

**MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF IFFTI**  
**HELD AT ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MELBOURNE,**  
**AUSTRALIA,**  
**AT 1500 HOURS ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008**

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.

2. 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)	London College of Fashion, UK	(i) Ms. Elizabeth Rouse (ii) Prof. Helen Thomas (iii) Ms. Wendy Malem	Chairperson  Alternative Representative Additional Representative
(b)	Bunka Women's University, Japan	(iv) Dr. Satoshi Onuma	Deputy Chairperson
(c)	Amsterdam Fashion Institute, The Netherlands	(v) Ms. Liesbeth in't Hout	Member
(d)	De Montfort University, UK	(vi) Helen M. Dunn (vii) Joanne Horton	Alternative Representative Additional Representative
(e)	Dong Hua University, P.R. China	(viii) Prof. Li Jun	Alternative Representative
(f)	Fashion Institute of Technology, USA	(ix) Dr. Reginetta Haboucha	Member
(g)	Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan	(x) Dr. Su- Lee Tsai (xi) Ching-Yi, Cheng	Member  Additional Representative
(h)	Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong	(xii) Dr. K. F. Au	Member
(i)	Institut Francais de la Mode, France	(xiii) Ms. Veronique Schilling	Alternative Representative
(j)	Manchester Metropolitan University, UK	(xiv) Ms. Angela Peers (xv) Helen Rowe	Member  Alternative Representative
(k)	National Institute of Fashion Technology Institute, India	(xvi) Mrs. Monika S. Garg (xvii) Ms. Anupreet Dugal	Alternative Representative Additional Representative
(l)	North Carolina State University, USA	(xviii) Prof. Trevor Little	Member
(m)	Nottingham Trent University, UK	(xix) Ms. Ann Priest	Member
(n)	Pearl Academy of	(xx) Ms. Nandita Abraham	Alternative

	Fashion, India	(xxi) Dr. Tarun Panwar	Representative Additional Representative
(o)	School of Fashion and Textiles, RMIT, Australia	(xxii) Ms. Tina Guglielmino (xxiii) Mr. Keith Cowlshaw	Member Alternative Representative
(p)	School of Architecture and Design, RMIT, Australia	(xxiv) Mick Peel (xxv) Denise Sprynskyj	Member Alternative Representative
(q)	Ryerson University, Canada	(xxvi) Prof. Linda Lewis	Member
(r)	The Swedish School of Textiles, Sweden	(xxvii) Dr. Clemens Thornquist	Member
(s)	Sydney Institute of TAFE NSW, Australia	(xxviii) Mr. Nicholas Huxley (xxix) Ms. Anne Normoyle	Member Alternative Representative
(t)	Temasek Design School, Singapore	(xxx)Ms. Cristine Foong	Alternative Representative
(u)	University of Technology, Sydney	(xxxi) Ms. Alison Gwilt	Member
	<b><u>NEW MEMBERS</u></b>		
(v)	Institute of Vocational Education, IVE, Hong Kong	(xxxii) Ms. Irene Chen (xxxiii) Ms. Elita Yee-nee Lam (xxxiv) Ms. Jessie Fung-siu AU	Member Alternative Representative Additional Representative
(w)	Otago Polytechnic, New Zealand	(xxxv) Margo Barton (xxxvi) Caroline Terpstra	Member Alternative Representative
(x)	Duksung Women's University, Korea	(xxxvii)Yeosun Kang	Member
(y)	IFFTI	(xxxviii) Commodore Vijay Chaturvedi (Retd.)	Secretary

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

### **WELCOME REMARKS**

4. Ms. Elizabeth Rouse welcomed the General Council Members. She asked the members to take full advantage of such a professional forum to enhance collaborations and professional knowledge.

### **STATUS OF NEW MEMBERSHIP**

5. The General Council welcomed Institute of Vocational Education, Otago Polytechnic, Duksung Women's University and ArtEZ to the foundation.

### **COLLABORATION BETWEEN IAF AND IFFTl**

6. Mr. Vassilis Masselos, Managing Director, IAF, made a short presentation regarding the objectives and goals of IAF for the information of IFFTl members.
7. The General Council thanked him for enlightening them about IAF and hoped that the two organizations will work together for mutual benefit.

### **CHANGE IN AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES**

8. General Council took note of the changes in authorized representatives of Member Institutions.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

9. The minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee and the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the General Council of IFFTl were adopted as circulated.
10. The minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee were adopted after incorporating the changes recommended by the Executive Committee.

**Action:** Secretary

### **ELECTION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

11. The Chairperson explained in detail the proposal of the Executive Committee to revise the composition and the procedure for electing the new Executive Committee including the proposal to withdraw the practice of providing permanent places to the 4 Founding Members.
12. The Chairperson also tabled the proposal to extend the tenure of the existing Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and the Executive Committee by one year.

### **Decision.**

13. After detailed deliberations the General Council approved all the recommendations of the Executive Committee contained in para 18 (page 14) of the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting held earlier that day.

**Action:** Secretary

### **JUNIOR FACULTY INITIATIVE**

14. The Secretary informed the General Council that abstracts from twenty two faculties were received under this initiative. These were subjected to a two stage review. The first review was undertaken by a committee appointed by RMIT. This committee short listed 13 abstracts, which were then further reviewed by a committee comprising IFFTI members. The following selected faculty presented papers at the conference:-

<b>SNo.</b>	<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1.	Rekha Rana Shailaj, Otago Polytechnic, New Zealand	Subjectivities Determining Dressed Bodies
2.	Phoebe R Apaegyeyi, Manchester Metropolitan University, England	Body Image and the Male Clothing Consumer
3.	Cao Xiaojie, Donghua University, P.R. China	A Model of Interactive Human-body based 3D Fashion Illustration in Mass Fashion Industry
4.	Daniel James Cole, Fashion Institute of Technology, USA	Body Manipulation in Contemporary Western Culture
5.	Tara Punna, Pearl Academy of Fashion, India	Impact of Smart Technology on Fashion

15. The above mentioned faculty were presented cheques of USD 2000.00 each at an evening function on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2008.
16. General Council noted with satisfaction the conduct of the Junior Faculty Initiative. The members were of the view that some of the papers presented by Junior Faculty were of high standard.

### **DESIGN COMPETITION**

17. Ms. Tina Guglielmino, RMIT, explained that over 100 student submissions from 30 fashion institutes were received to the Student Design Competition: 'Uncharnted Bodies- innovative concepts beyond frontiers of the known body.' The entries were reviewed by a panel of reputed jurors. The winner of the competition was John Ralph Pountney, RMIT, Australia. He was presented a cheque of USD 2000.00 at the evening function on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2008.
18. General Council appreciated the efforts of RMIT in the successful conduct of this competition.

### **REVISED 'VISION', 'MISSION' AND 'OBJECTIVES' OF IFFTl**

19. The General Council approved the revised Memorandum of Association incorporating the new 'Vision', 'Mission' and 'Objectives' of IFFTl placed at Annexure II (page 16) of the Agenda for the 10<sup>th</sup> IFFTl General Council Meeting.
20. The General Council thanked Dr. Reginetta Haboucha for her efforts.

**Action:** Secretary

### **PROPOSALS OF 'MEMBERSHIP' SUB- COMMITTEE**

21. The General Council approved recommendations of the Membership Sub Committee to expand the scope of Membership to include 'Corporate' and 'Individual' Members in accordance with the revised guidelines placed at Appendix A (page 25).

**Action:** Secretary

### **PROPOSALS OF 'EDUCATION INITIATIVE' SUB- COMMITTEE**

22. The General Council approved the recommendations of the Education Initiative Sub Committee to provide scholarships of USD 2000 each to two Post Graduate / PhD students whose papers are selected for presentation at future IFFTl Conferences.
23. Ms. Ann Priest was asked to prepare detailed guidelines for the conduct of this initiative.

**Action:** (i) Ms. Ann Priest, Chairperson, 'Education Initiatives' Sub-Committee  
(ii) Secretary

### **PROPOSALS OF 'RESEARCH' SUB- COMMITTEE**

24. The General Council approved the recommendations of the Research Sub Committee to frame comprehensive guidelines for publishing conference papers and conduct of IFFTl Conferences.

**Action:** (i) Prof. Trevor Little, Chairperson, 'Research' Sub- Committee  
(ii) Secretary

### **VENUES OF FUTURE IFFTl MEETINGS**

25. Prof. Helen Thomas, London College of Fashion, made a short presentation on the activities being planned at the 2009 IFFTl Annual Conference scheduled to be held at London College of Fashion, U.K. in April 2009.

26. Dr. Su-Lee Tsai, stated that the confirmation regarding Fu Jen hosting the 2010 IFFTI Annual Conference will be provided to the Secretariat by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.
27. Pearl Academy of Fashion, India, made an offer of hosting an IFFTI Annual Conference at their new campus in Jaipur, India any time after 2009.

**Decision.**

28. The General Council approved the change in venue for the 2009 IFFTI Annual Conference and thanked London College of Fashion, U.K. and Pearl Academy of Fashion, India for their gracious offers.
29. The revised venues of IFFTI Meetings up to 2012 will be as follows:-

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Period</b>
a)	20 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee	Dong Hua, <b>P.R. China</b>	<b>October 2008</b>
b)	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b> and 21 <sup>st</sup> Executive Committee	London College of Fashion, <b>U.K.</b>	<b>April 2009</b>
c)	22 <sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee	Fashion Institute of Technology, U.S.A	<b>October 2009</b>
d)	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b>	Fu Jen, <b>Taiwan/</b>	<b>April/ May 2010</b>
e)	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b>	IFM, <b>France</b>	<b>March/ April 2011</b>
f)	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b>	Pearl Academy of Fashion, <b>India/ Polimoda, Italy</b>	<b>March/ April 2012</b>

**Action:** Secretary

**STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION**

30. General Council took note of the status of Membership Subscription presented by the Secretariat and expressed satisfaction that subscription from only two members was outstanding.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

**THE BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 2007-2008**

32. The General Council approved the Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007.

**Action:** Secretary

## BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2008

33. The General Council sanctioned the Budget for the year 2008.

**Action:** Secretary

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

34. In her concluding remarks the Chairperson stated that the IFFTI conference had brought together faculty from some of the world's leading institutions for fashion education and representatives of the fashion industry who had exchanged ideas, shared research and discussed key issues for the global fashion industry. The delegates had utilized the opportunity to experience Australian fashion, fashion education and fashion industry.
35. The theme of this year's conference, 'The Body: Connections with Fashion', has particular relevance in an Australian context. It drew contributions on a diverse range of subjects and themes, from the use of avatars in fashion education, and the role of fashion in the face of adversity to the relationship between smart textiles, mental health and well being, and the impact of new technologies on fashion manufacture, fashion consumption and fashion pedagogy. The program included over fifty papers, and, keynote speeches from: Sir George Cox, Chair of the British Design Council and author of the influential Cox Report on Creativity in Business; Sue Morphet, Chief Executive of Pacific Brands; and, Cameron Lamperd, Product Manager, Wetsuits, Ripcurl. These presenters stimulated many interesting debates.
36. On behalf of IFFTI, she expressed sincere thanks to RMIT University and in particular to Professor Margaret Gardner AO, the Vice-Chancellor and President, for her kind support in hosting this event, and congratulations to the Convenors, Tina Guglielmino, and Mick Peel, on organizing such a splendid Conference.
37. There being no further points, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson.

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## **CRITERIA FOR CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

### **1. 'Corporate' Membership**

#### **1.1 Criteria.**

1.1.1 In order to apply for membership a corporation should be recommended by IFFTI member of either category.

1.1.2 The Company should be of good repute and standing including financial standing and business ethics. The latest Annual Report is to be provided in support there of.

1.1.3 Fees: \$6,000 per year for a minimum of 3 years.

#### **1.2 Benefits include:-**

1.2.1 Free conference attendance for two delegates.

1.2.2 Receive copies of all IFFTI publications.

1.2.3 Access to global network of educational institutes.

1.2.4 Global recognition.

1.2.5 Listed on IFFTI website.

1.3 Corporate members are to be referred to Membership Committee for approval.

1.4 Corporate Members will not have voting rights



## 2. 'Individual' Honorary Membership

### 2.1 Criteria.

2.1.1 Have made a significant contribution to IFFTI.

2.1.2 Fees: US\$ 100 per annum.

### 2.2 Benefits include:-

2.2.1 Individual members to be on IFFTI distribution list.

2.2.2 Receive copies of conference proceedings and IFFTI publications at reduced cost.

2.2.3 Participate in sub-committees.

2.3 Individual members are to be referred to Membership Committee for approval.

2.4 Individual members have no voting rights.