

**MINUTES OF PART – I OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF IFFTI HELD AT HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC
UNIVERSITY, HONG KONG, ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2002**

1. In accordance with the existing practice, the Meeting of the Executive Committee was held in two parts – one on either side of the Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council.
2. The Part – I of the 8th meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 1430 hours on 6th November 2002 at Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong. The meeting was presided over by Professor Edward Newton, Head and Chair Professor, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, and Chairperson IFFTI.
3. The following EC Member Institutions were represented at the meeting:-

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Represented By</u>	<u>Designation</u>
(a)	HKPU, Hong Kong	Prof. Edward Newton	Chairperson
(b)	FIT, New York, USA	Dr. Dario A. Cortes	Deputy Chairperson
(c)	IFM, Paris, France	Ms. Sylvie Ebel	Member
(d)	LCF, London, UK	Ms. Elizabeth Rouse	Member
(e)	UTS, Australia	Ms. Alison Mason	Member
(f)	IFFTI	Commodore Vijay (Retd.)	Secretary

4. The following Institutions had sent in their apologies for being unable to depute their authorized representatives to attend the Meeting :-

- (a) NIFT, India
 - (b) RMIT, Australia
5. Donghua, China and UAM, Brazil were also not represented at the Meeting.
 6. The Committee took on record the apologies sent by NIFT and RMIT.
 7. The Committee requested the Executive Committee Member Institutions to invariably depute suitable representatives for all IFFTI meetings and large-scale events such as those planned at the Hong Kong Conference. Such events provide an ideal platform for mutual interaction with various cross-sections of participants, both from the academia as well as the industry. Participation in such activities would prove mutually beneficial to IFFTI members, in addition to providing support to the Member Institution arranging such a mega event.

WELCOME REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON

8. The Chairperson welcomed the Executive Committee Members and solicited their help to clear the backlog which had piled up owing to the cancellation of the Annual Conference scheduled to have been held at New York in November 2001.
9. He appreciated the co-operation extended by LCF and FIT in giving shape to the Initiatives proposed at the 7th Executive Committee meeting. He expressed hope that the Members would participate actively in the present Conference and that IFFTI would move forward at a faster pace hereafter.
10. He thereafter asked the Secretary to present the Agenda Points for the deliberation of the Executive Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF IFFTI**

11. The Secretary informed the Committee that the draft Minutes had been circulated to Executive Committee Members for their comments. In response, comments had been received from HKPU, FIT, IFM, LCF, NIFT and RMIT. The Secretary then tabled all the correspondence received from the above-named Executive Committee Members, containing the comments on the Minutes of the 7th Executive Committee Meeting, for the consideration of the Committee.
12. After detailed deliberations, the Committee decided that the Minutes placed at Annexure – VII of the Agenda were a correct representation of the deliberations held and decisions taken at the 7th meeting of the EC held on 9th and 10th July 2002 at FIT, New York.
13. The Executive Committee, accordingly, approved the Minutes of the 7th Executive Committee Meeting placed at Annexure – VII of the Agenda to the 8th Executive Committee, and recommended for their adoption by the General Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

14. Secretary – IFFTI presented the Action Taken Report on matters arising out of the previous meetings of IFFTI. The Committee noted the same and expressed its satisfaction at the tasks pursued and completed by the Secretariat. It complimented the Secretary on his efforts to establish personal contact with all the Members and bringing about a revival of interest of Members in the affairs of IFFTI. This had also resulted in the recovery of US \$59,000 towards outstanding Membership subscription from Members.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**RULES AND REGULATIONS OF IFFTI**

15. The Secretary placed before the Executive Committee the correspondence received from FIT, LCF, IFM, HKPU and NIFT, forwarding their comments on the draft Rules and Regulations circulated by the Secretariat. After detailed deliberations, the Committee decided to recommend the following amendments to the draft Rules and Regulations placed at Annexure – IX of the Agenda.

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Rule No.</u>	<u>Agenda Page</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
(a)	7(a)(iv)	79	Add, “and has been notified about the same”.
(b)	10(d)(ii)	87	Amend to read as follows:- “All the other elected Members of the Executive Committee, <u>including the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson</u> , shall hold office for a period of three years each time. <u>The Executive Committee Members, except the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson</u> , shall retire on the date of respective Annual General Meeting. At the second Annual General Meeting held after registration of the Foundation, these members to be appointed pursuant to this Rule shall be elected to the Executive Committee. <u>The Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson shall retire on the date of the next Executive Committee meeting to be held after the Annual General Meeting at which the Executive Committee is elected. Thereafter, the new Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson shall be elected at the same meeting by the new Executive Committee.</u> ”
(c)	10(h)(xiv)	91	This clause is to be deleted and subsequent clauses re-numbered accordingly.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

NEW MEMBERSHIP

16. **IFFTI Membership Information and Application Form.** The Committee scrutinised the revised IFFTI Membership Information and Application Form placed at Annexure - VIII. Finding it satisfactory, the Committee approved the same and decided to place it before the General Council for ratification.
17. **Membership of Pearl Academy.** Based on the comments received from Dr. Dario Cortes, the Executive Committee decided to approve induction of Pearl Academy as an Associate Member of IFFTI.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

CORPORATE IDENTITY

18. **Web Site.** The Secretary presented four samples of the IFFTI Web Site for the consideration of the Committee. The format with the world map was approved by the Committee. It, however, opined that the visual on the front page should depict the Fashion Education philosophy. Ms. Alison Mason, UTS, offered to co-ordinate with the Visual Communication Program at UTS to assist in designing the appropriate visual for the front page of the IFFTI Web Site. The Committee thanked her for the gracious offer and asked the Secretary to liaise with UTS in the matter.
19. **Brochure.** The Committee decided to ask Members to update the data of their respective Institutions, at the General Council Meeting on 7th November.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**WORK PLAN**

20. Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, LCF, apprised the Committee regarding the Work Plan prepared by her on 'Best Practice in Fashion Education'. The Committee appreciated the initiative taken by LCF in issuing the Work Plan at such a short notice. It decided to get the Work Plan ratified by the General Council, as it provided an ideal platform for involvement of faculty of the Member Institutions in IFFTI affairs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**NETWORK OF SPECIALISED INFORMATION**

21. The Committee agreed to follow-up the issue at the General Council Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**VENUES OF FUTURE EC MEETINGS AND ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCES**

22. The Committee decided to hold detailed discussions on this issue during the Annual General Council Meeting on 7th November 2002.

ANY OTHER POINTS

23. Keeping in view the geographical representation of the proposed Executive Committee, the Committee unanimously decided to nominate Ryerson University, Canada, also to the new Executive Committee proposed to be elected at the 4th Annual General Council meeting scheduled on 7th November 2002.
24. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson.

*Enclosure – 3
to IFFTI/0203/2002
dated 5th December 2002*

MINUTES OF PART – II OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, HELD AT HONG KONG, ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2002

The Part – II of the 8th meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 0930 hours on 10th November 2002 at HKPU, Hong Kong. Professor Edward Newton, Head and Chair Professor, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, and Chairperson IFFTI, chaired the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

2. The following Institutions were represented at the Meeting:-

<u>Sr. No.</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Represented By</u>	<u>Designation</u>
(a)	HKPU, Hong Kong	Prof. Edward Newton	Chairperson
(b)	Donghua, China	Prof. Zhang Weiyuan	Member
(c)	IFM, Paris, France	Ms. Sylvie Ebel	Member
(d)	LCF, London, UK	Ms. Elizabeth Rouse	Member
(e)	Ryerson University	Ms. Mary McCrae	Member
(f)	IFFTI	Commodore Vijay (Retd.)	Secretary

2. Apologies had been received from FIT, NIFT and RMIT for not being able to depute authorised representatives for the meeting.
3. UAM were also not represented at the meeting.
4. The Chairperson congratulated Donghua, FIT, IFM, LCF, NIFT, RMIT and UAM for being re-elected, and Ryerson for being inducted, to the Executive

Committee of IFFTI. He hoped that the new Executive Committee would continue the good work done by the previous Committee with greater vigour to provide further momentum to the affairs of IFFTI, so that it could achieve the laid down goals.

5. The Chairperson and the Committee placed on record their appreciation of the contributions made by Ms. Val Horridge, UTS, during her tenure as the Executive Committee Member, and hoped that UTS would continue to support IFFTI activities in the future also.
6. The Chairperson then welcomed Ms. Mary McCrae to the new Executive Committee as the representative of Ryerson University, Canada.
7. At the outset, the Executive Committee Members congratulated Professor Edward Newton on conducting an excellent Conference. The Papers presented at the Conference were of high quality and the arrangements for IFFTI Members were praiseworthy. All Members agreed that the 4th IFFTI Annual Conference had been a grand success and had provided an ideal platform for mutual interaction between representatives from IFFTI Member Institutions and delegates from various parts of the world. Members had also benefited through participation in the Speaker Programmes presented at the Conference, which had provided a wonderful opportunity to appreciate and discuss new innovations in fashion and textiles. Members were unanimous that the activities held at the Conference would go a long way in reviving the involvement of Members in IFFTI affairs.
8. The Agenda for this meeting was decided as follows:-
 - (a) Finalizing the Venues for future IFFTI meetings.
 - (b) Taking on record the deliberations of the Initiatives Committee.
 - (c) Examine the feasibility of increasing the duration of future Conferences.
 - (d) Enlarging the base of IFFTI Membership.
 - (e) Publication of select Papers presented at the Hong Kong Conference.

VENUES

9. In view of the recent developments resulting in the last minute cancellation of RMIT participation in this Annual Conference, the Committee asked the

- Secretary to re-confirm from RMIT whether they would still be hosting the next Annual Conference in October/November 2003.
10. In case, for some reason, RMIT was unable to host the next Annual Conference in Australia, the Committee decided to then hold the Annual Conference at Shanghai in March 2003 instead. The final decision would, however, be taken after receiving the response from RMIT.
 11. The Committee also decided to provide support to the Shanghai Festival, being arranged by Donghua University, an IFFTI Member, by lending IFFTI recognition to the extent possible, even if the Annual Conference is not held at Shanghai.

INITIATIVES

12. Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, Chairperson Programmes Committee, briefed the Executive Committee on the deliberations held by the Committee.
13. **Decision** - It was decided to support the initiatives, which would be beneficial to the junior faculty of Member Institutions. Initiatives for students would be considered at a later date. It was further decided that LCF would prepare a Work Plan on the initiatives that should be supported by IFFTI. Some of the initiatives that should be examined are:-
 - (a) Research projects between different Institutions;
 - (b) Funding of travel of junior faculty to participate in Annual Conferences.
14. A budget of US \$25,000 was earmarked for supporting new 'Initiatives'.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

15. At its 4th Annual Meeting, the General Council had opined that IFFTI had now reached a stage when it should widen the Membership base to include Institutions from regions and countries that are still un-represented in IFFTI. This would permit closer understanding of the diverse cultures and cross-currents of fashion in the context of globalisation of fashion. In furtherance to this decision, the Committee decided to scout for Institutions in Russia, Korea,

Africa, South America, Germany, Sri Lanka, etc. To enable this, it was decided that all the General Council Members would be requested to assist the Committee in identifying suitable Institutions.

DURATION OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES

16. Some of the Members at the IFFTI General Council meeting had proposed that the duration of the Annual Conferences be increased to include official visits to fashion related industry / business houses.
17. The Committee further discussed the issue, but decided to leave the choice of duration of the Annual Conference to the host Institution.

PUBLICATION OF THE PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE

18. Members opined that to provide maximum benefit to IFFTI Members, HKPU should consider publishing the Papers presented at the Hong Kong Conference. Professor Newton agreed to examine the matter.
19. In conclusion, the Chairperson thanked the Committee Members for providing enthusiastic support to him, both during IFFTI meetings and the Annual Conference.
20. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.