

Meeting	Meeting of the 45 th Online Executive Committee	
Date	Tuesday, 24 th March 2020	
Attendance	<p>(a) Chairperson Prof. Robyn Healy, School of Fashion and Textiles, RMIT, Australia</p> <p>(b) Regional Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Deirdre Sato, Fashion Institute of Technology, U.S.A. - Member • Robert Ott, Ryerson University, Canada, Chair, Education Initiative Sub-Committee • Dr. Dirk Reynders, Amsterdam Fashion Institute (Hogeschool), The Netherland - Member • Prof. Nandita Abraham, Pearl Academy, India – Chair, Finance Sub-Committee • Heather Pickard, London College of Fashion, UK – Member • Prof. Liz Barnes, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK -Deputy Chair IFFTI and Deputy Chair Membership-Sub-Committee • Anne Normoyle, FDS TAFE NSW, Australia – Member • Prof.Margo Barton, Otago Polytechnic, New Zealand- Chair Membership Sub-Committee <p>(c) Co-opted Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof.Anthony Kent, Nottingham Trent University, UK- Chair Research Sub-Committee • Prof.Boo-Rim Joo, Ewha Womans University, South Korea – Hosting 2021 Annual Conference <p>d) Member Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commodore Vijay Chaturvedi (Retd.) - Secretary General 	
Items	Discussions/Outcomes	
1. Welcome	Prof. Robyn Healy, welcomed members and thanked them for being available during this time with COVID-19 challenges.	
CO	The Minutes of the 44 th Online meeting of the Executive Committee held on 13 th February 2020 were adopted.	Secretary General
3. Chair	<p>3.1 Prof. Robyn Healy stated that the focus of the meeting was to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on functioning of IFFTI. The decision to cancel the 2020 conference was significant, and the timing allowed Kent State University, USA sufficient time to manage their affairs, to minimise institutional and financial impact.</p> <p>3.2 All members present shared the current state in their respective countries and Institutions. The summary is given below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Institution except FDS TAFE NSW, Australia were closed and working online. FDS TAFE NSW, Australia was governed by NSW government guidelines and was still open with approximately 20% attendance. • The challenge was to find ways to meaningfully engage students while imparting quality and impactful learning. This has led to some innovative practices to deliver lectures and conduct workshops. • With the prolonged online teaching the very basic concept of teaching is likely to undergo a major change which may require reassessment of Faculty and Staff. Placements are going to be a challenge as all the companies are closed. • How institutions recover from this crisis is important, and the transformative potential for the pedagogy. • Students are concerned about not receiving face to face instructions, but it is early days, and we are working closely with students on the new delivery modes. <p>3.3 At this time the role of IFFTI to Global Education was important to take on a leadership role in sharing practices of both staff and students. To shift how we operate and offer members initiatives and incentives that also operate successfully online as IFFTI becomes more active in the digital space. Our role also includes how we connect institutions in sharing resources and support industry in driving change. As a priority we need to replace the cancelled conference with equivalent experiences and benefits for the members.</p>	Prof. Robyn Healy

	<p>This would include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Examine the possibility of presenting 2020 conference papers online. Prof.Nandita Abraham and Dr. Dirk Reynders to coordinate. 2. Remote activities Conduct sub-committees online, minutes and actions to be available on the IFFTI website Convene Regional meetings online supported by Zoom (IFFTI to investigate financial support to enable Zoom for sub-committee chairs) 3. Hosting Master classes on IFFTI website for members access- Professional Development and other Prof.Nandita Abraham and Dr. Dirk Reynders to investigate 4. Promote LinkedIn Engagement Using this platform to share activities and questions/queries from IFFTI members during this time of rapid change Chair and Deputy Chair 5. Sharing of Resources- How would this work? Heather Pickard 6. Chat Room for IFFTI students Share the experience, to understand the global situation better and support each other. Chair 7. Find ways to conduct the equivalent of an International Fashion Show online. 8. Share best practices of delivering online teaching. <p>3.4 It was decided to work on the above initiatives and meet again after Easter possibly 15th April to decide and implement the proposals.</p> <p>3.5 Review Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the possibility of replacing the word “Conference” by another suitable word describing how we plan to conduct future Conferences. • Members were asked to review the existing polices including Rules and Regulations and Election Bye-Laws and forward comments to the Chair. 	<p>Prof.Nandita Abraham</p> <p>Dr. Dirk Reynders</p> <p>Heather Pickard</p> <p>Secretary General</p>
<p>4. Research Sub-Committee</p>	<p>4.1 Mentoring Program-Good opportunity to try out innovative mentoring methods. Work in progress.</p> <p>4.2 Guidelines- Work in progress. Incorporate changes to capture online conduct.</p> <p>4.3 E-Journal- We could open it to other academics to make it broader.</p>	<p>Prof. Anthony Kent</p>
<p>5. Membership Sub-Committee</p>	<p>5.1 Membership Benefits -We will have a good membership benefit document to make IFFTI more attractive.</p> <p>5.2 Established Institute to make presentation at EWHA- Will be decided shortly.</p> <p>5.3 Separation – Prof.Margo Barton to follow-up with the concerned Institutes to determine the reasons for their separation.</p>	<p>Prof. Margo Barton</p>
<p>6. Education Initiative Sub-Committee</p>	<p>6.1 Mobility Initiative- four applications closed last week.</p> <p>6.2 Three previous successful applicants are not able to travel because of present restrictions. We should give them one-year time.</p> <p>6.3 Application deadlines for the next session should be put on hold for the next 3 months and then reassess.</p> <p>6.4 Move the education web-page with associated functionality to the IFFTI Website.</p>	<p>Robert Ott</p>
<p>7. Venues</p>	<p>7.1 Offer of Nottingham Trent University, UK to host the 2022 Conference accepted.</p> <p>7.2 The decision on the host for 2023 Conference will be taken later.</p>	<p>Prof. Robyn Healy</p> <p>Secretary General</p>

	<p>7.3 The 46th Executive Committee meeting is also likely to be held online. Members to offer comments on the proposed dates.</p> <p>7.4 EWHA to bring questions and support required for their Conference at the next Executive Committee Meeting in April.</p>	
<p>8. Concluding Remarks</p>	<p>8.1 Additional Note from Chair: With many initiatives moving online IFFT I will need to consider further digital support and perhaps create an ongoing role - to discuss at post Easter meeting.</p> <p>8.2 Chair concluded the meeting by asking everyone to look after themselves.</p>	<p>Prof. Robyn Healy</p>

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