

**MINUTES OF THE 9TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF IFFTI
HELD AT RYERSON UNIVERSITY, TORONTO, CANADA,
AT 1300 HOURS ON 12TH APRIL 2007**

The 9th Annual Meeting of the IFFTI General Council was held on 12th April 2007 at Ryerson University, Canada.

2. The Meeting was presided over by Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, Pro Rector Academic Development and 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)	London College of Fashion, UK	(i) Ms. Elizabeth Rouse (ii) Ms. Helen Thomas	Chairperson Additional Representative
(b)	Bunka Women's University, Japan	Dr. Satoshi Onuma	Deputy Chairperson
(c)	Amsterdam Fashion Institute, The Netherlands	(i) Ms. Liesbeth in't Hout (ii) Ms. Nannet van der Kleijn	Member Additional Representative
(d)	Dong Hua University, P.R. China	(i) Prof. Li Keling (ii) Ms. Gu Tong Yu (iii) Prof. Li Jun	Member Interpreter Additional Representative
(e)	The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, USA	Ms. Anne Bennion	Alternative Representative
(f)	Fashion Institute of Technology, USA	Dr. Reginetta Haboucha	Member
(g)	Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan	(i) Dr. Su- Lee Tsai (ii) Sister Maryta Launmann	Member Additional Representative
(h)	Institut Francais de la Mode, France	(i) Ms. Sylvie Ebel (ii) Mr. David Zajtman	Member Additional Representative
(i)	Manchester Metropolitan Univerisiy, UK	Ms. Angela Peers	Member
(j)	National Institute of Fashion Technology Institute, India	(i) Dr. D. K. Batra (ii) Dr. Sanjay Gupta	Alternative Representative Additional Representative
(k)	North Carolina State University, USA	Prof. Trevor Little	Member
(l)	Nottingham Trent Univeristy, UK	(i) Prof. Judith Mottram	Authorized Representative

		(ii) Ms. Ann Priest	Additional Representative
(m)	Pearl Academy of Fashion, India	(i) Mr. A.K.G Nair (ii) Dr. Tarun Panwar	Member Additional Representative
(n)	Polimoda, Italy	Dr. Philip Taylor	Member
(o)	School of Fashion and Textiles, RMIT, Australia	(i) Ms. Tina Guglielmino (ii) Sylvia Walsh	Alternative Representative Additional Representative
(p)	School of Architecture and Design, RMIT, Australia	Michael Peel	Alternative Representative
(q)	Ryerson University, Canada	(i) Prof. Linda Lewis (ii) Ms. Sandra Tullio-Pow	Member Additional Representative
(r)	The Swedish School of Textiles, Sweden	Dr. Clemens Thornquist	Member
(s)	Sydney Institute of TAFE NSW, Australia	Mr. Nicholas Huxley	Member
(t)	University of College for the Creative Arts, UK	Ms. Deborah Lampitt	Member
(u)	University of Huddersfield, UK	Ms. Diane Ayre	Member
(v)	LDT Nagold, Germany	Mr. Manfred Mroz	Member
(w)	IFFTI	Commodore Vijay (Retd.)	Secretary

4. The General Council accepted the apologies of Institutions which had been unable to send representatives to the Conference.

WELCOME REMARKS

5. Ms. Elizabeth Rouse welcomed the General Council Members and was happy to note that approximately 85 delegates from 42 International Fashion Institutions from different parts of the world had come to participate in this conference. She asked the members to take full advantage of such a professional forum to enhance collaborations and professional knowledge.

CHANGE IN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES

6. The General Council took note of the changes in representatives of Member Institutions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

7. Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Executive Committee and the 8th Annual Meeting of the General Council held on 18th June and 19th June 2006

respectively at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, USA, was adopted as amended.

8. Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 11th and 12th October 2006 at Amsterdam Fashion Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, were adopted as circulated.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT FROM THE SECRETARIAT

9. The General Council expressed satisfaction that all the pending tasks had been completed.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

10. The General Council approved the recommendations of the Executive Committee to offer Regular Membership to De Montfort University, U.K.
11. The members also took note of the 'New Membership Status' provided by the Secretariat and expressed satisfaction that large number of new institutions from different parts of the world wished to join the Foundation.

TRAVEL FUNDING INITIATIVE FOR JUNIOR FACULTY

12. The Secretary informed the General Council that the following Junior Faculty, had been selected to present papers at the Conference:-

S.No.	Name	Institution	Topic
(i)	Ceri Issac	LCF, UK	The Cat Walk as Spectacle/ Hussein Chalayan Spring 2007/ A Magician of Technology
(ii)	Jonathan Hamilton	NTU, UK	ScreenDress: A Canvas for the Moving Image
(iii)	Andrew Taylor	University of Huddersfield, UK	Mutating the Realities in Fashion Design: Virtual Clothing for 3D Avatars
(iv)	Cathy Chen	RMIT, Australia	Pushing the Boundaries of Technology – E-Learning in Fashion Education
(v)	Tong Yu- Gu	Dong Hua University, P.R.China	Competitive Analysis of Clustering of Textile and Apparel Industry in Zhejiang Province, China

13. The Chairperson expressed concern that despite giving initial clearance and assurance that the selected 'Junior Faculty' would present the paper at the Conference, if selected, Mr. Annaji Sarma from NIFT had declined to do so at the last moment due to lack of support from his parent organization. He had to be replaced by Ms. Gu Tong Yu at the last moment. The Chairperson asked

the members to support participation by the selected Junior Faculty in the Annual Conference after they have been given the initial go ahead.

REPORT ON DESIGN COMPETITION

14. Ms. Sandra Tullio- Pow, Associate Professor, Ryerson University, School of Fashion, gave a brief over view on the modalities of the Design Competition. General Council Members expressed satisfaction that such large number of students had participated in the competition.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CONDUCT OF FUTURE IFFTI CONFERENCES

15. The General Council was of the view that organizing and hosting the Annual Conference represents a major initiative for IFFTI. It is, therefore, important to review the Guidelines and Criteria for the IFFTI Annual Conference so that there is an understanding of expectations for all concerned. A Sub-Committee comprising Prof. Trevor Little, Dr. Satoshi Onuma and Ms. Tina Guglielmino, was asked to examine this issue and forward its report to IFFTI Secretariat by 31st August 2007.
16. The General Council took the following additional decisions regarding conduct of future Conferences:-
- (a) Executive Committee Meeting:-
- (i) At Annual Conferences, only one session of the Executive Committee Meeting should be programmed. This is to be held one day prior to the Annual General Council Meeting.
- (ii) In case a need is felt to hold the closing session, the same will be programmed within the overall schedule of the Annual Conference.
- (b) The Annual Conference is to be spread over 4 days as follows:-
- (i) **Days 1 and 2** for IFFTI matters:-
- Day 1 – Executive Committee Meeting (3 hours).
 - Day 2 – General Council Meeting – First Session – (2 hours) Discuss Agenda Points.
 - Day 2 – General Council Meeting – Second Session – (3 hours) This session is to be devoted to Panel Discussions led by the Chairpersons of the Sub-Committees and presentations by members if required.
- (ii) **Days 3 and 4** will be devoted to paper presentations on the theme of the Conference.

- (iii) As far as possible, majority of the Panel Discussions and Paper Presentations will be held as parallel sessions to facilitate optimum utilization of time.
- (iv) The meetings of Sub-Committees will be programmed at breakfast / early evening sessions.
- (v) An education strand will be included at every Conference.
- (vi) Scope of Student Competitions will be enlarged to include disciplines other than 'Design'.
- (vii) The host institution is to endeavor to invite eminent personnel from their respective regions as key-note speakers.
- (viii) While selecting the theme of future Conferences, the host institutions are to consider issues like sustainability and environmental considerations. The topic should be selected after obtaining the concurrence of the General Council at the previous Conference.

Action: (i) Prof. Trevor Little
 (ii) Secretary
 (iii) All Members

17. **Conference Papers:-**

- (a) The subject of reviewing Conference papers was discussed. The overall opinion was that it is important for academicians to be able to cite refereed papers in their quest for reappointment, tenure, promotion, etc. Therefore, it is important that IFFTI begin a process that leads to criteria for refereed papers. It was agreed that the first step should be an "IFFTI Guideline for Authors and Presenters" that establishes the Criteria to be used for reviewers. The Review process will be discussed further once the Guidelines for Authors and Presenters have been established.
- (b) The 'Research Committee' was asked to examine the issue comprehensively and recommended guidelines for review, publishing and copyrights of Conference papers. The recommendations of the Sub-Committee are to reach the Secretariat by 31st August 2007 to enable the Secretary to include them in the Agenda for the next Executive Committee Meeting.

Action: (i) Prof. Trevor Little
 (ii) Secretary

PROPOSALS OF 'VISION REVIEW' SUB- COMMITTEE

18. The recommendations of the 'Vision Review' Sub- Committee were approved and following decisions were taken by the General Council :-
- (a) Membership Criteria is to be aligned with the 'Mission Statement'.
Action: Membership Committee.
 - (b) The five main objective are to be retained.
Action: Secretary
 - (c) A database of the existing exchanges between Member Institutions together with the credit norms being followed is to be prepared.
Action: Secretary.
 - (d) Clause A (ii) c is to be deleted.
Action: Secretary.
 - (e) Research Committee is to examine way ahead on Clauses A (ii) b, c, d.
Action: Prof. Trevor Little
 - (f) Initiative Committee is to examine how provisions of Clauses A (iii) and (iv) are to be implemented.
Action: Ms. Ann Priest
 - (g) Clause B is to be deleted.
Action: Secretary
19. The Chairperson of the 'Research' and 'Initiative' Sub- Committees are to forward their recommendations to Dr. Reginetta Haboucha and the Secretariat by 31st July 2007.
20. Dr. Reginetta Haboucha, Chairperson, 'Vision' Sub-Committee is to forward the revised Vision, Mission and Objectives to the Secretariat by 31st August 2007 to enable its inclusion in the Agenda for the next Executive Committee Meeting.
- Action:**
- (i) Prof. Trevor Little
 - (ii) Ms. Ann Priest
 - (iii) Dr. Reginetta Haboucha
 - (iv) Secretary

PROPOSALS OF 'FINANCE' SUB- COMMITTEE

21. The General Council approved the recommendations of the Executive Committee and asked the 'Finance' Sub-Committee to submit its recommendations to the Secretariat by 31st August 2007.

Actions: (i) Dr. Satoshi Onuma
(ii) Secretary

PROPOSALS OF THE INITIATIVE COMMITTEE

22. **Initiative Committee**

- (a) Ms. Diane Ayre informed the General Council that Prof. Tim Moscovitch would be unable to continue as the Chairperson of the Initiative Committee as he was retiring from University of Huddersfield at the end of the year.
- (b) The General Council nominated Ms. Anne Priest, NTU as the Chairperson of the Review Sub-Committee.
- (c) The new Sub-Committee was asked to forward its recommendations to the Secretariat by 31st August 2007.

Action: (i) Ms. Ann Priest
(ii) Secretary

PROPOSALS OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

23. The Secretary informed the General Council that a 'Blog' had been launched on the IFFTI website for interaction between researchers. He demonstrated the functions of the 'Blog', online.
24. Prof. Trevor Little made a brief presentation on the progress made by the Sub-Committee.
25. It was agreed that the 'Research Blog' should now become active by initiating a series of topics or straplines. Each member of the Research Committee will develop a "strapline" covering an area of research considered to be of significance to fostering research within and between IFFTI members. The purpose is to get the 'Research Blog' active. Topics for straplines discussed included:-
- (a) Fashion and Health (including Body) (Prof. Helen Thomas)
- (b) Fashion Research Values, Conventions and Methods (Prof. Judith Mottram)
- (c) Consumer Insight (Dr. Sanjay Gupta)
- (d) Sustainability, Environmental, and Creativity (Ms. Tina Guglielmino)
- (e) Relationship between Fashion Education and Industry (Dany Jacobs)
- (f) Fashion and its Relationship with Poverty (Dr. Su-Lee Tsai)
- (g) Fashion Ethics (Ms. Sylvie Ebel)
- (h) Fashion and Pace of Innovation (Prof. Li Jun)

- (i) Research in the Creative Community (Prof. Trevor Little)
- (j) Design Driven Thinking
- (k) Fashion and the Web

26. The members were also asked to update the data of their respective institutions on the Research Blog.
27. The Research Committee was asked to forward a progress report to the Secretariat by 31st August 2007 to enable its inclusion in the Agenda for the next Executive Committee Meeting.

- Action:**
- (i) Prof. Trevor Little
 - (ii) Secretary
 - (iii) All Members

VENUES OF FUTURE IFFTI MEETINGS

28. Ms. Tina Guglielmino made a detailed presentation on the arrangements at the next Annual Conference scheduled to be hosted by RMIT in March next year.
29. The General Council thanked the RMIT team for the wonderful presentation and assured them that all members were very keenly looking forward to visiting Australia next year.
30. Thereafter, Dr. Philip Taylor discussed the offer of Polimoda to host the 2009 Annual Conference. After detailed discussions it was decided to hold the 2009 IFFTI Conference at Ferenze, Italy in April 2009. The General Council thanked Dr. Taylor for the gracious offer.
31. In conclusion Fu Jen confirmed that it would be hosting the 12th Annual Conference in May 2010.
32. The General Council approved following venues for future IFFTI meetings upto 2011:-

S. No.	Meeting	Venue	Period
a)	18 th Executive Committee	HKPU, Hong Kong	11th and 12th October 2007
b)	10th Annual Conference and 19 th Executive Committee	RMIT, Australia	12th – 14th March 2008
c)	20 th Executive Committee	Dong Hua, P.R. China	October 2008
d)	11th Annual Conference and 21 st Executive Committee	Polimoda, Italy	April 2009
e)	12th Annual Conference	Fu Jen, Taiwan	May 2010

f)	13th Annul Conference	IFM, France	March 2011
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REPORT ON THE STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FROM THE SECRETARIAT

33. General Council took note of status of Membership Subscription presented by the Secretariat and expressed satisfaction that there were no dues outstanding up to 2005.

PROVISIONAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

34. General Council took note of Financial Status presented by the Secretariat.

BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2007

35. The General Council sanctioned the budget for the year 2007.

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

36. In conclusion, the Chairperson and the General Council expressed their appreciation and gratitude towards Prof. Linda Lewis and the staff of Ryerson University for hosting an excellent Conference. The Committee agreed that the 9th IFFTI Annual Conference had been a great success and had provided an ideal platform for mutual interaction between IFFTI Members and delegates from various parts of the world. The Chairperson expressed confidence that such synergy would go a long way in greater bonding amongst IFFTI Member Institutions.
37. There being no further points the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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