

**MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF  
IFFTI HELD AT DONGHUA UNIVERSITY, SHANGHAI,  
ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2003**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2003 at Donghua University, Shanghai, PR China.

2. The Meeting was presided over by Professor Edward Newton, Head and Chair Professor, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, and Chairperson IFFTI.
3. The Meeting was conducted in two parts.
4. Part I of the Meeting was held from 0930 hrs to 1200 hrs. At this Meeting the IFFTI General Council deliberated upon the Agenda Points.
5. The following representatives of IFFTI Member Institutions attended the forenoon session of the IFFTI Meeting.

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Represented By</b>	<b>Designation</b>
a)	Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong	Prof. Edward Newton	Chairperson
b)	Amsterdam Fashion Institute, Netherlands	Dr. Pauline Terreehorst	Member
c)	Bunka Women's University, Japan	Mr. Joji Sakai	Member
d)	De Montfort University, UK	Ms. Helen M. Dunn	Member
e)	Donghua University, China	Prof. Weiyuan Zhang	Member
f)	Fashion Institute of Technology, USA	Dr. Georgianna Appignani	Member
g)	Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan	Sister Maryta Laumann	Member
h)	London College of Fashion, UK	Prof. Julia Gaimster	Member
i)	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia	Mr. Ian Sapwell	Member
j)	Ryerson Polytechnic University, Canada	Prof. Mary McCrae	Member
k)	Sydney Institute TAFE NSW, Australia	Mr. Nicholas C. Huxley	Member
l)	Universidade Anhembis Morumbi, Brazil	Mr. Sergio Garrido Moraes	Member

m)	Manchester Metropolitan University, UK	Ms. Angela Peers	New Member
n)	Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore	Ms. Evangeline Tang	Associate Member
o)	Pearl Academy of Fashion, India	Mr. A. K. G. Nair	Associate Member
p)	IFFTI	Commodore Vijay (Retd.)	Secretary

### **ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT, DONGHUA UNIVERSITY**

6. The President, Donghua University, Shanghai welcomed the IFFTI Members to the 5<sup>th</sup> IFFTI Annual Conference. He explained that the Conference was being held to coincide with the International Fashion Forum and Changning-Donghua Fashion Week of Shanghai International Fashion Culture Festival to enable the Members to derive maximum benefit from their visit to Shanghai. He hoped that the IFFTI Members would participate actively in the ongoing events of the Fashion Week and enjoy the city of Shanghai and the hospitality of the local people. He thanked the Chairperson and Members of IFFTI General Council for hosting the IFFTI Conference at Donghua University.

### **WELCOME REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON**

7. Prof. Edward Newton, Chairperson, expressed happiness at the fact that the Conference was being attended by such a large gathering inspite of short notice and the difficult international situation prevailing at the time of the Conference. He further stated that this augured well for the future of the Foundation and hoped that all the delegates would take full advantage of the elaborate activities planned by Donghua University besides participating in the IFFTI Meetings.

### **APOLOGIES SENT**

8. The following Member Institutions had sent in their apologies for being unable to depute authorised representatives to attend the IFFTI General Council Meeting:-
- a) IFM, Paris,
  - b) NID, India,
  - c) NIFT, India,
  - d) Polimoda, Italy,
  - e) Temasek, Singapore,
  - f) UTS, Australia,
  - g) University of Huddersfield, UK,
  - h) UMIST, UK.

9. The General Council took on record the apologies sent by the aforementioned Members.
10. The Chairperson thereafter asked the Secretary to table the Agenda Points for the consideration of the General Council.

**AGENDA POINTS FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF IFFTI**

11. The Secretary gave a brief overview of the Agenda Points of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of IFFTI which needed to be ratified by the General Council. He informed the General Council that the below mentioned issues had been approved by the Executive Committee at its 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2003 at Shanghai. After due deliberations the General Council gave the following decisions:-

- 11.1 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of General Council of IFFTI.**

- 11.1.1 ***Decision*** : The General Council adopted the Minutes of both the Meetings, which were circulated vide IFFTI Secretariat letter no. IFFTI/0203/2002 dated 05 December 2002.

- 11.2 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - New Members.**

- 11.2.1 ***Decision*** : The General Council ratified the decision of the Executive Committee to offer 'Regular Membership' to both the following Institutions:-

- a) Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU), UK and
- b) North Carolina State University (NCSU), USA

- 11.2.2 The confirmation of Membership of NCSU was subject to the Institute paying the required subscription.

- 11.2.3 The General Council thereafter welcomed MMU, UK and NCSU, USA into the Foundation and invited Ms. Angela Peers to participate in the proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> IFFTI General Council Meeting. NCSU had expressed inability to depute a suitable representative to attend the Conference owing to previous commitments.

- 11.3 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - Work Plan of IFFTI.**

- 11.3.1 The proposal of Prof. Elizabeth Rouse regarding 'Funding of Faculty Travel', was deliberated upon in detail by the General Council. The General Council agreed that one of the main objectives of IFFTI was to *Promote an international forum for the exchange of ideas and*

*collaborative research and development in fashion design, technology and business and related industries*'. To achieve this goal IFFTI General Council wished to encourage greater collaboration between Member Institutions by increasing participation of Junior Members of faculty in IFFTI Annual Conferences. To encourage this the General Council took following decisions :-

11.3.1.1 **Decision** :

- a) Provide IFFTI funds to support travel of Junior Faculty to present papers at the 6<sup>th</sup> IFFTI Annual Conference scheduled to be held at Toronto, Canada in April 2004,
- b) The funding is to be restricted to 'Economy Class' airfare for travel to/from the Annual Conference,
- c) Only IFFTI Member Institutions which are upto date in payment of IFFTI Membership Subscription, would be eligible for funding under this initiative,
- d) The General Council did not consider it appropriate to restrict the funding to the faculty of only those Institutions which had already deputed two other representatives for the Annual Conference. This prerequisite was therefore deleted.

11.3.1.2 Request for grant of funding for reading a paper at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is to be forwarded to reach Prof. Elizabeth Rouse by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003. The applications are to be sent by email to [e.rouse@lcf.linst.ac.uk](mailto:e.rouse@lcf.linst.ac.uk) together with the following information:-

- a) Name of junior faculty desirous of presenting the paper,
- b) Position and Responsibilities,
- c) Institution,
- d) Letter of support from the Institution,
- e) A copy of the abstract of the paper.

11.3.1.3 The decision on funding of travel of junior faculty for future Annual Conferences would be taken at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference depending upon the response from Members and the long term forecast of availability of surplus funds.

11.3.2 As regards the Initiatives on '*Papers on Best Practice in Fashion Education*' the General Council expressed satisfaction at the number of papers received. However, the Council requested the remaining Members to encourage faculty in their respective Institutions to also participate. The Secretary informed the General Council that the

shortlisted papers would be published and distributed at the next Annual Conference at Toronto, Canada.

**11.4 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - Corporate Communication Plan – Website.**

11.4.1 **Decision** : The General Council endorsed the decision of the Executive Committee to launch the basic IFFTI website designed by the IFFTI Secretariat, at the earliest. The General Council also ratified the decision of the Executive Committee to hire the service of a professional agency to design the ‘Homepage’ of the Website. Members were requested to forward the recommendations regarding suitable agencies to the IFFTI Secretariat by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003.

**11.5 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - Network of Specialised Information.**

11.5.1 **Decision** : The General Council endorsed the decision of Executive Committee to keep in abeyance further action on this Agenda point.

**11.6 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - Venues for Future IFFTI Meetings.**

11.6.1 **Decision** : The General Council ratified the decision of the Executive Committee to hold future IFFTI Meetings at the venues given below:-

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Period</b>
a)	10 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	IFM, Paris, France	November 2003
b)	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and 11 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	Ryerson, Toronto, Canada	April 2004
c)	12 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	NIFT, New Delhi, India	November 2004
d)	13 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	LCF, London, UK	July 2005
e)	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and 14 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	Bunka Women’s University, Tokyo,	November 2005
f)	15 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	FIT, New York, USA	July 2006
g)	8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and 16 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	IFM, Paris, France	November 2006
h)	9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and 17 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	Australia	April 2007

**11.7 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - Linkages with International Apparel Foundation.**

11.7.1 **Decision** : The General Council ratified the decision of the Executive Committee that presently, only the schedule of the Annual Conferences of IAF need to be forwarded to the Members.

11.8 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - Accounts, Finance and Budget.**

11.8.1 **Decisions :**

11.8.1.1 Balance Sheet for the period from 01<sup>st</sup> April 2002 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2002: The General Council approved and adopted the Balance Sheet for the period from 01<sup>st</sup> April 2002 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2002 placed at pages 24 to 30 of the Agenda

11.8.1.2 Statement of Affairs as on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2002 : The General Council took on record the Statement of Affairs placed at page 33 of the Agenda.

11.8.1.3 Budget for the Year 2003 : The General Council approved the Budget for the year 2003 placed at page 34 of the Agenda.

11.8.2 The General Council asked the Secretary to provide the planned projections of IFFTI surplus funds for next five years, at the next Annual Conference. This will assist the General Council in deciding on quantum and type of exposure on future initiatives.

11.8 **CONSIDERATION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF SECRETARY IFFTI.**

11.8.1 **Decision :** The General Council ratified the decision of Executive Committee to extend the term of Commodore Vijay (Retd.) as full time Secretary of IFFTI, for a further period of two years upto 31<sup>st</sup> July 2005. The General Council placed on record its appreciation for the systematic working of the IFFTI Secretariat under Commodore Vijay as Secretary and his efforts at personal interaction with Members to bring about increased involvement by the representatives of Institutions, in the affairs of IFFTI. The same was evident by a large attendance at the Conference and payment of outstanding dues by Member Institutions to the tune of US \$ 89,000/-.

11.8.2 Commodore Vijay (Retd.) thanked the General Council for the faith reposed him by the General Council and assured the Members of his continued efforts towards achieving IFFTI goals.

12. In conclusion, Prof. Edward Newton, the Chairperson thanked the General Council Members for deputing representatives in such large numbers to the Annual Conference. The representatives participated actively in IFFTI affairs during the IFFTI Meetings and Panel Discussions. It was also encouraging that 13 IFFTI representatives were presenting papers on wide ranging topics at the International Fashion Forum over the next two days. Thus the Conference would provide a platform for mutual interaction and exchange of ideas and practices, between representatives of Member Institutions. He also hoped that the Members would take

back with them a deep understanding of the Chinese Textile Industry and the beautiful town of Shanghai.

13. Prof. Newton requested the General Council Members to join him in placing on record a vote of special thanks for Prof. Weiyuan Zhang and the staff of Donghua University for taking on the responsibility of hosting the Annual Conference at such short notice. The professionalism and the attention to detail displayed in making elaborate arrangements for travel, comfort and exposure of IFFTI Members to all the activities of International Fashion Forum, was indeed commendable. He was sure that such synergy would go a long way in greater bonding amongst IFFTI Member Institutions.
14. There being no further points, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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*Annexure III  
to IFFTI/0203/2003  
Dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2003*

**REPORT ON PART II OF THE IFFTI GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
AT THE POST LUNCH SESSION ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2003**

The following additional representatives of IFFTI Member Institutions participated at this session:-

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Represented By</b>	<b>Designation</b>
a)	Bunka Women's University, Japan	i) Mr. Satoshi Onuma ii) Dr. Teruko Tamura	Special Invitee Special Invitee
b)	Donghua University, China	Prof. Li Keling	Special Invitee
c)	Fashion Institute of Technology, USA	i) Prof. Joseph S Lewis ii) Prof. Petrick Yanez	Special Invitee Special Invitee
d)	Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan	Dr. Jocelyn Chen	Special Invitee
e)	Amsterdam Fashion Institute, Amsterdam	Ms. Lara Simons	Special Invitee
f)	HKPU, Hong Kong	Prof. Raymond Au	Special Invitee
g)	Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore	Ms. Alicia Ruth Fung	Special Invitee
h)	Pearl Academy of Fashion, India	Mr. Arindam Das	Special Invitee
i)	Ryerson Polytechnic, Canada	Ms. Alice Chu	Special Invitee
j)	Sydney Institute TAFE, Australia	Ms. Anne Normoyle	Special Invitee
k)	Manchester Metropolitan University, UK	Ms. Catherine Fairhurst	Special Invitee

**PRESENTATION BY NEW MEMBERS.**

2. The session commenced with presentations by Ms. Angela Peers, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK and Ms. Evangeline Tang, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore, about their respective Institutions for the benefit of Members.

### **PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

3. To begin with, Mr. Ian Sapwell, RMIT, Australia, gave a brief presentation on the topic of 'E-learning'. This was followed by an absorbing session of discussions on the subject, in which, a large number of Members participated. The discussion provided an insight into the latest development in the field and various practices being adopted by different Institutions with varied success rates.
4. The Members expressed a desire to make Panel Discussion an integral part of all future Conferences.
5. After detailed deliberations, the following issues were shortlisted as possible topics for panel discussions at the next Annual Conference:-
  - a) Assessment Procedure,
  - b) Design and Culture – modification of design to suit the culture of different countries,
  - c) Compliance – child labour, working hours,
  - d) Future Fashion Education – Moderation necessitated to adapt to the advancement in modern technology,
  - e) Evolution of fashion over the years,
  - f) Globalisation of Fashion.
6. A view emerged that the panel discussions may be more meaningful if these were preceded by a presentation by an expert on the subject who may be specially invited for future IFFTI Panel Discussions.
7. The Members agreed to deliberate further on the aforementioned issues and revert to the Secretariat with concrete recommendations.