

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

### **WELCOME REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN – IFFTI**

Mr. Anil Kumar, Chairman, Board of IFFTI & Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, welcomed the members of Executive Committee. He mentioned that IFFTI was still a young organisation, which needed to be developed further for meeting its objectives. He hoped that the deliberations at the third conference would be fruitful and productive over the forthcoming days. He also hoped that the members would extend the scope of collaboration amongst themselves, which is increasingly becoming important in the wake of globalisation. IFFTI could serve as the apt platform for all the members towards this direction.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Mr. David Elson, from the Nottingham Trent School of Art and Design, U.K., has expressed his inability to attend the meeting and subsequent message was sent for the same. The Chairman & following member Institutes of the Executive Committee were present: -

1. National Institute of Fashion Technology, India.
2. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, China.

3. London College of Fashion, London, UK.
4. China Textile University-Shanghai, China.
5. Institut Francais de la Mode, Paris, France.
6. University of Technology – Sydney, Australia.
7. Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, USA.
8. University Anhembi Morumbi , Sao Paulo, Brazil

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

#### **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 5-6 JUNE 2000, AT LONDON, U.K.**

The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 5-6 June 2000, in the premises of the London College of Fashion, London, U.K., were adopted and ratified without any amendments.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.4**

#### **REVIEW OF WORKING GROUPS AND PROPOSED PLAN FOR WORKING GROUP MEETING ON 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2000 AT 1700 HRS.**

The Working Groups had met during the last Conference in which they had submitted their recommendations and Action Plan with respect to:-

- a) Student Involvement
- b) Collaborative Research and Development, and
- c) Fostering Development of Fashion and Fashion Related Industries.

However, despite their best intentions, the member Institutions could not implement most of these recommendations on account of the differences in their local rules and regulations with relation to validation of credit, equivalence of courses and faculty exchange.

These three Working Groups would again meet during this Conference to deliberate upon these unresolved issues. The Executive Committee members felt that there was an obvious need for enlargement of scope of collaboration and co-operation amongst various members. They observed that focussed discussions should take place on the exchange of ideas and collaborations. It was suggested to the Working Groups to explore the possibilities of using IFFTI web - site as a platform for furthering this exchange. It was agreed that these discussions should lead to specific recommendations by the Working Groups in the form of a paper - titled '*Towards Enlargement of Scope of Interaction of IFFTI Members*' to be considered by the Board on the final day.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO 5**

#### **FINALISATION AND PRIORITISATION OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE BOARD MEETINGS IN THE CONFERENCE**

The EC agreed that the agenda items already circulated by the Secretariat to various members of IFFTI, needed to be prioritised for consideration at the three Board meetings during the Conference.

The prioritisation of the agenda items of the board meeting was done as under –

### **AGENDA ITEMS PRIORITISED FOR THREE BOARD MEETINGS**

#### **Wednesday 8 November, 8-10 a.m.**

- Welcome Remarks by Chairman-IFFTI -- (Item no.1)
- Leave of Absence -- (Item no.2)
- Constitution of the Credentials Committee on the delegates attending the conference and adoption of its report. -- (Item no. 3)
- Adoption of the minutes of the of the last Annual conference of IFFTI held at Sao Paulo, Brazil in November, 1999. -- (Item no.4)
- A report on the activities of IFFTI during 1999-2000 to be presented by the CEO, including adoption of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held at London on 5<sup>th</sup>-6h June, 2000. -- (Item no.5)

#### **Wednesday 8 November, 16.30 - 18.00hrs.**

- Decision to be taken on the international conference of students and faculty of various fashion schools on the subject “Fashion education at the Cross-Roads of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”. -- (Item no.6)
- Power-point presentation on the most recent and important happenings of all the institutions in a consolidated fashion to be made by the CEO. -- (Item no.7)
- Consideration of the correspondence with Domus Academy, Italy. -- (Item no.10)
- Date and venue of the next conference of IFFTI and the theme

of the Conference. -- (Item no. 12)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00 - 12.30 hrs.**

- Adoption of the work plan of IFFTI for 2000-2001 in terms of the recommendations received from the three working groups. -- (Item no.8)
- Finance and Budget of IFFTI. -- (Item no.9)
- The factual and legal position regarding the tenure of the members of the Executive Committee and Chairman of IFFTI. -- (Item no.11)
- Any other item to be taken up with the permission of the chair. -- (Item no.13)

**AGENDA ITEM NO 6**

The following additional items were considered by the Executive Committee:

**ITEM NO. 6.1**

**Criteria and Admission Process for New Memberships**

The members of the Executive Committee recalled that one of the issues which had been the subject of debate from the time of the last Annual Conference at Sao Paulo and which had so far remained unresolved, was that of membership to IFFTI. In this context, the Executive Committee felt that there was a need to broad base the membership of IFFTI by providing greater geographical representation of leading Fashion Institutes of the world. It was also noted that criteria and application process for membership needed to be transparent. The Executive Committee agreed, that there was a need to develop both – the written criteria for admission and an application form for the membership of IFFTI. It was noted that the IFFTI Executive Committee is the deciding authority in matters pertaining to the new membership, which needs final ratification, by the Board. It was also agreed that a sub group of the Executive Committee comprising Fashion Institute of Technology, USA, Institut Francaise de la Mode, France and Hong Kong Polytechnic University, China, will devise the criteria and the process of

admissions, which they would present at the Board meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 during the Conference.

### **ITEM NO. 6.2**

#### **IFFTI Annual subscriptions**

Another issue related to IFFTI membership which came up for discussion at the Executive Committee was that of the Annual Membership subscription. It was felt that the level of the fee and the costs of attending the Annual Conferences overseas might be prohibitive for some institutions. Therefore, a proposal to lower the fee may be considered by the Executive Committee members.

However, the members felt that a full evaluation of this proposal could not be done without taking into account the running cost of IFFTI, which had to consider the allocation of funds for –

- a) the activities proposed during the year
- b) supporting some activities of the annual conference to lower the burden on the host Institution.
- c) The cost of web-site development, and
- d) The administrative costs of IFFTI Secretariat.

Therefore, it was decided that this issue will be taken up for consideration at the next Executive Committee meeting after taking into account the various heads of expenditure and the consequent availability of funds with IFFTI.

### **ITEM NO.6.3**

#### **Need For Focus on Regional Programs**

The Executive Committee felt that for the effective implementation of its programmes and activities, there was a need to give focus to the IFFTI members at the regional level. This initiative would result in increased

bilateral co-operation among members and also focus on collaborative research projects concerning that particular region. It was, therefore, decided to hold three Executive Committee meetings in three different regions of the world in a given calendar year.

The schedule and venues of the next three meetings would be as follows: -

1. 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting – Hong Kong, February 20, 2001
2. 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting – Paris, mid- July 2001.
3. 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting – New York, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2001

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

