

**MINUTES OF THE 8TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF
IFFTI HELD AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, RALEIGH, U.S.A.
AT 0930 HOURS ON 19TH JUNE 2006**

The 8th Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council was held on 19th June 2006 at North Carolina State University, U.S.A.

2. The Meeting was presided over by Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, Pro Rector Academic Development & Quality, University of the Arts London, London College of Fashion, U.K. and Chairperson IFFTI.
3. The following representatives of IFFTI Member Institutions attended the General Council Meeting:-

S. No.	Institution	Represented By	Designation
a)	LCF, UK	(i) Ms. Elizabeth Rouse (ii) Ms. Ann Priest (iii) Prof. Helen Thomas	Chairperson Authorized Representative Special Invitee
b)	Bunka Women's University, Japan	(i) Dr. Satoshi Onuma (ii) Mr. Katsuhiko Hamada	Deputy Chairperson Authorized Representative
c)	AMFI, The Netherlands	(i) Mrs. Liesbeth in't Hout (ii) Ms. Nannet van der Kleijn	Member Authorized Representative
d)	Donghua University, PR China	Prof. Zhang Wei Yuan	Authorized Representative
e)	FIT, USA	Dr. Georgianna Appignani	Authorized Representative
f)	FIDM, USA	Anne Bennion	Authorized Representative
g)	Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan	(i) Sister Maryta Laumann (ii) Ms. Mei Lin Fu (iii) Mr. Alex Yeung	Member Authorized Representative Special Invitee
h)	HKPU, Hong Kong	(i) Prof. Edward Newton (ii) Judyanna Ng (iii) Ms. Lydia Fung	Member Authorized Representative Special Invitee
i)	IFM, France	Ms. Veronique Schilling	Authorized Representative
j)	MMU, UK	Dr. David Tyler	Authorized Representative
k)	NID, India	Ms. Meena Kadri	Special Invitee
l)	NIFT, India	(i) Ms. Gauri Kumar (ii) Dr. D.K. Batra	Member Authorized Representative

m)	NCSU, USA	(i) Prof. Trevor Little (ii) Prof. William Oxenham	Member Authorized Representative
n)	NTU, UK	Ms. Sue Keen	Authorized Representative
o)	Polimoda	Dr. Philip Taylor	Member
p)	School of Fashion & Textiles, RMIT, Australia	Ms. Tina Guglielmino	Authorized Representative
q)	School of Architecture & Design, RMIT, Australia	Mr. Mick Peel	Authorized Representative
r)	Swedish School of Textiles, Sweden	Dr. Clemens Thornquist	Authorized Representative
s)	Ryerson, Canada	(i) Prof. Linda Lewis (ii) Ms. Sandra Tullio-Pow	Member Authorized Representative
t)	UAM, Brazil	Ms. Carla Marcondes	Member
u)	Pearl Academy of Fashion, India	(i) Mr. A.K. G. Nair (ii) Dr. Tarun Panwar	Member Special Invitee
v)	LTD Nagold, Germany	Mr. Manfred Mroz	Member
w)	University College for Creative Arts, U.K.	Dr. Catherine Harper	Special Invitee
x)	IFFTI	Commodore Vijay (Retd.)	Secretary

AGENDA ITEM NOS. 1 & 2

WELCOME REMARKS

4. Prof. Edward Newton, Chair Professor of Fashion Design, Institute of Textiles and Clothing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the retiring Chairperson – IFFTI, welcomed the General Council Members. He stated that the Foundation was conceptualized by four institutions, namely, NTU, UK, NIFT, India, FIT, USA and IFM, France in 1998 and would be completing 10 years next year at Ryerson with a membership of 32 and increasing. He had the privilege of attending every IFFTI Meeting and Annual Conference and hence had observed the Foundation develop from a sense of uncertainty to a strong organization which the institutions world over were queuing up to join. It gave him tremendous satisfaction to be a part of this growth. He was also very happy that he was handing over the reins to a very committed visionary and was certain that Ms. Elizabeth Rouse would pilot the Foundation to greater heights. Prof. Newton thanked all the members for their support and cooperation during

his tenure as Chairperson and wished the Foundation success in all its endeavours.

5. Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, Pro Rector Academic Development & Quality, University of the Arts London and the new Chairperson – IFFTI, thanked Prof. Newton for nurturing the Foundation during its formative years. She also thanked the General Council Members for placing confidence in her as the next Chairperson. She hoped that during her tenure as Chairperson, she would be able to guide the development of IFFTI as a foundation promoting world class fashion education and research. She would endeavour to enlarge the influence of IFFTI by increasing the membership geographically and promote collaborative exchanges and knowledge transfer to ensure a sustainable and ethical fashion industry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

INDUCTION OF PROFESSOR EDWARD NEWTON AS A SPECIAL INVITEE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE GENERAL COUNCIL

6. The General Council welcomed the proposal of the Executive Committee to appoint Professor Edward Newton as Emeritus Chair of the IFFTI for life with voting rights, at the terms and conditions recommended by the Executive Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

APOLOGIES SENT

7. The following Member Institutions had sent in their apologies for being unable to depute authorized representatives to attend the 8th Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council:-
 - (a) Georgian Institute of Design and Management, Georgia
 - (b) Industrial and Vocational Training Board, Mauritius
 - (c) Institute for the Fashion Studies, IFI Business School, Japan
 - (d) Kasetsart University, Thailand
 - (e) Sydney Institute of TAFE NSW, Australia
 - (f) Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore
 - (g) The University of Manchester, U.K.
 - (h) University of Technology, Sydney, Australia
 - (i) University of Huddersfield, U.K.
8. The General Council took on record the apologies sent by the aforementioned Members.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE 7TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

9. Minutes of the opening session of 14th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 31st October 2005 were adopted as circulated.
10. Minutes of the closing session of 14th Meeting of Executive Committee held on 3rd November 2005 were adopted after incorporating the amendments proposed by NIFT vide their Letter No. NIFT/HO/BD.Sectt./IFFTI/2006 dated 16th June 2006, which was tabled at the "Opening Session" of the 15th Executive Committee Meeting on 18th June 2006.
11. Minutes of the 7th Annual General Council Meeting held on 1st November 2005 at Bunka Women's University, Japan were adopted as circulated.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

CHANGES IN AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

13. 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. 8

CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS OF PEARL ACADEMY OF FASHION TO 'REGULAR' MEMBER

14. **Decision.** The General Council ratified the decision of the Executive Committee to grant 'Regular Membership' to Pearl Academy of Fashion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

NEW MEMBERSHIP

15. **Decision.** The General Council ratified the decision of the Executive Committee to offer 'Associate Membership' to the Institute for the Fashion Studies, IFI Business School, Tokyo, Japan.

16. While welcoming the induction of one more member, the Chairperson appointed a Search Committee comprising following faculty from IFFTI Member Institutions :-

- (a) Prof. Edward Newton, HKPU
- (b) Dr. Satoshi Onuma, Bunka
- (c) Prof. Trevor Little, NCSU
- (d) Mrs. Gauri Kumar, NIFT
- (e) Ms. Ann Priest, LCF
- (f) Mrs. Liesbeth in't Hout, AMFI
- (g) Sister Maryta Laumann, Fu Jen

17. The Search Committee was mandated to scout for new members from areas which were hitherto unrepresented like Poland, Nigeria, Ghana, Eastern Europe, Turkey, New Zealand and from areas which had the potential to provide more members like China, India, Germany, Korea, Japan, Americas among others. The Committee was also asked to examine the feasibility of introducing a new category of IFFTI Membership to facilitate induction into IFFTI of emerging institutions with potential to become Regular Members at a later stage.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

SHIFTING OF IFFTI SECRETARIAT TO PEARL ACADEMY

18. While taking note of the new location of IFFTI Secretariat at Pearl Academy of Fashion, New Delhi, India, the Executive Committee thanked National Institute of Fashion Technology for providing accommodation to IFFTI Secretariat till now.

19. The Executive Committee also thanked Pearl Academy of Fashion for graciously agreeing to provide accommodation to IFFTI Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

INITIATIVES

Initiatives Committee.

20. The General Council appointed an 'Initiatives Committee' comprising following faculty from IFFTI Member Institutions to identify new initiatives which should be undertaken to achieve IFFTI goals :-

- (a) Ms. Veronique Schilling, IFM
- (b) Dr. Reginetta Haboucha / Dr. Georgianna Appignani, FIT
- (c) Ms. Nannet van der Kleijn, AMFI
- (d) Ms. Sue Keen, NTU
- (e) Ms. Tina Guglielmino, RMIT
- (f) Dr. Philip Taylor, Polimoda

21. The Committee was asked to table its recommendations at the Closing Session of the Executive Committee on 22nd June 2006.
22. The Chairperson observed that, over a period of time, IFFTI members had entered into bilateral ties through interaction at IFFTI events. She requested members to forward details of such ties to the IFFTI Secretariat for record and benefit to other members.

Travel Funding

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

S.No	Name	Paper	Institution
1.	Penelope Watkins	Custom Fit, is it FIT for the Customer?	London College of Fashion, UK
2.	Cathy Challender	Captured! Knitwear Lost and Found. A Digital Archive of Knitwear at Nottingham Trent University	Nottingham Trent University, UK
3.	Meena Kadri	Fashion, Humanism and the Online Environment	National Institute of Design, India
4.	Peter Allan	Fashion in the Digital World – The Future is Now!	RMIT, Australia

24. The 'Initiatives Committee' was asked to examine the implications of increasing the number of beneficiaries under this initiative.

Research

25. The General Council desired that a Research Committee comprising faculty, who had experience in the field of research, be convened to collate the information received from Member Institutions 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

26. The Research Committee was requested to table its recommendations at the closing session of the Executive Committee on 22nd July 2006.

Design Competition for Students.

27. North Carolina State University had conducted a Design Competition in order to promote and honour the talents and ambitions of students of IFFTI Member Institutions. The competition was held in three categories i.e. Computer Generated Illustration of Original Fashion Designs, Digitally Simulated Textile Design and Digital Runway.
28. The final judging of this contest was held on 19th June 2006 in which the IFFTI Members participated.
29. The Initiatives Committee was asked to examine the feasibility of enlarging the scope of future competitions to include specializations other than Design.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

VENUES FOR FUTURE IFFTI MEETINGS

30. The General Council approved the following venues for future IFFTI Meetings:-

S. No.	Meeting	Venue	Period
a)	16 th Executive Committee	AMFI, The Netherlands	11th and 12th October 2006
b)	9th Annual Conference and 17 th Executive Committee	Ryerson, Canada	12th – 16th April 2007
c)	18 th Executive Committee	HKPU, Hong Kong / Dong Hua, P.R. China	October 2007
d)	10th Annual Conference and 19 th Executive Committee	RMIT, Australia	March 2008
e)	20 th Executive Committee	HKPU, Hong Kong / Dong Hua, P.R. China	October 2008
f)	11th Annual Conference and 21 st Executive Committee	IFM, France	April 2009
g)	12th Annual Conference	Fu Jen, Taiwan	April 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

APPAREL KEY MEMBERSHIP

31. A presentation on Apparel Key was made by Ms. Lydia Fung for benefit of members. Chairperson requested IFFTI Members to encourage faculty and students to make full use of this informative portal.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

ACCOUNTS, FINANCE AND BUDGET

32. The General Council took note of the status of Membership Subscription and Statement of Financial Affairs. The General Council expressed satisfaction that there were no dues outstanding up to 2004.
33. **Decision.** The General Council adopted the balance sheet as at 31st March 2006 and sanctioned the budget for the year 2006 - 2007.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

34. There being no further points the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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