Bunka six years ago. Since then Bunka has established good relations with a number of IFFTI Member Institutions. Also the Foundation has elected Dr. Satoshi Onuma as its Chairperson. He thanked all the members for supporting Dr. Satoshi Onuma in discharging his responsibility. He further stated that Bunka had since developed a large number of courses in fashion. He hoped that the members would take time during their stay in Tokyo to visit the various facilities of Bunka and interact with the faculty. The first opportunity of which was being provided during the dinner tonight. He hoped that all the members would enjoy their stay in Tokyo.				

Items			Discussions/ O	utcomes		Action
1. Previous Minutes			e 25 th meeting of the Executive (uncil were adopted as circulated.		al meeting of the	Secretary
2. Composition of Sub- Committees	Comn	2.1 Ms. Tina Guglielmino tabled a proposal outlining the process for convening the Sub-Committees. She explained that the proposal was based on the feedback received from members. The copy of the proposal is placed at <i>Appendix-A (Page No. 11)</i> . Decision.				All
			ing the proposal in detail, the Committees in accordance with t			
3. Election of Additional Regional Members to the New Executive Committee	procedure for convening new Executive Committee:- (a) Obtain Nominations from the General Council. (b) Conduct voting to elect Additional Regional Members from amongst the nominated institutions. (c) The Executive Committee to ratify the votes at the 26th Executive Committee meeting.					
	S. No.	Region	Existing Members	Additional Members to be elected	Total Composition	
	(a)	Americas	<u>1</u> (FIT, USA)	1	2	
	(b)	Asia	(Pearl Academy, India & HKPU, Hong Kong)	1	3	
			<u>+ 1</u> (Co-opted – Donghua, P. R. China)	-	+ 1 (Co-opted)	
	(c)	Europe	1	2	3	
	(d)	Oceanias	(LCF, UK) 1 (RMIT - SET Australia)	1	2	
		(RMIT - SFT, Australia)				

3.3 He explained that as per the decision of the General Council, the Secretariat had obtained nominations for Additional Regional Members to the Executive Committee. The following institutions agreed to join the Committee as Additional Regional Members:-

S. No.	Region	Institution
(A)	Americas	(i) Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, USA (ii) North Carolina State University, USA (iii) Ryerson University, Canada
(B)	Asia	(i) Bunka Gakuen University, Japan(ii) Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan
(C)	Europe	 (i) Amsterdam Fashion Institute, The Netherlands (ii) Institut Francais de la Mode, France (iii) Manchester Metropolitan University, UK (iv) Nottingham Trent University, UK
(D)	Oceanias	(i) RMIT - SAD, Australia (ii) Otago Polytechnic, New Zealand

- **3.4** Thereafter, the General Council Members were asked to indicate their preferences from amongst the abovementioned Member Institutions for selection as Additional Regional Members to the Executive Committee.
- **3.5** The compilation of votes received from General Council Members indicated the following order of preference:-

S. No.	Region	Order of Priority
(A)	Americas	(i) North Carolina State University, USA(ii) Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, USA(iii) Ryerson University, Canada
(B)	Asia	(i) Bunka Gakuen University, Japan (ii) Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan
(C)	Europe	 (i) Institut Francais de la Mode, France (ii) Amsterdam Fashion Institute, The Netherlands (iii) Nottingham Trent University, UK (iv) Manchester Metropolitan University, UK
(D)	Oceanias	(i) RMIT - SAD, Australia (ii) Otago Polytechnic, New Zealand

3.6 The Secretary submitted that according to the abovementioned order of priority and the available vacancies, the following Member Institutions should be acceptance as Additional Regional Members to the Executive Committee:-

S. No.	Region	Institution
(A)	Americas	North Carolina State University, USA
(B)	Asia	Bunka Gakuen University, Japan
(C)	Europe	(i) Institut Francais de la Mode, France(ii) Amsterdam Fashion Institute, The Netherlands
(D)	Oceanias	School of Architecture and Design, RMIT, Australia

4. Nomination of Chairs, Deputy Chairs and Members for Sub- Committees	Decision. 3.8 The members Executive Chairs ar 4.1 Chair existing S Decision.	3.7 He requested the Committee to ratify the votes and accept the Member Institutions mentioned in para 3.6 above as Additional Regional Members to the new Executive Committee. Decision. 3.8 The Executive Committee was satisfied with the process and accepted the members mentioned in para 3.6 above as Additional Regional Members to the new Executive Committee. Chairs and Deputy Chairs. 4.1 Chairperson asked for nominations for the posts of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the existing Sub-Committees. Decision. 4.2 After detailed discussions the Committee nominated the following:-				
	S. No.	Sub-Committee	Chair	Deputy Chair		
	А	Membership	Ms. Tina Guglielmino RMIT – SFT, Australia	Dr. Giacomo Oliva FIT, USA		
	В	Research				
			Prof. Trevor Little NCSU, USA	Dr. Raymond Au HKPU, Hong Kong		
	С	Education Initiative	Dr. Frances Corner LCF, UK	Ms. Souraya Bouwmans-Sarraf AMFI, The Netherlands		
	D	Finance	Dr. A.K.G. Nair	Ms. Sylvie Ebel		
			Pearl Academy, India	IFM, Paris		
	Executive Committee indicates Committee same Sub Decision.	Secretary explained Committee meeting es from the General that some members e and that there are in b-Committee.	n, the Secretariat had a Council. These have be s have expressed a denstances of more than one	ne decision taken at the Polimoda sked for nominations to the Sub- en compiled. A perusal of the lists esire to join more than one Sub- e volunteer from an institution for the		
	members	to the Sub-Committe erences in keeping the	es. The Secretary was a	given at Appendix-A to nominate asked to clarify from such members nalizing the composition of the Sub-	All Secretary	

5. Composition of New Executive Committee

5.1 The Chairperson stated that the laid down process for election of the new Executive Committee had been completed.

Decisions.

5.2 The Chairperson declared that the composition of the new Executive Committee will be as follows:-

ı	Regional member				
S. No.	Region	Member	Authorized Representative	Tenure	
Α	Americas	(i) FIT, USA	Dr. Giacomo Oliva	Until 2013 Annual Conference	
		(ii) NCSU, USA	Prof. Trevor Little	Until 2015 Annual Conference	
В	Asia	(iii) Bunka, Japan	Dr. Satoshi Onuma	Until 2015 Annual Conference	
		(iv) HKPU, Hong Kong	Dr. Raymond Au	Until 2013 Annual Conference	
		(v) Pearl Academy, India	Dr. A.K.G. Nair	Until 2013 Annual Conference	
С	Europe	(vi) AMFI, The Netherlands	Ms. Souraya Bouwmans-Sarraf	Until 2015 Annual Conference	
		(vii) IFM, Paris	Ms. Sylvie Ebel	Until 2015 Annual Conference	
		(viii) LCF, UK	Dr. Frances Corner	Until 2013 Annual Conference	
D	Oceanias	(ix) RMIT-SFT, Australia	Ms. Tina Guglielmino	Until 2013 Annual Conference	
		(x) RMIT-SAD, Australia	Prof. Robyn Healy	Until 2015 Annual Conference	
II	Co-opted I	Member	•		
		(xi) Donghua, P. R. China	Prof. Li Keling	Until 2013 Annual Conference	
III	Chair Emeritus				
		(xii) Prof. Edward Nev	vton		
IV	Member S	ecretary			
	(xiii) Commodore Vijay Chaturvedi (Retd.)				

- **5.3** He further stated that the new Executive Committee will convene at the next Executive Committee meeting scheduled to be held at Pearl Academy of Fashion, Jaipur, India on 17th March, 2012.
- **5.4** He asked the Secretary to undertake a process, similar to that followed for election of additional Regional Members, to facilitate election of next Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of IFFTI.

Secretary

6. Membership Sub-Committee

Membership Status.

- 6.1 The Secretary tabled the current status of membership. The Committee noted that:-
- (a) House of Pearl had expressed a desire to withdraw its membership after only one year, when the terms of reference required a Corporate Member to remain with the Foundation for atleast three years.
- (b) NIFT, India; UCCA, UK and Duksung, South Korea had not paid membership subscription for the past three years.

Decisions.

- **6.2** The Committee asked the Secretary to send final notices to NIFT, India; UCCA, UK and Duksung, South Korea to pay the outstanding dues immediately. In case the institutions fail to do so by 31st December, 2011, then their membership is to be terminated.
- **6.3** The application processing fee for institutions which decided to re-apply for membership after withdrawing, was increased to USD 500.00.
- **6.4** The Secretary was asked to bring to the notice of House of Pearl that minimum agreed period of the Corporate Membership was three years. They should therefore pay membership fees for the remaining two years before withdrawing.
- **6.5** The Secretary was also asked to obtain a feedback from those who have expressed a desire to withdraw their membership.
- **6.6** Membership Sub-Committee was asked to identify initiatives which would make IFFTI Membership more attractive to the Corporate Members.

New Membership.

6.7 Ms. Tina Guglielmino informed the Committee that two applications were received for new membership. The Sub-Committee had reviewed these applications and recommended the following:-

S. No.	Institution	Recommendations
(a)	Arch Academy of Fashion, India	Be offered Associate Membership
(b)	Mod'Art International, Paris	Be offered Associate Membership

Decision.

6.8 The Committee approved the aforementioned recommendations of Membership Sub-Committee.

Secretary

Emeritus Member(s).

6.9 Ms. Tina Guglielmino informed the Committee that the applications for grant of Emeritus Membership were received from three delegates. The recommendations of the Sub-Committee in respect of these members are as follows:-

S. No.	Delegates	Recommendations	
(a)	Ms. Janice Mee	Meets the criteria and should be offered Emeritus Membership	
(b)	Ms. Liesbeth in't Hout	Only verbal request received and the present status of her employment is not known. The Secretariat should obtain the details from her and make them available to the Sub-Committee for review.	
(c)	Dr. Philip Taylor	Does not meet the criterion. Membership should be regretted	
Decisio	<u>ı.</u>		
	e Committee approved y to do the needful.	I the aforementioned recommendations and asked the	Secretary
Interacti	on with IAF.		
	Secretary informed the s accepted by the IAF Bo	Committee that Mr. Harry Van Dalfsen had got the following pard:-	
	the organizations shou	ald co-opt suitable members to attend each other's Sub-	
(b) Pron	note each other's events	through appropriate means.	
(c) The organiza		ion should be finalized at the next Board Meetings of the	
to be hel	d in Mexico from 12th to	hairperson to attend the next IAF Board Meeting scheduled 16 th October, 2011. Unfortunately the Chairperson could not conflicted with the IFFTI Executive Committee meeting.	
<u>Decisio</u>	<u>ı.</u>		
	e Committee expressed	d satisfaction and decided to explore more avenues for onal organizations.	Ms. Tina Guglielmino
Sub-Con		ommittee on the tasks assigned to the Education Initiatives she asked the Secretary to show the podcasts of the s Conference.	
		e proposals prepared by the Sub-Committee for 'Innovative eloping 'Special Interest Groups'.	
7.3 Som	e of the members opined	d that we needed a more aggressive communication policy	

7. Education Initiatives SubCommittee

7.3 Some of the members opined that we needed a more aggressive communication policy to market IFFTI through the website and also recommended that the podcasts of keynote speeches should also be hosted on the IFFTI website.

Decisions.

- 7.4 After detailed discussions the Committee took the following decisions:-
- (a) The podcasts of the workshops should be displayed in the open domain so that they can be viewed by delegates without the use of password.

	 (b) The Secretary should compile the data of the number of visits to the podcasts link to determine its usefulness. A decision to continue this initiative will be taken based on the data compiled. (c) The Secretary was asked to obtain the feedback from Dr. Julia Gaimster on her experience of editing the workshops and converting them into podcasts. (d) The draft proposals for 'Innovative Student's Competitions' and 'Special Interest Groups' should be examined in greater details by the Education Initiatives Sub-Committee and firm recommendations tabled at the next Executive Committee meeting. (e) The Membership Sub-Committee was asked to obtain the views of the General Council and draft a communication policy to make IFFTI website more vibrant and interactive. 	Ms. Tina Guglielmino Secretary
8. Research Sub- Committee	8.1 The Secretary informed that Prof. Trevor Little had not been able to attend the meeting owing to inescapable commitments at North Carolina State University, U.S.A. He had, however, forwarded a progress report on the Research Sub-Committee tasks. The Secretary tabled the report for the information of members. A copy of the same is placed at <i>Appendix-B (Page No. 12)</i> .	•
	Decisions.8.2 The Secretary was asked to host the list of journals provided by the Research Sub-Committee on the IFFTI website.	
	8.3 The Research Sub-Committee was asked to undertake the following tasks:- (a) Expand the list of relevant journals with their impact factors.	Prof. Trevor Little Secretary
	(b) Work towards getting recognition to the IFFTI journal and make efforts to get papers presented at the IFFTI Conferences published in some of the high impact factor journals.8.4 The Committee approved the topic 'Hallmarks of Creativity in Fashion' for the next Research Sub-Committee Workshop.	
9. 14 th IFFTI Annual Conference	 9.1 Dr. AKG Nair made a detailed presentation on the activities planned at the 2012 IFFTI Annual Conference. 9.2 While appreciating the elaborate efforts being made by Pearl Academy of Fashion to conduct a very informative and entertaining Conference, the Committee expressed the opinion that it would be more convenient to members if all the activities of the Conference were conducted at Jaipur only, instead of splitting them between Delhi and Jaipur. 	
	 Decisions. 9.3 Dr. AKG Nair agreed to change the schedule to ensure that all the activities of the Conference are conducted at Jaipur only. 9.4 The Committee also asked Dr. AKG Nair to provide greater concession to IFFTI 	Dr. AKG Nair
10. Venues of	delegates in the registration fee. 10.1 The Secretary gave an overview of the meetings and Annual Conferences scheduled until March, 2013.	Secretary
Future IFFTI Meetings and Conferences	10.2 He briefed the Committee that Otago Polytechnic, New Zealand and University of Brighton, UK had in principle agreed to examine the possibility of hosting the 2014 Annual	

10.8 The Secretary was asked to confirm from the new management at Hong Kong Design Institute, Hong Kong whether the institution was still interested in hosting an IFFTI Annual	
10.7 The Committee asked the Research Sub-Committee to examine the possibility of supporting the host institution in reviewing Conference papers and submit its recommendations at the next Executive Committee meeting.	
10.6 After deliberations, the Committee asked the Secretary to request Otago Polytechnic, New Zealand; University of Brighton, UK; Polimoda, Italy and Artez Institute of the Arts, The Netherlands to make presentations of their proposals at the next Executive Committee meeting.	
Decisions.	
10.5 The Committee also discussed the possibility of providing assistance to host institutions in reviewing papers to be presented at the IFFTI Conferences to enable even institutions which do not conduct research to be able to host IFFTI Conferences.	
10.4 Ms. Ann Priest informed the Committee that Nottingham Trent University, UK was willing to host the 30 th Executive Committee meeting in October, 2013.	
10.3 In addition Artez Institute of the Arts, The Netherlands and Polimoda, Italy had offered to consider hosting the 2015 Annual Conference.	



Meeting	The 26 th Meeting of the Executive Committee	
Date	Session 2 on Friday 14 th October, 2011	
Time	The meeting reconvened at 1000 hours	
Location	President's Office Meeting Room, Bunka Gakuen University, Tokyo, Japan	
11.	11.1 Dr. AKG Nair presented the Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2011.	
Finance and		
Accounts	11.2 The Secretary then presented the Budget for the year 1 st January, 2012 to 31 st December, 2012.	
	<u>Decisions.</u>	
	11.3 After detailed discussions the Committee thanked Dr. AKG Nair for a very comprehensive financial statement and took following decisions:-	
	 (a) Adopted the Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2011. (b) Approved the Budget for the period 1st January, 2012 to 31st December, 2012. 	
42	42.4 The Chairnerson informed the Committee that since Ma. Ann Driget would be langer be	
12. Concluding Remarks	12.1 The Chairperson informed the Committee that since Ms. Ann Priest would no longer be a member of the Executive Committee, he, on behalf of the Executive Committee, wished to thank her for her contributions as Chair of the Education Initiatives Sub-Committee and Member of Executive Committee.	
	12.2 The Committee thanked Dr. Satoshi Onuma and Bunka Gakuen University, Japan for hosting a wonderful Executive Committee meeting. It appreciated the special efforts taken	

	by Bunka to make the stay of members comfortable.	
	12.3 There being no further points, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.	
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Next Meeting	At 1400 hours on 17th March, 2012 at Pearl Academy of Fashion, Jaipur, India.	
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PROCESS FOR IFFTI SUB-COMMITTEES OPERATION

Nomination Process

Current process for call for nominations to stay in place with the addition of a request of 500 word supporting documentation addressing capability of nominee and specialist area to undertake task of committee. This could be proposed specifically for the Research and Finance Sub-Committee in light of the capability required.

Nomination of Chairs to Sub-Committees

- 2. Chairs and Deputy Chairs for Sub-Committees are to be nominated. It is recommended that all members of the Executive Committee hold Chair or Deputy Chair position and are on Sub Committees. Chairs of Sub Committees should have been members of the Executive for more than one year or previously experienced on the IFFTI Executive. It is advisable that newly appointed Executive Committee members hold Deputy Chair where possible.
- 3. In an exceptional case, where it becomes necessary to appoint a Chair from outside this group owing to professional reasons (such as Research Sub-Committee), then such Chair should be co-opted to the Executive Committee.

Numbers Required

4. The membership numbers on each Sub-Committee may vary according to the number of volunteers and to represent a fair and equitable number of representatives from across institutes and regions with one member from any institute on a Sub-Committee. This may need to be reviewed if membership numbers are low.

Research Sub-Committee

5. Chair and Deputy Chair from Executive Committee plus members up to a manageable number, approximately minimum of 6 and maximum 16 providing strong participation is consistently achieved.

Education Initiatives Sub-Committee

6. Chair and Deputy Chair from Executive Committee plus members up to a manageable number, minimum of 6 and maximum 16 providing strong participation is consistently achieved.

Finance Sub-Committee

7. Chair and Deputy Chair to come from the Executive Committee plus 2 additional members from the General Council that are not represented on other committees with appropriate financial expertise.

Membership Sub-Committee

- 8. Chair from Executive Committee plus up to a manageable number providing strong participation is consistently achieved. In order for evaluations to be consistent, it is proposed a team of 4 to 6 undertake the assessments.
- 9. Recommend that due to poor consistency of Sub Committees in the past that membership be reviewed and reported on by Chairs of Sub-Committees regularly.



FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM RESEARCH SUB-COMMITTEE

The Research Committee has made progress on several areas:-

1) The Impact Factor for Journals.

IFFTI members are interested in having papers published in "high impact" journals. I have attached a preliminary list of Journals together with their 2010 impact factors as available. It is a work in progress but if additional Journals need to be added, this would be a good time to let me know and I will investigate its impact factor.

2) Research Workshop.

The Research Committee would like to present a Research Workshop at the next IFFTI Conference. While not a final title, "Hallmarks of Creativity in Fashion" is considered a working title

3) Collections of IFFTI Members.

The Collections of IFFTI Members are on hand and are being organized in an electronic format.

IFFTI (Potential Journals) of High Impact - Work-in-Progress	2010
Journals	Impact Factor
AATCC Review: Peer-review Section Only (T)	0.315
Advanced Materials	10.85
Amer J of Sports Medicine	3.821
Ars Textrina	n/a
AUTEX Journal (On-line) (T,A,M)	n/a
Biomaterials (T)	7.782
Biometrics (T,M)	1.764
Coloration Technology (T,D)	0.96
Composites, Science and Technology (T)	2.856
Computers in Industry (T)	1.62
Design Studies	1.354
Fibers and Polymers (Korean Fiber Society) (T)	0.832
Geotextiles & Geomembranes (T)	2.59
Indian Journal of Fibre and Textile Research (T)	n/a
International Journal of Clothing Science and Technology	0.529
International Journal of Technology & Design Education (T,D)	n/a
International Nonwovens Journal: Peer-review Section Only (On-line) (T)	0.771 for JEFF
Journal of Applied Polymer Science (T)	1.24
Journal of Cloth and Culture	n/a
Journal of Composite Materials (T)	0.968
Journal of Dong Hua University (T,A,M)	n/a
Journal of Fashion Marketing and Management	n/a
Journal of Fashion Theory	n/a
Journal of Industrial Textiles (T)	0.811
Journal of the Society of Dyers & Colourists (T)	n/a
Journal of the Textile Institute (T,A,M)	0.381
Journal of Textile Engineering: Peer-review Section Only (T)	n/a
Journal of TATM: Peer-review Section Only (On-line) (T,A,M,D)	n/a
Kettenwirk Praxis (T,M)	n/a
Leonardo: Peer-review Section Only (On-line) (T,A,D)	n/a
Mater. Sci. Eng. R	19.75
Melliand Textilbericht International (T,M)	n/a
Nature (T)	36.1
Polymers and Polymer Composites (T) [Polymer Composites?]	[0.998]
Prog. Mater. Sci	16.579
Research Journal of Textile & Apparel (Hong Kong) (T,A)	n/a
Textile Research Journal (T,A)	1.102
Textile Technology (T), Fashion (A), Management (M) and Design (D).	

