



Minutes

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INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting IFFTI at the 24th Conference

Nottingham Trent University

5th April 2022

The AGM was Chaired by Professor Anthony Kent, with Deputy Chair Liz Barnes and executive members Professors Jose Teunissen, Noel Palomo-Lovinski and Deirdre Sato.

Attendance and apologies

No apologies were received. An attendance list was circulated

Welcome

Professor Kent welcomed delegates to the conference and outlined the programme for the following days. The conference combined online and in-person elements and interactions

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

Professor Kent read out the key points from the Minutes of the last meeting in 2019 at Manchester Metropolitan University.

These were a summary of the conference and lessons learned, vision statement, report of the research committee, the education committee, the membership committee, the education committee, workshops. The Minutes were accepted by the delegates.

Report from Executive Chair

Professor Robyn Healy made a presentation by Live Stream

A brief review of the period 2019 -2022

A remembrance of Commodore Vijay

A remembrance of Professor Basia Skybryska

Conferences in 2020 (cancelled, Kent State University, USA) and 2021(Pearl Academy, India)

IFFTI events 2020-21

New thinking and potential actions for IFFTI

IFFTI conference 2023

Professor Margo Barton presented the Otago Polytechnic's plans for hosting the 25th Annual conference in April 2023.

Membership Committee

Margo Barton made an online presentation:

There was a review of current institutional membership

In 2022 a reduction of 25% was applied to institutional membership fees

Institutional payments and outstanding debts were summarized

A new category of "outreach" membership was introduced, discussed, agreed and accepted by the attendees

Education Committee

Deirdre Sato made an in-person presentation

A survey of members interests



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Interactive online collaborations have been undertaken

Re-allocation of travel awards to faculty to work on initiatives, e.g. entrepreneurship, outreach, COIL (physical travel or online)

Awards should come in hand in hand with membership to facilitate development with other countries

2020 awards will be honoured

The aim is to simplify education and research initiatives for inter-institutional visits

Research committee

Anthony Kent made an in-person presentation

A review of the conference planning and arrangements for the current (2022) conference. The adoption of good practices arising from the 2019 conference were explained.

Membership. A planned succession was discussed: Professor Kent will continue as Chair until the 2023 conference when Dr. Zajtmann will take up the position. Professor Noel Palomo- Lovinski and Dr. Zajtmann will continue as Deputy Chairs for 2022-3. Professor Jose Teunissen, Professor Anthony Bednall, Professor Theresia Grevinga, Dr. Silvia Perez-Bou will be Committee members for 2022-3. We will seek 4 more members from Asia/Pacific regions

Mentoring. The committee will pick up this proposal from 2019 and Professor Palomo-Lovinski will draw up a paper on how to operationalize a database and state the protocols.

A new one day Doctoral and Early Career Symposium was proposed and agreed for the half year between each conference (starting in September 2022). This will enable academics to discuss their work in progress.

The IFFTI website as a repository of past conference Proceedings and current work by members was proposed.

Dr. Perez-Bou to present a short paper on how to take this forward.

The need to have ISSNs allocated to conference Proceedings

Finance Committee report

The Financial report for 2021-22 will follow. The delegates agreed that the death of the Secretary-General had held up the production of these reports and delegates accepted the proposal for their later submission.

Workshops

It was noted that two workshops, Education (Covid and its effects on fashion pedagogy) and Research (publications and publishing) followed the AGM.

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There was no other business