

MINUTES OF THE 11TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF IFFTl
HELD AT LONDON COLLEGE OF FASHION, UK, AT 0930 HOURS ON 1ST APRIL, 2009

The 11th Annual Meeting of the IFFTl General Council was held on 1st April, 2009 at London College of Fashion, UK.

2. The Meeting was presided over by Dr. Satoshi Onuma, President, Bunka Fashion College, Vice Chairman, Bunka Gakuen Education Foundation, Bunka Women's University, Japan and Chairperson, IFFTl.
3. The following representatives of IFFTl Member Institutions attended the General Council Meeting: -

S. No.	Institution	Representative	Designation
(a)	Bunka Women's University, Japan	(i) Dr. Satoshi Onuma (ii) Prof. Izumi Hayashi	Chairperson Additional Representative
(b)	School of Fashion and Textiles, RMIT, Australia	(iii) Ms. Tina Guglielmino (iv) Mr. Chris Clark	Deputy Chairperson Additional Representative
(c)	Amsterdam Fashion Institute, The Netherlands	(v) Ms. Liesbeth in't Hout (vi) Ms. Nannet van der Kleijn	Member Alternative Representative
(d)	Artez Institute of the Arts, Fashion Department, The Netherlands	(vii) Prof. Jose Teunissen (viii) Prof. Dany Jacobs	Member Alternative Representative
(e)	Donghua University, P.R. China	(ix) Prof. Li Keling (x) Ms. Grace Gu	Member Interpreter
(f)	Fashion Institute of Technology, USA	(xi) Dr. Reginetta Haboucha (xii) Prof. Sass Brown	Member Additional Representative
(g)	The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, U.S.A	(xiii) Ms. Anne Bennion	Alternative Representative
(h)	Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan	(xiv) Mr. Yu Chenping (xv) Ms. Wang Linghsin	Alternative Representative Additional Representative
(i)	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong	(xvi) Dr. K. F. Au	Member
(j)	Institut Francais de la Mode, France	(xvii) Ms. Sylvie Ebel (xviii) Ms. Veronique Schilling	Member Alternative Representative

(k)	Institute of Vocational Education, IVE, Hong Kong	(xix) Ms. Irene Chen (xx) Mr. C. M. Li	Member Alternative Representative
(l)	London College of Fashion, UK	(xxi) Ms. Elizabeth Rouse (xxii) Prof. Helen Thomas	Member Additional Representative
(m)	North Carolina State University, USA	(xxiii) Prof. Trevor Little	Member
(n)	Nottingham Trent University, UK	(xxiv) Ms. Ann Priest (xxv) Prof. Judith Mottram	Member Alternative Representative
(o)	Otago Polytechnic	(xxvi) Ms. Margo Barton (xxvii) Ms. Tania Allan Ross	Member Additional Representative
(p)	Pearl Academy of Fashion, India	(xxviii) Mr. A.K.G. Nair (xxix) Dr. Tarun Panwar	Member Alternative Representative
(q)	Ryerson University, Canada	(xxx) Mr. Robert Ott	Member
(r)	The Swedish School of Textiles, Sweden	(xxxi) Dr. Clemens Thornquist	Member
(s)	Sydney Institute of TAFE NSW, Australia	(xxxii) Mr. Nicholas Huxley	Member
(t)	University of Huddersfield, UK	(xxxiii) Mr. Kevin Almond	Alternative Representative
(u)	University of Brighton, UK	(xxxiv) Mr. Malcolm McInnes	Alternative Representative
(v)	Istanbul Moda Academy, Turkey	(xxxv) Ms. Seda Lafci (xxxvi) Ms. Didem Cakar	Member Alternative Representative
(w)		(xxxvii) Prof. Edward Newton	Member Emeritus
(x)	IFFTI	(xxxviii) Commodore Vijay Chaturvedi (Retd.)	Secretary

4. The General Council noted the apologies of Institutions which were unable to depute representatives to attend the meeting.

**TO WELCOME THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
THE NEXT CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5. Ms. Elizabeth Rouse informed the General Council that consequent to the completion of the term of the previous Executive Committee on 31st March, 2009, the new Executive Committee had been convened at the 21st Executive Committee meeting on 31st March, 2009 after due process of elections. The new Executive Committee had, thereafter, elected Dr. Satoshi Onuma as the next Chairperson and Ms. Tina Guglielmino as the Deputy Chairperson of IFFTl.
6. Ms. Elizabeth Rouse then invited Dr. Satoshi Onuma to chair the General Council meeting.
7. The Chair informed the General Council that, at the request of the Executive Committee, Ms. Elizabeth Rouse had agreed to continue as a co-opted member on the Executive Committee and the General Council of IFFTl for a period of 2 years until the 2011 Annual Conference.
8. The General Council welcomed the new Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson and the Executive Committee. The composition of which is given below: -

(a)	<u>Regional Members.</u>	
S. No.	Institution	Representative
(i)	Donghua University, P.R. China	Prof. Li Keling
(ii)	Fashion Institute of Technology, U.S.A	Dr. Reginetta Haboucha
(iii)	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong	Dr. K. F. Au
(iv)	London College of Fashion, U.K.	Ms. Wendy Malem
(v)	Pearl Academy of Fashion, India	Mr. AKG Nair
(vi)	School of Fashion and Textiles, RMIT, Australia	Ms. Tina Guglielmino
(b)	<u>Chairs of Sub – Committees.</u>	
S. No.	Sub – Committee	Chair
(i)	Education Initiative Sub-Committee	Ms. Ann Priest, Nottingham Trent University, UK
(ii)	Membership Sub-Committee	Ms. Liesbeth in't Hout, Amsterdam Fashion Institute, The Netherlands
(iii)	Finance Sub-Committee	Mr. AKG Nair, Pearl Academy of Fashion, India
(iv)	Research Sub-Committee	Prof. Trevor Little, North Carolina State University, USA

(c)	<u>Co – Opted Members.</u>	
S. No.	Description	Delegate
(i)	Member Emeritus	Prof. Edward Newton
(ii)	Ex – chair	Ms. Elizabeth Rouse - for a period of 2 years until the 2011 Annual Conference
(iii)	The host of the next IFFTI Annual Conference	Dr. Su – Lee Tsai, Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan - until the conclusion of the 2010 Annual Conference
(d)	Member Secretary	Commodore Vijay Chaturvedi (Retd.)

9. The tenure of the new office bearers will be as follows: -

- (a) **Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Chairs of Sub – Committees.** Two years until the 2011 Annual Conference.
- (b) **Regional Members.** Four years until the 2013 Annual Conference.

WELCOME REMARKS BY THE NEW CHAIRPERSON

10. After assuming the post of Chairperson, IFFTI, Dr. Satoshi Onuma, Bunka Women's University, Japan delivered a short address outlining his vision and the immediate tasks before IFFTI. He stated that,

“I would like to begin by thanking Ms. Elizabeth Rouse, the outgoing Chairperson of IFFTI. Elizabeth has been dedicated to the position of Chairperson over the past three years and during this period she has made a significant contribution to IFFTI organization. I would like to place on record the appreciation of the Executive Committee for her dedication and hard work. Thank you very much.

I would also like to express my appreciation to London College of Fashion for hosting the IFFTI Annual Conference for the second time and extend a warm welcome to all the delegates for coming to London despite busy schedules.

In Japan there is a common saying that one person's ability is limited but a group of people can achieve many things together. As the incoming chairperson I want to begin by asking for your support. Evidently, the position of chairperson is an important role, but more important is what we can do together in partnership with each another to make IFFTI better for the future.

In the present era, fashion education needs to keep pace with the worldwide phenomenon of globalization. As recently as 50-60 years ago, the apparel industry was domestically orientated and business was primarily conducted regionally. However, this is no longer the case. The apparel industry in the 21st Century now extends across national borders, and businesses no longer face the restrictions and limitations they once encountered. Today, the creative minds across countries must understand each other and share their style of working. This will be to their mutual

advantage. Their individual aspirations must be fulfilled within the emerging global environment. Therefore, I believe that excellence in fashion education can only be achieved through collaboration and the exchange of expertise. This will help industry and fashion education to become more vibrant and global.

Similarly, the environment is also changing. A few decades ago environmental issues such as urban pollution were only considered issues of concern for individual countries. But as industry globalizers, environmental problems become worldwide issues which influence the greater global fashion community.

Even though there are more than 200 countries and regions in the world, it is important to overcome national borders and distance to manage issues that will affect the world in future. It is fortuitous that the G20 is also meeting in London, at the same time as IFFTI, to address issues of global concern. Sustainability and economic problems can be solved through a collaborative approach.

I believe that IFFTI can play a vital role in achieving this goal for the fashion industry. Fashion institutions must continue to build relationships with each other internationally, using IFFTI as a platform to manage issues facing the fashion industry. If fashion institutions collaborate with each other, progress will be made and research and education capabilities will improve. Interaction between institutions will enable them to use each others resources for mutual benefit and future improvement.

To conclude, I would like to use three simple words often used by President Obama who is currently in London, – Yes we can!”

NEW MEMBERSHIP

11. The General Council welcomed University of Brighton, UK; Istanbul Moda Academy, Turkey and Ms. Janice Mee to the foundation.
12. It was decided to reschedule the presentations by the new members and institutions hosting future IFFTI Conferences to the end of the session.

TO NOTE CHANGE IN AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES

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

TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

14. The minutes of the 19th and 20th Meetings of the Executive Committee and the 10th Annual Meeting of the General Council of IFFTI were adopted as circulated.

TO RECEIVE THE PROPOSALS OF THE 'RESEARCH' SUB-COMMITTEE

15. Prof. Trevor Little informed the General Council that the Sub-Committee was in the process of finalizing the following: -
- (a) Develop comprehensive guidelines for conduct of IFFTI conferences and publishing of conference papers. The guidelines are also to address the issue of detailed 'timelines' for various activities of the conference.
 - (b) Develop an IFFTI policy on copyright/ IPR on student designs and papers presented by delegates.
 - (c) Develop an online 'Materials Library' for access by IFFTI member institutions.
 - (d) Scope the project and make detailed proposals, including indicative costing, for creation of an interactive IFFTI Conference website which can be used by institutions hosting Annual Conferences.
 - (e) Create a collective email address, listing Research Sub-Committee members, to facilitate easy interaction between members.
 - (f) Make the Research Blog more active.
16. He stated that the Sub – Committee would be submitting the proposals at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

TO RECEIVE THE PROPOSALS OF THE 'MEMBERSHIP' SUB-COMMITTEE

17. Ms. Liesbeth in't Hout informed the General Council that the application for membership from the following had been evaluated and they have been offered the types of membership mentioned below: -

S. No.	Description	Type of Membership Recommended
(a)	University of Brighton, UK	Regular
(b)	Istanbul Moda Academy, Turkey	Associate
(c)	Ms. Janice Mee, Ex De Montfort University, UK	Individual

18. She further informed that the Sub – Committee would be following up with Pacific Brands to finalize the terms and conditions of their membership.
19. The General Council welcomed the new members into the foundation.

TO RECEIVE THE PROPOSALS OF THE 'EDUCATION INITIATIVE' SUB-COMMITTEE

20. Ms. Ann Priest apprised the General Council about the progress made on the tasks assigned to the Sub – Committee. She informed that: -
- (a) A separate session on “Skills” was programmed in the afternoon on 1st April, 2009 to take the agenda forward.
 - (b) She further suggested that the IFFTI institutions may wish to develop reciprocal arrangements for enabling students to travel to summer schools.

TO RECEIVE THE PROPOSALS OF THE 'FINANCE' SUB-COMMITTEE

21. Mr. AKG Nair, Pearl Academy of Fashion explained that the Chair of the Finance Sub – Committee had been assigned the task of presenting the Financial Statement to the General Council and also to examine whether IFFTI should continue to hold its accounts in India.
22. He thereafter presented the statement of accounts to the General Council.
23. He also recommended that after due deliberations it was found that it was advantageous to hold IFFTI accounts in India.

Decision.

24. The General Council noted the statement of affairs and agreed that the IFFTI accounts should continue to be held in India.

Action. – Secretary

TO RECEIVE THE REVISED COMPOSITIONS OF SUB – COMMITTEES

25. The General Council took note of the revised composition of Sub - Committees.

TO DISCUSS THE REVISED MODALITIES FOR CONDUCT OF IFFTI ANNUAL CONFERENCE

26. Ms. Elizabeth Rouse informed that some of the members had raised the issue of flexibility in deputing representatives to avail the benefit of free places at the Conference. After discussions at the Executive Committee meeting, it was decided that the entire modalities of conduct of Annual Conferences will be examined by Ms. Elizabeth Rouse with the assistance of the Secretary. The various options with alternatives will be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting scheduled to be held at Fashion Institute of Technology in October, 2009.
27. The General Council expressed satisfaction at this development.

VENUES OF FUTURE IFFTI MEETINGS

28. The General Council approved the following venues for future IFFTI meetings: -

S. No.	Meeting	Venue	Period
a)	22 nd Executive Committee Meeting	Fashion Institute of Technology, USA	22 nd and 23 rd October, 2009
b)	12 th Annual Conference and 23 rd Executive Committee Meeting	Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan	22 nd – 25 th March, 2010
c)	24 th Executive Committee Meeting	Polimoda, Italy	October, 2010
d)	13 th Annual Conference and 25 th Executive Committee Meeting	Institut Francais de la Mode, France	March/ April, 2011
e)	26 th Executive Committee Meeting	Bunka Women's University, Japan	October/ November, 2011
f)	14 th Annual Conference and 27 th Executive Committee Meeting	Pearl Academy of Fashion, Jaipur, India	March/ April, 2012

29. The Chairperson invited offers from members to host meetings beyond 2012.

TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON IFFTI INITIATIVES

30. The General Council noted the details of IFFTI initiatives and congratulated the awardees.

TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

31. The General Council congratulated the winner and appreciated the efforts of London College of Fashion, UK in the successful conduct of this competition.

TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON PANEL DISCUSSION

32. The Secretary informed members that a separate session on "Environment" has been planned in the afternoon.

TO NOTE THE STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

33. 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

34. General Council took note of Financial Status presented by the Chair of Finance Sub – Committee.

PROVISIONAL BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 2008-2009

35. The General Council noted the provisional Balance Sheet as at 31st January, 2009 placed at Annexure E to the Agenda.

BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2009

36. The General Council sanctioned the Budget for the year 2009 placed at Annexure F to the Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS BY NEW MEMBERS

37. University of Brighton, UK and Istanbul Moda Academy, Turkey gave short presentations on the vision and programs at their respective institutions.

PRESENTATIONS BY FUTURE HOST INSTITUTIONS

38. Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan and Pearl Academy of Fashion, India made short presentations on the proposed arrangements for hosting the IFFTI Annual Conference in 2010 and 2011 respectively.
39. The General Council thanked Mr. Yu Chenping and Mr. A.K.G. Nair for the detailed presentations and expressed satisfaction at the arrangements being planned by both the institutions.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

40. In conclusion, Dr. Satoshi Onuma, Chairperson thanked London College of Fashion for hosting the Conference which 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 London fashion, fashion education and fashion industry.
41. He congratulated the convenor, Prof. Helen Thomas and her team comprising Ms. Marie Stanley, Mr. Paul Moore and Ms. Jennifer Ray on organizing a splendid Conference.
42. There being no further points, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson.

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