# MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF IFFTI HELD AT BUNKA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY, TOKYO, JAPAN, AT 0900 HOURS ON 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2005

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council was held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005 at Bunka Women's University, Tokyo, Japan.

- 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:-

S. No.	Institution	Represented By	Designation
a)	HKPU, Hong Kong	(i) Prof. Edward Newton (ii) Prof. Tao Xiaoming	Chairperson Special Invitee
b)	AMFI, The Netherlands	(i) Mr. J.W. Hofma (ii) Mr. Dany Jacobs	Member Member
c)	Bunka Women's University, Japan	(i) Mr. Sunao Onuma (ii) Dr. Satoshi Onuma (iii) Mr. Katsuhiro Hamada	Special Invitee Member Member
d)	Donghua University, PR China	(i) Prof. Li Keling (ii) Ms. Li Min	Member Member
e)	FIT, USA	(i) Dr. Reginetta Haboucha (ii) Dr. Georgianna Appignani	Member Member
f)	Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan	Sister Maryta Laumann	Member
g)	IFM, France	Ms. Sylvie Ebel	Member
h)	LCF, UK	(i) Ms. Elizabeth Rouse (ii) Ms. Sandy Black	Member Member
i)	MMU, UK	(i) Ms. Angela Peers (ii) Ms. Helen Rowe	Member Member
j)	NIFT, India	Ms. Gauri Kumar	Member
k)	NCSU, USA	(i) Prof. Trevor Little (ii) Prof. William Oxenham	Member Member
l)	Polimoda	Ms. Emanuela Pisoni	Member
m)	RMIT, Australia	Ms. Tina Guglielmino	Authorized Representative
n)	Ryerson, Canada	Prof. Linda Lewis	Member

o)	Sydney Institute of TAFE NSW, Australia	(i) Mr. Nicolas C. Huxley (ii) Ms. Anne Normoyle	Member Member	
p)	UAM, Brazil	(i) Ms. Carla Marcondes (ii) Prof. Carol Garcia	Member Member	
q)	Huddersfield, UK	Ms. Rosemary Varley	Authorized Representative	
r)	Pearl Academy of Fashion, India	Mr. A.K. G. Nair	Member	
s)	NTU, UK	(i) Prof. Simon Lewis (ii) Prof. Judith Mottram	Member Member	
t)	Keimyung University, South Korea	(i) Dr. Ho Jeong Lee (ii) Ms. Hyeon Hee Jung	Member Member	
u)	LTD Nagold	Mr. Manfred Mroz	Member	
v)	Kasetsart University, Thailand	(i) Ms. Foengfurad Mungtavesinsuk (ii) Dr. Anothai Cholachatpinyo	Member Special Invitee	
w)	IFFTI	Commodore Vijay (Retd.) Secretary		

#### **WELCOME REMARKS**

#### President, Bunka Women's University

- 4. Mr. Sunao Onuma, President, Bunka Women's University welcomed the IFFTI Members to the 7<sup>th</sup> IFFTI Annual Conference. He stated that in recent years, due mainly to the continued development of information technology centering on the internet, the structure of the circulation and distribution of information, as well as the accumulation of knowledge in every industrial and social sector has evolved into a perpetuating chain reaction, and as a result further advanced education with added value is urgently needed in the area of fashion. As technology continues to progress, he believed that one of the primary missions of Bunka Women's University was to provide the opportunities for all participants: students, faculty, members of the business community and staff to conduct in-depth discussions, on a wide range of subjects, with colleagues from all over the world in order to obtain and share new knowledge and perspectives.
- 5. They have therefore set the theme for the conference as 'Globalization of the Fashion Industry Future Vision and the Challenge of Education and Business' in the hope of providing participants with the opportunity to appreciate the changes in the fashion industry resulting from globalization, as well as to understand the circumstances and positions of respective countries, and to exchange opinions in order to facilitate mutual cooperation and support among nations, industrial sectors and academic institutions. Concurrently, with the

- opening of the conference, a fashion forum was being held with participants from all over Japan and from around the world.
- 6. He hoped that this conference would enable its participants to make an accurate assessment of the current situation and challenges in the field of fashion education and related industries from a global perspective, and also to fully comprehend the trends and changes of the times through meaningful discourse among IFFTI members and the presentation of research papers, which would serve as a guide for participants.

#### Chairperson, IFFTI

- 7. Prof. Edward Newton, Chairperson, expressed satisfaction that the Conference was being attended by more than eighty delegates from twenty two IFFTI Member Institutions. This was indicative of the increased awareness about the Foundation based on its achievements. He hoped that the enthusiasm shown by the Members would translate into bonding through interaction for mutual benefit. He extended his sincere thanks to Mr. Sunao Onuma, President of Bunka Women's University, who graciously offered to host this year's conference, and to all those who helped to put this conference together. He also extended a very warm welcome to all of those who have made the journey to the very exciting city of Tokyo, Japan to honour us with their attendance. This year's conference would be attended by delegates from more than 20 nations around the world.
- 8. He was very certain that the delegates would find the program for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference filled with a delightful mixture of academics, fashion, culture, technology and entertainment. In addition, he felt that this conference would provide an ideal venue where delegates, from many different countries and with a variety of backgrounds and specialties, would have the opportunity to share ideas, exchange opinions and broaden their understanding and knowledge of the ever changing world of fashion.
- Finally, he hoped that when the conference would reach its conclusion, the
  delegates would have the opportunity to explore, and share with all of us, the
  effects, both good and bad, that Globalization is having on the Future of the
  Fashion Industry.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

#### **APOLOGIES SENT**

- 10. The following Member Institutions had sent in their apologies for being unable to depute authorized representatives to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council:-
  - (a) De Montfort University, U.K.
  - (b) Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, U.S.A.
  - (c) Georgian Institute of Design and Management, Georgia

- (d) Industrial and Vocational Training Board, Mauritius
- (e) Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore
- (f) National Institute of Design, India
- (g) Swedish School of Textiles, Sweden
- (h) Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore
- (i) The University of Manchester, U.K.
- (j) University of Technology, Sydney, Australia
- 11. The General Council took on record the apologies sent by the aforementioned Members.

#### **NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

12. <u>Decision</u>: The General Council approved the following composition of the new Executive Committee:-

#### (a) Permanent Category

- (i) HKPU, Hong Kong
- (ii) FIT, USA
- (iii) IFM, France
- (iv) NIFT, India

#### (b) Elective Category

(v) Dong Hua University, P.R. China
 (vi) LCF, U.K.
 (vii) RMIT, Australia
 (viii) Ryerson University, Canada
 (ix) AMFI, The Netherlands
 Re-elected
 Re-elected
 Re-elected
 Re-elected
 New

(x) Bunka Women's University, Japan - New (xi) University of Huddersfield, U.K. - New

#### (c) Co-opted Member (For 1 Year)

(xii) NCSU, USA - As they would be hosting the next Annual Conference in 2006.

- 13. The General Council thereafter deliberated upon the Election Bye-Laws approved by the Executive Committee.
- 14. <u>Decision</u>: The Election Bye-Laws placed at Annexure I to the Agenda were approved by the General Council.

15. The General Council also ratified the decision of the Executive Committee nominating Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, LCF to the post of Deputy Chairperson of IFFTI.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

# ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup> AND 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IFFTI GENERAL COUNCIL

- 16. **Decision**: The General Council adopted the Minutes of :-
  - 16.1 The 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee and the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> March 2004 respectively, at National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi, India.
  - 16.2 The 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2004 at Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, and
  - 16.3 The 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at London College of Fashion, London, U.K.

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

#### **CHANGES IN AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES**

17. The General Council noted the changes in Authorised Representatives of Member Institutions.

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

#### PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS

- 18. The representatives of twelve Member Institutions made presentations at the afternoon session on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005 :-
  - 18.1 Introductory presentations were made by following New Members:
    - a. Nottingham Trent University, U.K.
    - b. Keimyung University, South Korea
    - c. Kasetsart University, Thailand
    - d. LDT Nagold, Germany

- 18.2. Following Existing Members made presentations on the new initiatives undertaken by their respective Institutions:
  - a. National Institute of Fashion Technology, India
  - b. Amsterdam Fashion Institute, The Netherlands
  - c. Manchester Metropolitan University, U.K.
  - d. Ryerson University, Canada
  - e. Sydney Institute of TAFE NSW, Australia
  - f. Pearl Academy of Fashion, India
  - g. London College of Fashion, U.K.
  - h. Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia

#### **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

19. <u>Decision</u>: The General Council ratified the decision of the Executive Committee to offer membership to the following institutions:-

(a)	Nottingham Trent University, U.K.	Regular Membership
(b)	Keimyung University, South Korea	Regular Membership
(c)	LDT Nagold, Germany	Associate Membership
(d)	Kasetsart University, Thailand	Associate Membership
(e)	Industrial and Vocational Training Board, Mauritius	Associate Membership
(f)	Georgian Institute of Design and Management, Georgia	Associate Membership

- 20. The General Council thereafter invited the authorized representatives of Nottingham Trent University, Keimyung University, LDT Nagold and Kasetsart University to participate in the proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual General Council Meeting of IFFTI.
- 21. IVTB, Mauritius and Georgian Institute, Georgia had expressed inability to depute suitable representatives to attend the Conference owing to previous commitments.
- 22. While welcoming the induction of 6 new members, the Chairperson requested members to assist in recruiting more new members from the unrepresented areas like Russia, Africa and additional members from China, Japan, India, U.S.A. and New Zealand.

#### **ACTION TAKEN REPORT**

23. Taking note of the Action Taken Report, the General Council expressed satisfaction at the completion of all outstanding tasks and the systematic work carried out by the Secretariat.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

#### REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF IFFTI

24. Secretary IFFTI, presented a report on the activities undertaken by the IFFTI Secretariat during the last one year. The General Council took note of the activities and expressed appreciation at the efforts made to recover the old dues and enlarging IFFTI membership.

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

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

#### **Best Practice Initiative.**

- 25. The Secretary informed the Members that the publication on "Reflections in Teaching and Learning in Fashion Education" had been printed. The same was distributed to the Members.
- 26. The General Council appreciated the hard work put in by Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, her team and the Secretariat on the successful completion of the first IFFTI initiative.
- 27. <u>Decision</u>: The General Council ratified the decision of the Executive Committee to discontinue this initiative.

#### **Travel Funding Initiative.**

28. The following Junior Faculty presented papers at the Conference as part of this initiative:-

S.No	Name	Paper	Institution
1.	Sass Brown	Growing green fashion businesses : Adding Value with Ethics and Sustainability	Fashion Institute of Technology, U.S.A.
2.	Mei Li Fu	Application of Body Scanning Analysis results to Apparel Fit Preferences (A	Fu Jen Catholic

		Study of U.S. Overweight and Obese Women)	University, Taiwan
3.	Wessie Ling	Paris and the designers – Processes of engagement of Oriental designers in the fashion capital	London College of Fashion, U.K.
4.	Sachiko Nagasawa	Application of 'manga' to Fashion Design Drawing Education in Japan	Bunka Women's University, Japan
5.	Osmud Rahman	The relationship between Low-rise Denim Jeans and Consumer Aspirations: The study of Symbolic Value and Emotional Attribute – Part 2	Ryerson University, Canada
6.	Denise Sprynskyj	The Rise of Customisation and the Globalisation of Fashion	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia

- 29. The General Council observed that the Junior Faculty Initiative should be integrated within the Main Conference. They should to be given mentoring and advice to make their presentations more interesting or alternatively a poster presentation could be made.
- 30. <u>Decision</u>: Keeping in view the enthusiastic response to the initiative and the fact that 'Best Practice Initiative' was being discontinued, the General Council decided to increase the number of beneficiaries under this initiative to ten from five at present.

#### <u>Illustration Competition for Students.</u>

- 31. Bunka Women's University had conducted a Fashion Illustration Contest in order to promote and honour the talents and ambitions of students of IFFTI Member Institutions. The competition was held in two categories i.e. Hand Drawing Design and Computer Graphic Assisted Design. Presentations were received from 15 Member Institutions.
- 32. The final judging of this contest was held on 31st October 2005 in which the IFFTI Members and Prof. Isao Yahima, the renowned illustrator from Japan, participated.
- 33. The winners of the various categories of the illustration competition were:-

#### **Hand Drawing Design Illustration**

Illustration Title : 'Borderless' Illustrators Name : Yukiko Yamada

Institution : Bunka Women's University

Award : Gold

Illustration Title : 'Modish Ethnics' Illustrators Name : Namrata Kumar

Institution : National Institute of Fashion Technology

Award : Silver

Illustration Title : 'The Never Ending Co-existence of happiness and

unhappiness'

Illustrators Name : Yuka Yanago

Institution : Bunka Fashion College

Award : Silver

Illustration Title : 'Pollution' Illustrators Name : Sahara Suzuki

Institution : Bunka Women's University

Award : Bronze

Illustration Title : 'Ultra Body : The Composite Body'

Illustrators Name : Nikola Vasari

Institution : Institut Français de la Mode

Award : Bronze

Illustration Title : 'Light Years Ahead with Retrospect'

Illustrators Name : Divya Datta

Institution : National Institute of Fashion Technology

Award : Bronze

Illustration Title : 'Hani Feelings' Illustrators Name : Zhang Jie

Institution : DongHua University

Award : Honorary

Illustration Title : 'Urban Nature' Illustrators Name : Brian Vamoureux Institution : IVTB School of Design

Award : Honorary

Illustration Title : 'Linking in White' Illustrators Name : Hitomi Takakura

Institution : Bunka Fashion College

Award : Honorary

Illustration Title : 'Think Tank' Illustrators Name : Tegan Ella

Institution : Sydney Institute of TAFE

Award : Honorary

Illustration Title : 'Beyond the boundaries'

Illustrators Name : Hana Seo

Institution : Sydney Institute of TAFE

Award : Honorary

#### Computer Graphics Assisted Design

Illustration Title : 'Skin Deep' Illustrators Name : Pia Interlandi

Institution : RMIT Award : Gold

Illustration Title : 'Link'

Illustrators Name : Yu Yan Fong

Institution : HKPU Award : Silver

Illustration Title : 'Modern Medical' Illustrators Name : Bethany Rivers

Institution : De Montfort University

Award : Silver

Illustration Title : 'Modern Day City Living'

Illustrators Name : Nicola Lewis

Institution : De Montfort University

Award : Bronze

Illustration Title : 'Rising in the East'

Illustrators Name : Tammy Yiu

Institution : Ryerson University

Award : Bronze

Illustration Title : 'Backpack 1'

Illustrators Name : Shelley Jade Hughe

Institution : London College of Fashion

Award : Bronze

#### Sunao Onuma Award - Hand Drawing Design Illustration

Illustration Title : 'Link'

Illustrators Name : Kazimi Kinoshita

Institution : Bunka Fashion College

#### Tokyo Broadcasting Systems Award - Hand Drawing Design Illustration

Illustration Title : 'Beyond Time and Space'

Illustrators Name : Ms. Mira Kwon

Institution : Fashion Institute of Technology

#### Mainichi Evening News Award - Computer Graphics Assisted Design

Illustration Title : 'A Human Life Is Soooo'

Illustrators Name : Doetie Tieleman

Institution : Amsterdam Fashion Institute (AMFI)

34. <u>Decision</u>: The General Council thanked Bunka for this wonderful initiative for students and decided that similar initiatives for students should become a regular part of future Annual Conferences.

#### Paper Presentations on Theme of the Annual Conference.

- 35. The theme of this years IFFTI Conference was "Globalization of the Fashion Industry Future Vision and the Challenges for Education and Business".
- 36. Twenty faculty from IFFTI Member Institutions presented papers on this theme. Five faculty made their presentations at the Annual Conference on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2005. The details of these presentations are given on Page No. 2.
- 37. The remaining 15 presentations were made at parallel sessions on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005. The details of these presentations are given below :-

Order of	Venue I	Venue II
Speaker	Consuming the Consumer	Corporate Governance in the Sportswear Industry
1	Olivier Assouly Insitut Francais De La Mode, France	Alex Yeung Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan
	Comparative Advantage and Competitiveness Analysis for Japan Synthetic Fibre Exports	Redressing the Gender Imbalance in Textile Education
2	K.F. Au The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong	Dr. Mark Bradshaw De Montfort University, U.K.
3	The Telematic Dress : Evolving garments and distributed design in streaming media and fashion performance	'Notime like the future' : Fashionmap, a fashion education case study
	Ms. Michele Danjoux Nottingham Trent University, U.K.	Sue Keen Nottingham Trent University, U.K.
4	Corporate governance and the Challenge for the global fashion industry	The Fragmentation of Fashion: Demand and Supply Chain Management
7	Michael Jeffrey Manchester Metropolitan University, U.K.	Dr. D. K. Batra National Institute of Fashion Technology, India
	The Impact of Niche Marketing Strategies on Consumer Consumption Patterns	Globalization in the apparel industry : A study of preparedness of the Indian Industry
5		Dr. Pradeep Joshi
	Dr. Erin Parrish The University of Alabama, U.S.A.	National Institute of Fashion technology, India

6	Developments in Clothing Pattern Design from Three-Dimensional Human Body Measurement Data	Sizing and Labeling
	Prof. Taiko Hirokawa	Dr. Alistair Knox
	Bunka Women's University, Japan	Nottingham Trent University, U.K.
7	Going Global and Remaining Local : exploring communication technologies as a method for design	Shopping : Some Postmodern Reflections in a Global Context
7	Dr. Laurene Vaughan Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia	Wing-Sun Liu The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong
8		Globalisation of Fashion Retailing : Opportunities and Challenges for India  Dr. Tarun Panwar Pearl Academy of Fashion, India

#### Panel Discussions.

- 38. Extensive meaningful Panel Discussions were held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2005 at two sessions. The details are given below :-
  - (a) Session One <u>Main Theme</u> 'Exploring the Integration of Sensitivity and Technology in the Era of Globalization'

Moderator: Prof. Elizabeth Rouse, University of the Arts, London, U.K.

#### **Discussion Topic 1: Fashion as a Formative Culture**

Panelist: Prof. Carol Garcia

Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Brazil

#### **Discussion Topic 2: Fashion Business and the Environment**

Panelist : Ms. Michele Wesen Bryant, Fashion Institute of Technology, U.S.A.

**Discussion Topic 3: The Apparel Industry and the Environment** 

Panelist : Mr. Kentaro Doi

Chief of Lifestyle Policy Office, Climate Change Policy Division, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of Environment, Japan

#### **Discussion Topic 4: Fashion as an Environment**

Panelist : Dr. Teruko Tamura Bunka Women's University, Japan

(b) Session Two – Main Theme - 'How Will Advanced Technology Change Fashion?'

Moderator : Dr. Kanji Kajiwara, Otsuma Women's University, Tokyo, Japan

**Discussion Topic 1: Wearable Fashion: The Information Society** 

Panelist : Dr. Masahiko Tsukamoto Kobe University, Kobe, Japan

## **Discussion Topic 2 : Development of On-Demand Production Systems : Automated Production**

Panelist: Mr. Masahiro Shima President of Shimaseiki Inc.

Discussion Topic 3: Intelligent Fashion: All-Weather Clothing

Panelist : Dr. Sanjay Gupta

National Institute of Fashion Technology, India

## Discussion Topic 4: 'E-Learning': Cultivation of Human Resources and 'E-Learning'

Panelist : Dr. Julia Gaimster London College of Fashion, U.K.

39. <u>Decision</u>: Large number of delegates participated in the panel discussions. Keeping in view the enthusiastic response the General Council decided to make Panel Discussions an integral part of all future conferences.

#### Research

- 40. The Secretary informed the General Council that completed questionnaires had been received from 18 Member Institutions.
- 41. <u>Decision</u>: The General Council decided to establish a Research Committee comprising faculty from Member Institutions, who had experience in the field of research to collate the information received and suggest ways to share research being undertaken by Members and promote advancement of new research in key areas of fashion design, technology and business for the mutual benefit of Members. After due deliberations, a Research Committee comprising following members was convened:-
  - (a) Prof. Trevor Little, NCSU, USA
  - (b) Ms. Sylvie Ebel, IFM, France
  - (c) Prof. Helen Thomas, LCF, UK
  - (d) Prof. Yi Li, HKPU, Hong Kong
  - (e) Prof. Judith Mottram, NTU, UK
  - (f) Dr. Sanjay Gupta, NIFT, India
  - (g) Mr. J.W. Hofma, AMFI, The Netherlands
- 42. The Research Committee was requested to submit its recommendations to the IFFTI Secretariat by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006.
- 43. The Secretary was asked to obtain the information from the remaining members and submit the same to the Research Committee at the earliest.

#### **IFFTI WEBSITE**

44. The Secretary informed the General Council that IFFTI Website had been launched on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2005 and was available at <a href="www.iffti.com">www.iffti.com</a>. A demonstration of the website was made to the General Council Members who appreciated the quality and contents of the site.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

#### **NETWORK OF SPECIALISED INFORMATION**

45. <u>Decision</u>: The General Council ratified the recommendations of the Executive Committee that the authorized representatives of Member Institutions are to be contacted for obtaining the desired information from respective institutions.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**

#### **VENUES FOR FUTURE IFFTI MEETINGS**

46. <u>Decision</u>: After detailed deliberations, the General Council approved the following venues for future IFFTI Meetings:-

S.No	Meeting	Venue	Period		
a)	<b>8</b> <sup>th</sup> <b>Annual Conference</b> and 15 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	NCSU, <b>USA</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2006		
b)	16 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	AMFI, The Netherlands	October / November 2006		
c)	9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	Ryerson, Canada	April 2007		
d)	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	RMIT, Australia	March 2008		
e)	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	IFM, France	April 2009		
f)	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	Fu Jen, <b>Taiwan</b>	April 2010		

47. In response to a query raised by Sister Maryta Laumann, Fu Jen Catholic University, the Secretary explained that the bid of Ryerson University for

hosting the 2007 Annual Conference was preferred over Fun Jen's bid primarily to provide a geographical spread to Annual Conferences. The last four Annual Conferences had all been held in Asia. It was therefore, decided to shift the venues to USA, Canada, Australia and Europe before returning to Asia.

- 48. The General Council requested Prof. Linda Lewis to obtain confirmation from the Appropriate Authority at Ryerson University regarding hosting the 2007 Annual Conference and convey the same to the Secretariat latest by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006. Keeping in view, the offer made by Fu Jen, it was decided that, in the event of Ryerson not being able to host the 2007 Conference, Fu Jen would be asked to consider hosting the Conference.
- 49. The General Council requested the Authorised Representatives of RMIT and IFM to also obtain approvals from their respective institutions well in time to avoid last minute changes.
- 50. Taking note of the non payment of regular subscription by Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore, the General Council directed the Secretary to send a final reminder to the institution. In case the institution still does not clear its dues by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006, the Membership of Nanyang Academy should be terminated.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**

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

- 51. The General Council took note of the status of Membership Subscription and Statement of Financial Affairs.
- 52. The General Council adopted the balance sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 and sanctioned the budget for the year 2005 2006.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15**

#### **EXTENSION OF TENURE OF SECRETARY**

53. The General Council was of the view that Commodore Vijay (Retd.) was doing high level job and fulfilling the need of IFFTI. The General Council ratified the decision of the Executive Committee to extend the tenure of Commodore Vijay (Retd.) as Secretary of IFFTI for a further period of 3 years from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008.

### ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

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