

**MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF  
IFFTI HELD AT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY,  
NEW DELHI, INDIA AT 10:30 AM ON 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2004**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council was held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2004 at NIFT, New Delhi, India.

2. The Meeting was presided over by Professor Edward Newton, Chair Professor of Fashion Design, Institute of Textiles and Clothing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, and Chairperson IFFTI.
3. The following representatives of IFFTI Member Institutions attended the General Council Meeting:-

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Represented By</b>	<b>Designation</b>
a)	HKPU, Hong Kong	(i) Prof. Edward Newton (ii) Dr. K. F. Au	Chairperson Additional Representative
b)	AMFI, Netherlands	(i) Dr. Pauline Terreehorst (ii) Ms. Margo Van Rotterdam	Member Additional Representative
c)	Bunka, Japan	(i) Mr. Satoshi Onuma (ii) Dr. Teruko Tamura	Member Additional Representative
d)	DMU, UK	(i) Ms. Janice Mee (ii) Ms. Helen Dunn	Member Additional Representative
e)	Donghua University, PR China	(i) Prof. Li Keling (ii) Ms. Li Min	Member Additional Representative
f)	FIT, USA	Dr. Georgianna Appignani	Nominated Representative
g)	Fu Jen, Taiwan	Sister Maryta Laumann	Member
h)	IFM, France	(i) Ms. Sylvie Ebel (ii) Ms. Veronique Schilling	Member Additional Representative
i)	LCF, UK	(i) Ms. Elizabeth Rouse (ii) Ms. Alison Shreeve	Member Additional Representative
j)	MMU, UK	Ms. Angela Peers	Member
k)	NID, India	Dr. Himadri Ghosh	Nominated Representative
l)	NIFT, India	(i) Ms. Gauri Kumar (ii) Prof. Asha Baxi	Member Additional Representative
m)	NCSU, USA	(i) Dr. Tracy May Plumlee (ii) Ms. Lisa Parillo Chapman	Nominated Representative Additional Representative
n)	RMIT, Australia	(i) Ms. Karen Webster (ii) Ms. Christine Clark	Nominated Representative Additional Representative

o)	Ryerson, Canada	Prof. Paulette Kelly	Nominated Representative
p)	Sydney Institute of TAFE NSW, Australia	Mr. Nicholas C. Huxley	Member
q)	Temasek, Singapore	Ms. Sylvia Lim Lay Hoon	Member
r)	UAM, Brazil	Ms. Maria Carolina Garcia Geraldi	Nominated Representative
s)	Huddersfield, UK	(i) Prof. Tim Moscovitch (ii) Ms. Jo Harris	Member Additional Representative
t)	UMIST, UK	Dr. Pammi Sinha	Nominated Representative
u)	Swedish School of Textiles, Sweden	Mr. Kenneth Tingsvik	New Member
v)	Pearl Academy, India	(i) Mr. A. K. G. Nair (ii) Dr. Vinod Shanbhag	Associate Member Additional Representative
w)	IFFTI	Commodore Vijay (Retd.)	Secretary

#### **APOLOGIES SENT**

4. The following Member Institutions had sent in their apologies for being unable to deputise authorised representatives to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council:-
- a) Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore
  - b) Polimoda, Italy
  - c) UTS, Australia
5. The General Council took on record the apologies sent by the aforementioned Members.

#### **CHANGE OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES**

6. The authorized representatives of the following General Council Member Institutions had changed since the last Annual Conference:-

<b><u>S. No.</u></b>	<b><u>Institution</u></b>	<b><u>Old Representative</u></b>	<b><u>New Representative</u></b>
(a)	Bunka Women's University	Mr. Yoshio Kakishima	Mr. Katsuhiro Hamada
(b)	Donghua University	Prof. Weiyuan Zhang	Prof. Li Keling

(c)	RMIT	Mr. Ian Sapwell	Ms. Maxine Sparks
(d)	Ryerson University	Ms. Mary McCrae	Prof. Linda Lewis
(e)	Temasek	Mr. Alistair Leung	Ms. Sylvia Lim Lay Hoon
(f)	UMIST	Ms. Margaret Bruce	Prof. John Roberts

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

#### **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. 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 NIFT besides participating in the IFFTI Meetings.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.**

#### **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL**

8. **Decision** : The General Council adopted the Minutes of :-
- 8.1.1 The 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee held at Donghua University, PR China on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2003,
- 8.1.2 The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council held at Donghua University, PR China on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2003, and
- 8.1.3 The 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee held at IFM, Paris on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2003.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

#### **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

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

- a) Swedish School of Textiles, Boras, Sweden
  - b) Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Los Angeles, USA
10. The General Council thereafter welcomed Swedish School of Textiles and Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising into the Foundation and invited Mr. Kenneth Tingsvik of Swedish School of Textiles to participate in the proceedings of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Council Meeting of IFFTI.
  11. FIDM had expressed inability to depute a suitable representative to attend the Conference owing to previous commitments.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

##### **REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF IFFTI**

12. Commodore Vijay, Secretary IFFTI, presented a report on the activities undertaken by the IFFTI Secretariat during the last one year since the Shanghai Annual Conference. The General Council took note of the activities and expressed appreciation at the satisfactory completion of the tasks assigned to the Secretariat.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

##### **WORK PLAN OF IFFTI**

13. At the outset, the Secretary presented to the General Council, a brief background leading to the selection and implementation of the two IFFTI initiatives namely "*Papers on Best Practice in Fashion Education*" and "*Support of travel for Junior Faculty to present Papers at the 2004 Annual Conference*".
14. Thereafter, Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, LCF, Chairperson of the Programmes Committee, presented a status report on the two IFFTI Initiatives presently in progress, including the difficulties experienced in meeting the deadlines.
15. **Papers on Best Practice in Fashion Education**
  - 15.1 Out of the 35 abstracts received, 19 authors were selected to submit full papers for evaluation. These faculty members were also invited to present papers at the 2004 Conference at NIFT. It was encouraging that 13 of them agreed. They would be presenting their papers at the Annual Conference on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004.
  - 15.2 Ms. Rouse thereafter gave the tentative schedule for completion of the project. The same is given below:-

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
(a)	Submission of Full Papers by 19 shortlisted Faculty	01 <sup>st</sup> March 2004

(b)	Evaluation of Papers by the Editorial Board	01 <sup>st</sup> March-20 <sup>th</sup> April 2004
(c)	Announcement of Results	01 <sup>st</sup> May 2004
(d)	Editing of finally selected Papers by Guest Editor	01 <sup>st</sup> May-30 <sup>th</sup> May 2004
(e)	Publishing of Papers	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2004

16. **Funding of Travel of Junior Faculty to Present Papers at the 2004 Annual Conference**

16.1 Ms. Rouse explained that the Editorial Board had finally selected the Papers of the following 'Junior Faculty' for presentation at the 2004 Annual Conference:-

S. No.	Name	Institution	Topic
(a)	Ms. Li Min	Donghua University, PR China	The Increasing Children's Wear Market in China and its Consequences on Fashion Education
(b)	Ms. Lisa Parillo Chapman	NCSU, USA	Engineering Whole Garment Designs
(c)	Dr. Joe Au	HKPU, Hong Kong	Model of Design Process of Hong Kong Fashion Designers

16.2 Whereas Ms. Li Min and Ms. Lisa Parillo would be presenting their Papers later today, Dr. Joe Au had expressed his inability to do so owing to prior commitment.

17. The General Council thanked Ms. Elizabeth Rouse for devoting her valuable time and expertise in managing these time consuming and difficult Initiatives.

18. The General Council thereafter held detailed discussions on the selection of future Initiatives to be supported by IFFTI.

19. **Decision** : The General Council decided to support the following Initiatives in the immediate future:-

19.1 **Funding of Travel for Junior Faculty** to present papers at the IFFTI Annual Conferences scheduled to be held at Bunka Women's University, Japan in November 2005 and IFM, Paris in 2006 respectively. Further details are given below:-

(a) **Topic**. The topic of the Papers would be the **theme** of the Conference at which the Paper is proposed to be presented.

(b) **Selection**. Selection of Papers would be made by the Institution hosting the Annual Conference with the assistance of the Executive Committee.

- (c) **The Award**. Junior Faculty whose papers are selected for the presentation at the Annual Conference (upto a maximum of five) would be provided **full return airfare in Economy Class**, from their respective Institutions to the venue of the Annual Conference and back. *The award is only admissible in case the author presents the paper at the Conference in person and will not be given by proxy.*
- (d) **Number of Awards**. Air travel to a maximum of 5 Junior Faculty would be funded for each Conference.
- (e) **Eligibility**. The criterion to qualify for Junior Faculty would be as follows:-
  - (i) Newly appointed staff without tenure, or
  - (ii) Faculty at the beginning of their teaching careers, or
  - (iii) Faculty who are beginning to develop their Research interests and profile.
- (f) Detailed terms and conditions of the initiative would be issued separately by the Secretariat.

19.2 **Paper on Best Practice in Fashion Education**. It was decided to continue with this Initiative. The Papers on Best Practice would be invited, evaluated and published every two years. Award of US\$1000 would be made to the authors of papers which are published. The first set of six to eight selected papers would be published in July/August 2004 and the second set would be published in 2006.

### 19.3 **Research**

19.3.1 The General Council was of the opinion that IFFTI should devote its resources to identify ways to take Fashion Research forward. To begin with, IFFTI should collate the Research activities being undertaken by IFFTI Member Institutions. Thereafter, the available strengths, experience and the expertise should be pooled together to undertake advance research and publish it as an IFFTI document, if possible.

19.3.2 It was decided to delegate the task of formulating the modalities of way ahead to the Executive Committee.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

### **CORPORATE COMMUNICATION PLAN**

20. The Committee expressed satisfaction at the progress made so far in this regard.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

**NETWORK OF SPECIALISED INFORMATION**

21. After a brief discussion, the General Council requested the Sub-Committee to further deliberate on the issue and present its finding to the Executive Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

**VENUES FOR FUTURE IFFTI MEETINGS**

22. ***Decision*** : Based on the offers made by authorised representatives of Member Institutions, the General Council tentatively approved the following venues for IFFTI Meetings till the year 2010:-

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Period</b>
a)	12 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	Ryerson, Canada	September 2004
b)	13 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	LCF, London, UK	July 2005
c)	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b> and 14 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	Bunka Women's University, Tokyo, <b>Japan</b>	<b>November 2005</b>
d)	15 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	FIT, New York, USA	July 2006
e)	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b> and 16 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	IFM, Paris, <b>France</b>	<b>November 2006</b>
f)	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b> and 17 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	Jointly by RMIT and SI TAFE, Melbourne and Sydney, <b>Australia</b>	<b>April 2007</b>
g)	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b>	NCSU, USA/Ryerson, <b>Canada</b>	<b>2008</b>
h)	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b>	Fu Jen, <b>Taiwan</b>	<b>2009</b>
i)	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b>	NCSU, USA/Ryerson, <b>Canada</b>	<b>2010</b>

23. **The final decision on the venues for the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conferences would be taken after letters of consent are received from the appropriate authorities of the concerned Institutions.**
24. The General Council invited Bunka to the IFFTI Executive Committee as an Ex-officio Member from the meeting scheduled on 01<sup>st</sup> April 2004 till the concluding

session of the 14<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting to be held at Bunka in November 2005.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

##### **LINKAGES WITH INTERNATIONAL APPAREL FEDERATION**

25. Prof. Newton informed the Members that he had been able to manage a reciprocal arrangement of Associate Membership with the International Apparel Federation (IAF).
26. According to this arrangement IFFTI and IAF would become Associate Members of each other's foundation and their Members would be invited to attend each other's events. However, this arrangement should not preclude individual Institutions from becoming Members of IAF or IFFTI, if it so desires.
27. Efforts would be made to try and schedule IFFTI Meetings to coincide with IAF activities to facilitate participation of IFFTI Members in IAF events. First such interaction may be possible in July 2005 at London to coincide with the 13<sup>th</sup> IFFTI Executive Committee Meeting.
28. The General Council ratified the course of action proposed by Prof. Newton and thanked him for his good offices to make this interaction possible.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

##### **ACCOUNTS, FINANCE AND BUDGET**

29. The General Council adopted the Provisional Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004 and approved the budget for the period 2004-2005.
30. The General Council also commended the Secretary for his meticulous work in systematic maintenance of accounts and persistent follow up with Members which had resulted in all the outstanding dues being recovered and had brought about a healthy reserve of funds for further deployment.

#### **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

31. Prof. Edward Newton, Chairperson, thanked the General Council Members for deputing representative in large numbers to attend the 2004 IFFTI Annual Conference. It was matter of great satisfaction that over 50 delegates from 22 IFFTI Member Institutions had come from far and wide to participate in the Annual Conference. It was also encouraging that 23 faculty from IFFTI Member Institutions would be presenting Papers on wide ranging topics over the next couple of days. He urged the Members to take back with them a deep understanding and insight into the Indian fashion value chain being provided to them through 'dsyn04', the mega fashion event specially organized by NIFT for the benefit of IFFTI Members. Thus



the Conference would provide an ideal platform for exchange of ideas and best practices and hoped that Members would greatly benefit from it.

32. Prof. Newton requested the General Council Members to join him in placing on record a vote of special thanks for Ms. Gauri Kumar, Director General, National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi, India for volunteering to host the Annual Conference at short notice. The professionalism and attention to detail displayed in making elaborate arrangements for stay, travel, comfort and exposure to various activities of the 'dsyn04' were indeed commendable. He was sure that such synergy would result in greater bonding amongst IFFTI Member Institutions.
33. The Chairperson also proposed votes of thanks to
  - (a) Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, LCF, for her tireless and commendable contribution in conceptualizing, giving shape to and completing the two IFFTI Initiatives. Her efforts had resulted in the world academic community taking note of IFFTI and lending its support through New Memberships and larger participation in IFFTI activities.
  - (b) NCSU-USA, RMIT-Australia, Temasek-Singapore and MMU-UK for their spontaneous offer to host the 2004 IFFTI Annual Conference after Ryerson University-Canada expressed their inability to do so.
34. There being no further points the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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