



MINUTES OF 68TH IFFTI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting	68th IFFTI Executive Committee Meeting (Online)
Date	30th June 2025
Time	10 AM GMT
<p>1. Attendance Confirmed:</p> <p>Chairperson-IFFTI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Robyn Healy, RMIT University, Australia <p>Regional Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Liz Barnes, MMU, UK – Deputy Chairperson-IFFTI, Deputy Chair, Membership Sub-Committee Prof. Anne Porterfield, NCSU USA – Member Prof. Jose Teunissen AMFI, The Netherlands – Chair, Education Initiative Sub-Committee Ms. Aditi Srivastava Pearl Academy, India – Chair, Finance Sub-Committee. Circe Henestrosa, LASALLE College of the Arts, Singapore- Member Prof. Norio Nakanishi, Bunka Gakuen University, Japan – Member John Lau, LCF, UK – Member, Hosting 2025 IFFTI Annual Conference Prof. Jun Li, Donghua University, P.R. China – Deputy Chair, Finance Sub-Committee Laura Washington, FDS TAFE Australia- Member <p>Co-opted Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Zajtmann, IFM, France- Chair, Research Sub-Committee Ms. Corinna Erken, RMIT University, Vietnam-Hosting 2026 IFFTI Annual Conference <p>General Manager-IFFTI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surbhi Nijhawan- General Manager, IFFTI <p>Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Helen Gaudette, FIT, USA- Member Prof. Gargi Bhaduri, KSU, USA – Member Prof. Margo Barton, Otago Polytechnic, New Zealand- Chair, Membership Sub-Committee Prof. Carolyn Hardaker, DMU, UK- Member 	
<p>2. Welcome</p> <p>2.1 The Chairperson, Prof. Robyn Healy, commenced the meeting by warmly welcoming all members and expressing appreciation for their dedication across time zones. She emphasised the importance of engaging in meaningful discussions on matters for the foundation.</p>	
<p>3. Chair’s Report</p> <p>3.1 Collaboration with Intellect- The Chairperson, Prof. Robyn Healy, updated the Executive Committee on discussions with Intellect, and presence at the London College of Fashion conference. James Campbell, Head of Marketing at Intellect, expressed interest in collaborating and participating at the IFFTI Conference in Vietnam, with potential ideas such as publishing workshops.</p> <p>Prof. Robyn shared that James would forward a proposal outlining possible collaboration ideas with IFFTI, which will be circulated to the Executive Committee. Members will be invited to review the proposal and share their feedback. (Action taken- Proposal Shared with EC)</p> <p>3.2 Post IFFTI Conference - Conference attendance, etc Data to be provided to the IFFTI Secretariat by the Conference host.</p> <p>The General Manager stressed the need for timely post-conference data (attendance and institutions) from the hosts of the IFFTI Conference, as this is essential for the Secretariat to assess participation by members and non-members. John Lau expressed the data protection challenges in sharing participant names. Prof. Liz proposed adding a consent checkbox in future registrations. Prof. Robyn Healy recommended that attendance data (name of institutions) from the IFFTI 2025 LCF Conference be provided to the Secretariat and endorsed, including the consent option going forward.</p>	

3.3 Paper presentation participation certificate - request from the Authors.

John Lau confirmed that certificates of participation will be distributed to all authors who presented papers at the IFFTI 2025 LCF Conference.

3.4 Follow-up from LCF, UK on the Inclusivity Outreach program, an initiative by IFFTI, initiated at the LCF IFFTI Conference 2025.

John Lau reported on the Inclusivity Outreach program initiated at the IFFTI 2025 LCF Conference, highlighting successful participation from the University of East London and Newham College, despite Morley College being unable to attend due to staffing issues. He emphasised the importance of engaging local partners, noting the program's role in supporting participation from institutions with budget constraints and strengthening local relationships, potentially encouraging future IFFTI membership.

The Chair endorsed exploring a similar outreach program for the Vietnam conference, to assess its impact and, if successful, consider making it a regular part of future IFFTI conferences.

3.5 Clarification on Eligibility Criteria for the Early Career Researcher Award and Disbursement Process.

The General Manager raised an issue from the LCF IFFTI Conference regarding an author who was initially awarded the Early Career Researcher recognition but was later found not to be currently affiliated with any institution, despite completing her PhD at an IFFTI member institute. She noted that the award criteria phrase "The lead author must come from an IFFTI institution" may have been misinterpreted. IFFTI's intention is for the lead author to be actively affiliated as a researcher, faculty member, or student at an IFFTI member institution.

Prof. Robyn supported modifying the wording to make the guidelines clearer and more effective, emphasising that the intent is not to question anyone's integrity but to improve transparency. It was also suggested that before confirming any award, an email verification with the candidate's institution should be considered.

3.6 EOI received from HKDI, Hong Kong, to host the 2029 IFFTI Conference.

Prof. Robyn shared that HKDI (Hong Kong) has submitted an EOI for 2029. Prof. David informed the committee that the Swedish School of Textiles in Borås is also interested, with the Chair noting that Prof. Clemens Thornquist should submit a formal proposal. NC State (USA) have also shown interest, with NC State working on a proposal. The Chair asked Circe if Lasalle is still interested and can share their proposal as well. She suggested the Committee review all proposals together once received, and in the meantime, inform HKDI to await a decision.

4. IFFTI Brand Guidelines - for sharing with IFFTI members- discussion/approval

Prof. Liz presented brand guidelines to ensure consistent and appropriate use of the IFFTI logo by all members and partners. The guidelines cover both print and digital content, intending to promote shared interests, showcase membership benefits, and enhance and strengthen IFFTI's visibility and credibility. The IFFTI brand guidelines document will be circulated to the Executive Committee for review before being shared with all IFFTI members. (Action: shared with EC for Review)

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4.1 IFFTI Website use of member institutions' photography/imagery - discussion/approval

Prof. Liz emphasized that the recently redesigned IFFTI website lacked strong fashion-focused imagery, as it relied on IFFTI's existing photo bank. She proposed inviting member institutions to contribute high-quality images that reflect their unique fashion aesthetic. This not only offers members visibility and credit but also strengthens the overall visual identity of the website.

Action: Few updates to the existing document, creating a demo page for reference. Circulate to Executive Committee members for review before sharing it with all IFFTI Members .

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5. Presentation on the 2026 IFFTI Annual Conference at RMIT University, Vietnam

Ms. Corinna shared an overview presentation on the status of preparations for the IFFTI 2026 Conference. A copy of the same is placed in **Enclosure 3**.

6. Update on Finance Sub-Committee

6 Ms Aditi Srivastava provided an update on the IFFTI Finance Sub-Committee:

6.1 Outward Payment made by IFFTI post LCF 2025 Conference - Finance Sub-Committee

Under IFFTI Initiative Awards -

- **Senior Faculty**

Maaïke Feitsma-Amsterdam Fashion Institute, The Netherlands

Stella Claxton-Nottingham Trent University, UK

- **Early Career Researcher**

Maxi Heitmeyer- London College of Fashion, UK

Lonny Carter- North Carolina State University, Wilson College of Textiles, USA

Katelyn Toth-Fejell-London College of Fashion, UK

Under the IFFTI Exchange Initiative (Cycle 2, 2024)

- **Prof. Kumaraguru Kasinathan**

Home Institution-NIFT, India

Host Institution- Fashion Institute of Technology, USA

- **Mr. Robin Kerr**

Home Institution-Manchester Metropolitan University, UK

Host Institution- Bunka Gakuen University, Japan

Payment made for IFFTI Website Redesign- \$290

6.2 Invoice awaited from LCF - The host of the IFFTI 2025 Annual Conference.

7. Update on Research Sub-Committee

7.1 Professor David announced that NIFT will host the IFFTI India Chapter event titled "Designing a Sustainable, Smart, and Skilled Future" on September 12, 2025.

7.2 Europe Regional workshop is scheduled to be held at Manchester Metropolitan University in the UK on November 14, 2025 a joint initiative of the Research and Education Initiative Sub-Committee.

8. Update on Membership Sub-Committee

8.1 Professor Liz shared a detailed presentation on the Membership Sub-Committee.

8.2 **New Membership:** The Jing Jiangxi Institute of Fashion Technology in China applied for membership, and the membership committee has evaluated and approved their application, granting them Regular Membership.

8.3 **Status of Membership Subscriptions:** Professor Liz reported that 44 subscriptions have been received, while 6 are still outstanding. The following institutions have not yet submitted their membership subscriptions: Action taken post EC meeting in case of HKPU, Ecole Duperré, Arch College, IMS DIA and DMU.

- a) **HKPU, Hong Kong:** An email written to Circe to help find a Connect at HKPU. A follow-up letter will be sent on behalf of the Chairperson.
- b) **BIFT, P.R. China:** Professor Jun Li followed up, but no response has been received, would connect again.
- c) **DMU, UK:** An email was sent out to Prof Carolyn, but no response has been received.

- d) **École Duperre, France:** Professor David followed up with Ms. Sylvie, It was suggested to send out an email for discontinuing their membership. (email Sent)
- e) **Arch College of Design and Business, India:** The General Manager is currently following up with them.
- f) **IMS DIA, India:** The General Manager is currently following up with them.

8.4 Kent State University-Participation in EC and Sub-Committee:

IFFTI agreed to a reduced membership fee for Kent State University, approximately 50% of the regular yearly charge, to support the institute during its internal restructuring. Kent State's membership will be maintained under this arrangement until it returns to full status in 2026.

During this period, Kent State will remain engaged through continued participation in the Subcommittees, though they will not hold an active seat on the Executive Committee for this year(2025).

It was also proposed that the IFFTI rule book be updated to include provisions for institutional restructuring, allowing IFFTI to offer a one-time discounted annual membership fee to long-standing members undergoing similar circumstances.

8.5. Marco V. Garrido (IFFTI Guest)– Félix -Universidad de Monterrey,México

IFFTI extended an invitation to the Universidad de Monterrey to attend the IFFTI 2025 Annual Conference (Decision made at 66th EC Meeting)

8.6 Action: An email acknowledging Marco's correspondence regarding his experience at LCF has been sent on behalf of the Chairperson. Additionally, Universidad de Monterrey has been officially invited to join the IFFTI community.

9. Update on the Education Initiative Sub-Committee

Prof Jose shared:

- An online panel discussion to be hosted by John Lau is scheduled for January 2026 on AI application in the field of fashion.
- A development session for abstracts selected in the category of workshop and creative is planned for September/ October 2025.
- New members: Jocelyn Chen (Fu Jen, Taiwan), Patricia Sumod (NIFT), and Claudia Ebert (AMD), expressed to be part of the Education Initiative Sub-Committee.
- Prof. Jose informed the committee that the recent IAF Conference in Porto demonstrated strong interest in collaboration with IFFTI. Building on survey insights, future plans include strengthening exchange programs and facilitating deeper engagement between industry and students.

IAF shared that manufacturers from various countries have expressed willingness to host students to showcase industry operations, aiming to enhance student learning and industry relevance.

IAF representatives will also attend the upcoming IFFTI Conference at RMIT Vietnam, supporting efforts to bridge academia and industry through more insightful, attractive, and impactful talks.

10. The Chair thanked everyone for their contribution and declared the meeting closed.

Enclosure 1: IFFTI Brand Guidelines

This document has been established to help guide members and partners in the consistent use of the International Foundation of Fashion Technology Institutes (IFFTI) logo. It applies to printed and digital content.

We encourage members and partners to utilise the IFFTI logo to promote our shared interests, to showcase membership, to enhance our members' and partners' reputation and profile by way of their association with us etc., however, to ensure the control of the IFFTI visual brand, and that its use aligns with the ethos of our organisation, we request these guidelines to be followed wherever IFFTI is visually referenced or represented.

- A jpeg file of the IFFTI logo is available on request via secretariat@iffiti.org. Please always use the original source file if you are making use of the logo i.e. do not copy/paste from the website.
- Although the size of the logo can be changed the scaling must not be altered. The logo should not be altered in any other way, including colour, background, font or rotation
- All IFFTI members may use the IFFTI logo without further authorisation e.g. on their own websites etc.
- Non-member partner organisations may only use the IFFTI logo with authorisation from the IFFTI Executive Committee.
- The IFFTI logo should only be used to promote membership or events which are officially connected to IFFTI.

For further information please contact secretariat@iffiti.org

Enclosure 2 - IFFTI Website Photography

With the launch of the new IFFTI website there is an opportunity to further showcase the work of our member organisations by offering to share their high quality images on the IFFTI website and/or social media posts, to enhance its overall 'fashion' aesthetic and promote our organisation as a leading network of fashion schools.

Member organisations who share imagery will have their work credited on the IFFTI website. We invite members to share a small selection of their best imagery showcasing their work in fashion education and research. Notably, we are seeking images which showcase 'fashion' as our core discipline.

If you wish to share your imagery, please send a high resolution file to secretariat@iffiti.org and it is recommended you do so using a file sharing platform e.g. We Transfer or or through this Dropbox link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/VGDx0rcDpFm5fSRmTpvD>.

The lead contact for each member institution will be asked to confirm they have the copyright permission to publish the photograph and that it can be published on the IFFTI website for up to five years.

We have also prepared a [demo page](#) to illustrate how the submitted images and credits would appear on the site, for your reference.

NB: Not all images will be used, those selected will be at the web designer's discretion.

IFFTI Annual Conference

13 - 17 April 2026 |

RMIT Vietnam



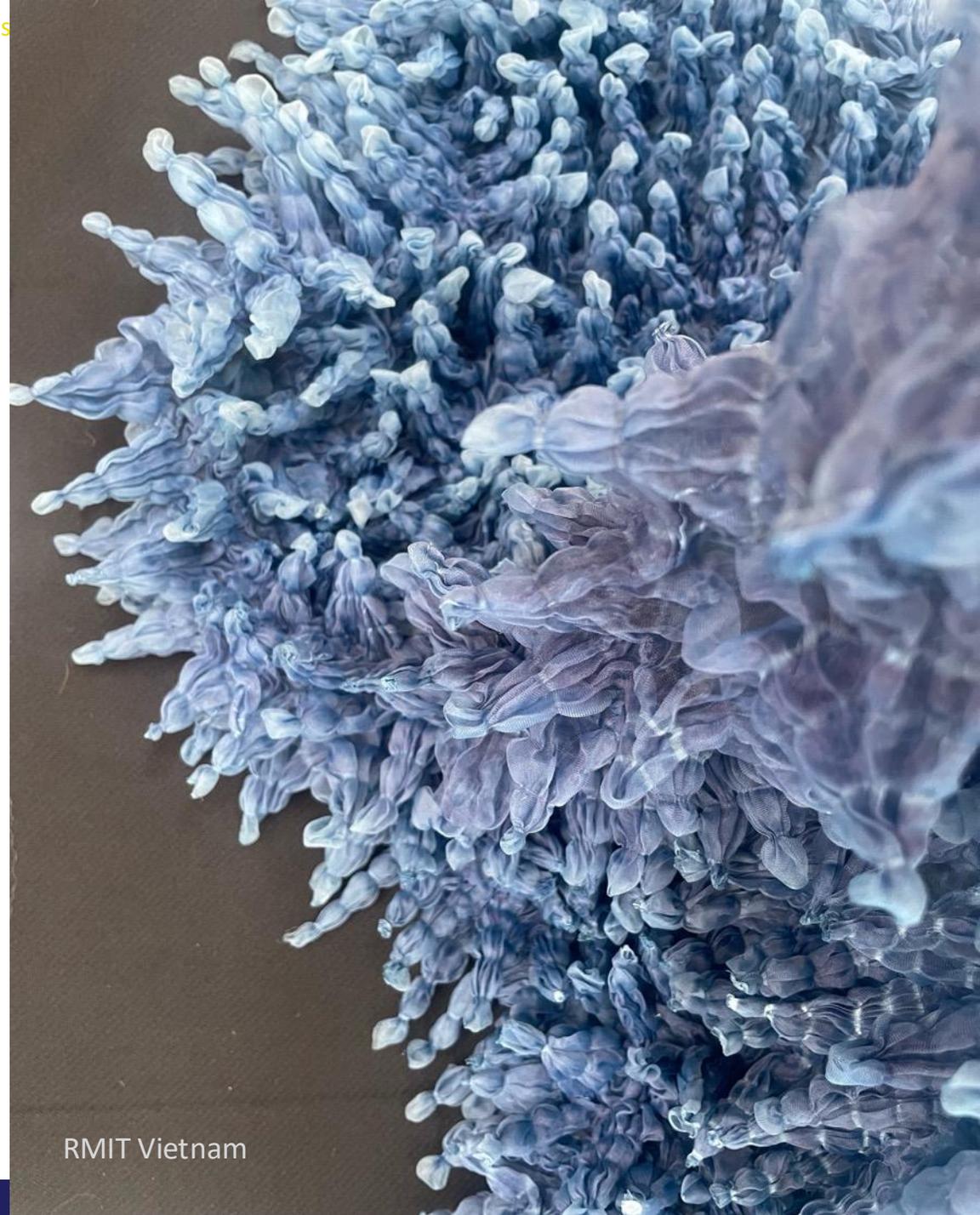
Progress Presentation

July 2025

IFFTI 2026 Theme

Cultural Connections for Sustainable Fashion Futures: Rebuild, Renew, Regenerate

This theme aims to explore the intersection of cultural heritage and indigenous knowledge as a means to offering solutions for the planetary polycrisis faced by the fashion industry.





Timeline 2026 – Key Dates

Committee members:

- Committee members make the final decisions to approve/reject abstracts and full papers – List of Committee members?
- The deadline(s) have been set to allow for some buffer time

Abstract	Full papers
Deadline to submit: 8 July 2025	Deadline to submit: 18 Nov 2025
Deadline for reviewers to review: 22 August 2025	Deadline to review: 2 Jan 2026
Deadline for committee members to make decisions: 8 September 2025	Deadline to make decisions: 19 Jan 2026
Final decision email sent to submitters: 9 September 2025	Final decision email sent to submitters: 20 Jan 2026



Call for Submissions - Updated as of 10 July

Categories		Quantity
Abstract Submissions	Text-based paper	30
	Text-based Developmental paper	19
	Creative practice submissions	1
	Workshops	8
	Total abstracts (complete)	219
	Incomplete	15
IFFTI 2026 Reviewers	LCF Reviewers' List	29
	RMIT Reviewers (outside LCF list)	33
	Total Reviewers	62

Reminder has been sent to all incomplete submissions.

*Update as of closure of submission date: **219** abstracts received, reviewers have been allocated

Digital Communications



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28th Annual IFFTI Conference

Cultural Connections for Sustainable Fashion Futures: Rebuild, Renew, Regenerate

13 - 17 April, 2026 — RMIT Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City

Call for Submissions

Deadline 01 July 2025



28th Annual IFFTI Conference

Call for Abstracts

7 DAYS UNTIL DEADLINE

Deadline 1 July 2025

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6 reposts

IFFTI 2026 on Social Media:

- School of Communication & Design – Instagram & Facebook
- RMIT University Vietnam - LinkedIn

Digital Communications – Website & Newsletter



— RMIT invites submissions for IFFTI 2026 conference in Vietnam

RMIT Vietnam will host the 28th IFFTI Annual Conference in April 2026, marking the first time the event is held in Vietnam. Abstract submissions close on 1 July 2025.

COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN

MEDIA RELEASE

17 June 2025



— Đại học RMIT mời đóng góp bài tham luận cho Hội thảo IFFTI tại Việt Nam năm 2026

Đại học RMIT Việt Nam sẽ chủ trì tổ chức Hội thảo thường niên lần thứ 28 của Liên hiệp các Học viện Công nghệ thời trang quốc tế IFFTI vào tháng 4/2026, đánh dấu lần đầu tiên sự kiện được tổ chức tại Việt Nam. Hạn nộp bản tóm tắt tham luận là ngày 1/7/2025.

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IFFTI Conference 2026: Call for abstracts – Deadline approaching
by School of Communication & Design

Don't miss the chance to contribute to the **International Foundation of Fashion Technology Institutes (IFFTI) 2026 Annual Conference**, hosted by RMIT Vietnam. With the theme "*Cultural Connections for Sustainable Fashion Futures: Rebuild, Renew, Regenerate*", the



The International Foundation of Fashion Technology Institutes (IFFTI) Annual Conference 2026
by School of Communication & Design

The IFFTI 2026 Annual Conference is proudly hosted by RMIT Vietnam with the theme "**Cultural Connections for Sustainable Fashion Futures: Rebuild, Renew, Regenerate**", exploring how cultural diversity drives innovation and sustainability in fashion.



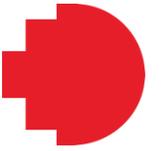
Call for Submissions – IFFTI 2026 Hosted by RMIT VN's School of Communication & Design

Abstract Deadline: 01 July 2025
Full paper and workshop submission deadline: 18 Nov 2025
Conference registration deadline (for authors): 23 Feb 2026

The School of Communication & Design (SCD), RMIT Vietnam, will host the IFFTI 2026 Annual Conference from 13–17 April 2026. The theme for IFFTI 2026, "Cultural Connections for Sustainable Fashion Futures: Rebuild, Renew, Regenerate", explores how cultural diversity drives innovation and sustainability in fashion.

RMIT Vietnam Staffs Newsletter

Media release – English & Vietnamese



Legal documents

1. For financial support:

- Host - transferring letter from RMIT Australia – Done
- Collaboration Agreement between RMIT Vietnam & IFFTI: Currently being reviewed & finalized
- VAT Invoice from RMITVN to IFFTI – for the first USD10,000

2. Non-Exclusive Copyright Form:

- Final version between IFFTI & Author : [NON-EXCLUSIVE COPYRIGHT LICENSE Agreement.docx](#)
- We will include this on the website & in the Full Papers submission form. Authors can sign & submit it together with their full paper.

Suggested process:

- PDF form to be uploaded on the website & in the submission form (Oxford Abstracts)
- Authors to sign & upload together with full paper submissions
- IFFTI to sign & send to authors via email if authors request.

Accommodation Guide

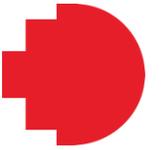
Accommodation list is available, including:

- Accommodation in District 7 (close to RMIT Vietnam campus) and in District 1 (City center, close to tourist attractions)
- A total of 9 hotels and service apartments have offered special rate for IFFTI 2026 attendees
- List will be finalized and posted on IFFTI 2026 Conference Website by September – to allow for early reservation.

Executive Members: Recommended to stay at Oakwood Residences/RichLane Residences:

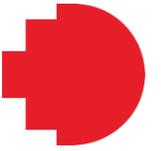
- Close to campus (5 mins by car) - we will provide a shuttle
- Serviced apartment, with shopping mall (SC Vivo City) and Medical center (Victoria Healthcare – 300m)





Important Tasks & Timeline

Work Item	Description	Start date	Due date	Progress
ACADEMIC TASKS				
Abstract & Full paper Submissions	- Setting up Oxford Abstracts: Submissions Form & Automated Emails - Call for Submissions link to go live	01-Apr-25	21-Apr-25	DONE
Book of Abstracts	- Final Paper Schedule - Book of Abstracts: Content of the Book (electronic format & Launching date)	23-Feb-26	01-Mar-26	In progress
Keynote & Invited Speakers	1. Internal Speakers - RMIT & IFFTI 2026 Organising Committee Representatives to speak at Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception and Gala Dinners 2. Keynote Speakers - List of keynote Speakers - Keynote Speeches: Topics & Angles 3. Session Moderators & Chairs List of session moderators and chairs	14-Apr-25	01-Aug-25	In progress
Student Design Competition To be launched in Jan 2026	- Brainstorm meeting: Ideas and framework - Finalize guidelines, prize structures and deadline - Announcement of Student Design Competition - Awards Announcement (Website)	28-Apr-25	Jan 2026	In progress
Cultural Activities	- Brainstorm ideas - Working with local industries for engaging activities (first thought - Saitex Denim)	20-Apr-25	01-Oct-25	In progress
REGISTRATION & EVENT MANAGEMENT				
Fee Structure & Registration	- Fee Structure: Finalize & Publish on Website	14-Apr-25	01-Oct-25	DONE
Event Permit & Legal Docs	- Legal documents to receive the financial support from IFFTI - Event permits - Invitation letters for visa application - Non-exclusive Copyright form: signed by Authors & IFFTI 2026 Organising Committee	23-Mar-25	01-Feb-26	In progress
Registration	- Registration open: ETA September 2025 – 1 April 2026 - Payment guidelines and process of payment confirmation	10 June 2025	1 April 2026	In progress



Important Tasks & Timeline (Cont.)

Work Item	Description	Start date	Due date	Progress
WEBSITE & DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS				
IFFTI 2026 Website	RMIT Vietnam - IFFTI 2026 Website The website is updated constantly to reflect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call for Submissions (+ Templates and guidelines) - Registration guidelines (Fee Structure, Payment guidelines) - Program schedule - Paper schedule - Vietnam Travel Guide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Accommodations + Transportation + Travel tips 	02-Jan-25	12-Apr-26	In progress
Digital Communications	Come up with a digital communications calendar for IFFTI 2026 Conference, to be posted on different channels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IFFTI: Instagram, LinkedIn - RMIT Vietnam channel: Website, Newsletter, LinkedIn - School of Communications & Design Social Media accounts 	20-May-25	20-Apr-26	DONE
VENUE & TRANSPORTATION				
Venue	Venue options for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome Dinner 2. Welcome reception all participants (Sports Hall) 3. Gala Dinner & Awards 4. Workshops / Presentations 5. Exhibition 6. Field trip 	04-Apr-25	01-Mar-26	Planning
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalize the number of shuttle bus(es) and route(s) - Shuttle bus timetable 	01-Dec-25	10-Apr-26	Not started

Questions?

Thank you

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