

	Meeting of the 46 th Online Executive Committee	
Date	Thursday 16 th April 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 • Danielle Martin, Ryerson University, Canada • Noel Palomo-Lovinski, Kent State University, USA - Member • 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 • 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 everyone for being available during this time with COVID-19 challenges.	
2. Confirmation of Minutes	The Minutes of the 45 th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 24 th March 2020 were adopted.	
3. Chair	<p>2020 Conference</p> <p>3.1 Prof.Noel Palomo Lovinski reported that the papers had been sent for copy editing. The final version will be consistently formatted. The E-publication will have an ISBN number.</p> <p>3.2 Awardees of IFFTI Initiatives in the categories of Senior Faculty, Early Career Researchers and Doctoral research students will be paid USD\$2000 each. Prof.Anthony Kent to forward names of the awardees to Secretariat. Prof.Noel Palomo Lovinski to design a suitable certificate and forward the same to the Secretariat.</p> <p>3.3 The Secretary General to send the cheques along with the certificates to the Awardees.</p> <p>3.4 There was disappointment at not being able to host the conference despite elaborate preparations.</p> <p>3.5 Chair appreciated the effort and professional manner the conference preparation and cancellation had been handled and assured Prof. Noel Palomo Lovinski that Kent State University will be given another chance to host the conference in near future.</p> <p>2021 Conference</p> <p>3.6 Prof.Boo-Rim-Joo stated that South Korea was still in a difficult phase of COVID-19 restrictions. EWHA depends upon the government 's support and works in close co-operation with them to host the conference. However, with ongoing elections, the process of which will last for another month, it may not be possible to obtain the support and cooperation of government in time for the March 2021 Conference. She recommended that we may consider postponing the Conference to October 2021.</p> <p>3.7 Majority of the members also mentioned that it may not be possible for them to travel for the March Conference as budgetary restrictions were underway categorising travel as a non-essential activity.</p> <p>3.8 It was felt that it would be better to retain the existing cycle and hold an online conference in March 2021 if physical conference was not possible.</p> <p>3.9 Prof.Boo-Rim-Joo stated that it would not be possible for EWHA to conduct an Online</p>	

	<p>Conference in March 2021.</p> <p>3.10 Prof. Anthony Kent stated that It may be possible for Nottingham Trent University to conduct a digitalised Online Conference in March 2021.</p> <p>3.11 The Chair opined that we should consider a blended module- Some activities online and some physically. She recommended that we should have some online activity in March 2021 and if possible, a physical conference later in the year.</p> <p>3.12 Some members expressed reservations regarding hosting the conference in October and recommended the months of September or November Instead.</p> <p>3.13 The Chair concluded that it was not possible to conduct the 2021 Conference physically. We therefore have following options: -</p> <p>a) Conduct the Conference between September and November 2021 at EWHA, South Korea. OR</p> <p>b) Nottingham Trent University, UK to conduct 2021 digital conference online and EWHA conducts the 2022 Conference physically.</p> <p>3.14 Prof. Anthony Kent and Prof. Boo-Rim-Joo will discuss the options with their respective managements and report back within a week.</p> <p><u>Exchange</u></p> <p>3.15 Dr. Dirk Reynders stated that he needed clarification from members regarding status of student exchanges. Members opined that it was too early to predict whether the students would travel to other institutions for course of study. Presently students were in the process of returning to their parent Institutions.</p> <p>3.16 It might be better if members forward their respective policies to the Secretariat. We can then put together a note from IFFTl.</p> <p><u>Digital Support to IFFTl</u></p> <p>3.17 With the changed circumstances, and more activities moving online we need to have a different structure for IFFTl Secretariat. A Digital administrator is now essential. Chair agreed to investigate options for this position.</p> <p><u>New Ways of Working</u></p> <p>3.18 Online Paper Presentation- Chair asked members whether there was a need to present paper online in addition to an e-publication. Majority of the members opined that it was satisfactory just to print papers online. Prof. Anthony Kent was asked to look into the matter and advise.</p> <p>3.19 Master Classes- Prof. Nandita Abraham was happy to host Master classes online as web series for IFFTl Students. However, she envisaged following challenges: -</p> <p>a) Whether students are available for the Master Classes. b) Time difference.</p> <p>3.20 The members appreciated the offer but were of the view that it recording in a video format and then made accessible to the students at their convenience.</p> <p>3.21 It was agreed that it was a good proposal and become an IFFTl Initiative. We can decide later on the timing.</p> <p>3.22 Prof. Nandita Abraham also proposed that we should have Professional Development for IFFTl Faculty on the best practices and online teaching techniques.</p> <p>3.23 Keeping in mind the time differences, it was suggested that the initiative could be started between Institutions with similar time zones and expanded later.</p> <p>3.24 Online Sub-Committee meetings- Chair asked members to hold sub-committee meetings online as soon as possible.</p> <p>3.25 LinkedIn Engagement – Chair will post information on LinkedIn about what is happening at RMIT in respect of professional leadership in times of COVID-19. She requested others to post their own experiences.</p> <p>3.26 Sharing Resources- Heather Pickard mentioned that her enquiry regarding sharing of Resources has received a warm response, however they can only start once the institute opens.</p> <p>3.27 Chat Room – It was a good idea to start Chat Rooms for IFFTl students but strict guidelines needed to be established to ensure the care and safety of our students., and set up some prompts for questions and monitoring of comments.</p> <p>3.28 International Fashion show online- Prof. Margo Barton was requested to share her experience which can then be shown online.</p>	
<p>4. Research Sub-Committee</p>	<p>4.1 Mentoring Program-The final outcome will be presented shortly.</p> <p>4.2 Guidelines- The detailed guidelines have been prepared and will be circulated shortly.</p> <p>4.3 E-Journal- Dialogue in progress. Awaiting final response.</p>	<p>Prof. Anthony Kent</p>

<p>5. Membership Sub-Committee</p>	<p>5.1 Membership Benefits -We could add professional Master Classes to the list which will be circulated shortly 5.2 Presentation at IFFTI Conference – RMIT and one more Institution from Europe or USA would be requested to make the presentations.</p>	<p>Prof. Margo Barton</p>
<p>6. Education Initiative Sub-Committee</p>	<p>6.1 Chair welcomed Danielle Martin to the Executive Committee. 6.2 Mobility Initiative- Mr. Robert Ott confirmed that travel dates for this initiative will be extended by one year. We are temporarily suspending the next intake. 6.3 The Chair thanked Mr. Robert Ott for his enthusiasm, positive contribution, creative inputs and launching his own website. He was always forthright in sharing his thoughts and made valuable recommendations of how IFFTI should go forward. 6.4 Chair of Sub-Committee – A circular to be sent to Executive Committee members to forward expression of interest with a short note on why they would be good for the role. 6.5 Danielle Martin expressed interest in joining the sub-committee.</p>	<p>Robert Ott</p>
<p>7. Venues</p>	<p>7.1 Venue of 2023 conference will be decided after the hosts of the 2021 and 2022 Conferences are finalised.</p>	
<p>8. Additional Points</p>	<p>8.1 On request from Dr. Deirdre Sato, Secretary General was asked to consider changing the time of the meetings to suit everyone. 8.2 Anyone willing to present online should send the material to Chair and Secretary General.</p>	
<p>9. Concluding Remarks</p>	<p>9.1 Prof. Robyn Healy thanked everyone for the positive discussions and their presence at the meeting. She stated that we will have more regular meetings. The proposed schedule will be circulated shortly.</p>	<p>Prof. Robyn Healy</p>

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