



Minutes

Enclosure to IFFTI Secretariat
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	Zoom Meeting
Date	Wednesday 2 nd September 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"> • Prof. Liz Barnes, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK – Deputy Chair, Deputy Chair Membership-Sub-Committee • Prof. Nandita Abraham, Pearl Academy, India – Chair, Finance 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 <p>(d) Hosting 2021 Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Borim Joo, Ewha Womans University, South Korea • Yoon Lee cho, Ewha Womans University, South Korea • Hyesun Lee, Ewha Womans University, South Korea • Selee Lee, Ewha Womans University, South Korea <p>(e) Member Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commodore Vijay Chaturvedi (Retd.) - Secretary General
Items	Discussions/Outcomes
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair welcomed the Members and explained that the meeting was called to focus on IFFTI 2021 Conference scheduled at EWHA. 2. Prof. Borim Joo presented challenges faced by EWHA to deliver the conference for next year., and requested to withdraw and placed in a bid to deliver the conference in 2/3 years time, and this proposal was supported by IFFTI. 3. Summary: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Restrictions with Covid-19 recurring. b) Political unrest c) Major projects being suspended, including change to Seoul Fashion Week, scheduled to be held without an audience. d) Unstable conditions make it difficult to secure sponsorship. e) Difficulty in preparation of Conference because of President Election, difficulty in engaging students participation and changes in internal infrastructure and organisation. f) Organisation of online conference problematic with no experience in this area, shortage of staff, no established platform for delivery, plus issue of language – from a non-English speaking country. 4. Alternative conference options were discussed: Discussions took place on future course of action. Summary of the outcome is given below: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) An online conference for 2021 b) Send out a call for host of 2021 Online Conference. c) Consider that IFFTI will need to move away from the current conference model for example at NTU, the online conference used PowerPoint presentation video, posters with voiceover. Posted one week in advance, with 15 minutes' presentation plus 15 minutes' discussion. Similar format applied for workshops. d) Priority to work on events for networking, and run a series of workshops, at least two before the end of the year, including a collaboration with LCF in October. e) Allocate IFFTI funds differently in response to changed conditions -. Education Initiative Sub-Committee Chair to follow up f) Chair and Prof. Liz Barnes to meet and develop first event to be hosted by IFFTI. 5. Pearl Academy offered to host the 2021 online Conference- delivered over three days. Prof. Anthony Kent will advise. They will submit the proposal shortly.

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