

**MINUTES OF THE 4TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF IFFTI
HELD AT HONG KONG ON 7TH NOVEMBER 2002**

The 4th Annual Meeting of the General Council of IFFTI was held on 7th November 2002 at Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong.

1. The meeting was presided over by Professor Edward Newton, Head and Chair Professor, HKPU, Hong Kong, and Chairperson IFFTI.
2. The Meeting was conducted in two parts.
3. Part I of the Meeting was held from 1000 hours to 1330 hours. At this meeting, the members of the IFFTI General Council deliberated upon the Agenda Points.
4. Part II of the meeting, which was held from 1430 hours to 1800 hours, was devoted to Presentations, Panel Discussions and a tour of the Fashion and Textiles Resource Centre of the Institute of Textiles and Clothing, HKPU.
5. The following IFFTI Member Institutions were represented at the forenoon session of the meeting:-

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Represented By</u>	<u>Designation</u>
(a)	Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong	Prof. Edward Newton,	Chairperson
(b)	Fashion Institute of Technology, USA	Dr. Dario A. Cortes,	Deputy Chairperson
(c)	Amsterdam Fashion Institute, The Netherlands	Ms. Pauline Terreehorst	Member
(d)	Bunka Women's University, Japan	Prof. Machiko Miyoshi	Member
(e)	De Montford University, UK	Ms. Janice Mee	Member
(f)	Donghua University, China	Prof. Zhang Weiyuan	Member
(g)	Fu-Jen Catholic University, Taiwan	Sister Maryta Laumann	Member
(h)	Institut Francais de la Mode, France	Ms. Sylvie Ebel	Member
(i)	London College of Fashion, UK	Ms. Elizabeth Rouse	Member
(j)	Ryerson Polytechnic University, Canada	Ms. Mary McCrae	Member
(k)	Sydney Institute of TAFE, Australia	Mr. Nicholas C. Huxley	Member
(l)	University of Technology, Sydney, Australia	Ms. Alison Mason	Member
(m)	Pearl Academy of Fashion, India	Mr. A.K.G. Nair	New Member
(n)	IFFTI	Commodore Vijay (Retd.)	Secretary

6. The following additional delegates attended the afternoon session of the General Council Meeting:-

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Designation</u>
(a)	University of Huddersfield, UK	Professor Tim Moscovitch	New Member
(b)	Bunka Women's University, Japan	Mr. Satoshi Onuma	Special Invitee
(c)	Donghua University, China	(i) Prof. Li Keling (ii) Prof. Winnie Dai	Special Invitees
(d)	Fu-Jen Catholic University, Taiwan	(i) Dr. Chao-Chiung Huang (ii) Dr. Cheng-Ping Yu (iii) Dr. Jocelyn Chen	Special Invitees
(e)	Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong	(i) Jane S.P. Chung (ii) Dr. Jintu Fan (iii) Dr. Raymond Au	Special Invitees
(f)	Institut Francais de la Mode, France	Ms. Veronique Schilling	Special Invitee
(g)	Temasek Polytechnic (School of Design), Singapore	Sylvia Lim Lay Hoon	Special Invitee
(h)	University of Technology, Sydney, Australia	(i) Alana Clifton-Cunningham (ii) Ms. Val Horridge	Special Invitees
(i)	Pearl Academy of Fashion, India	Cora Gotemann	Special Invitee

7. Apologies had been received from the below-mentioned Institutions for not attending the meeting:-

- (a) National Institute of Fashion Technology, India
- (b) Philadelphia University, USA
- (c) Polimoda, Italy
- (d) Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore
- (e) Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia
- (f) University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, UK

8. The following Institutions were also not represented at the meeting:-

- (a) National Institute of Design, India
- (b) Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore
- (c) Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Brazil.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**WELCOME REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

9. At the outset, Professor Edward Newton extended a warm welcome to all the members attending the 4th IFFTI Annual Conference being held at HKPU, featuring 'Fashion and Textiles: The New Frontiers – Design, Technology and Business'. He stated that owing to the cancellation of the Annual Conference in 2001, a lot of backlog needed to be attended to by the General Council at this meeting. He was hopeful that productive discussions would take place at the Conference, leading to useful conclusions and decisions for constructive developments in the future. The Chairperson informed the Members that some of the issues had already been deliberated upon in detail by the Executive Committee. These issues would be tabled by the Secretary for ratification of the General Council. Thereafter, the Chairperson would take up the remaining issues for the deliberation and discussion by the General Council.
10. He then asked the Secretary to table the Agenda Points needing ratification of the General Council.

AGENDA POINTS TO BE RATIFIED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL

11. The Secretary gave a brief overview of the following Agenda Points, which had been approved by the Executive Committee and recommended for ratification by the General Council. After due deliberation, the General Council took the following decisions:-

(a) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - Adoption of the Decisions taken through Circular Resolutions**

Decision – The General Council adopted the decisions taken through Circular Resolution Nos. 1, 2 and 3, placed at Annexures – I, II and III of the Agenda respectively.

(b) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - Adoption of the Minutes of the 3rd Annual Meeting of the General Council, and the 5th, the 6th and the 7th Meetings of the Executive Committee of IFFTI**

Decision – The General Council adopted the Minutes of the Meetings of the 3rd Annual General Council and the 5th, the 6th and the 7th Meetings of the Executive Committee placed at Annexures IV, V, VI and VII of the Agenda respectively.

(c) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - Ratification of Executive Committee decision to induct four New Members**

Decision – The General Council ratified the decision of the Executive Committee to accord the following membership to the Institutions mentioned below:-

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| (i) | UMIST, UK* | - Regular Membership |
| (ii) | University of Huddersfield, UK | - Regular Membership |
| (iii) | Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts,
Singapore* | - Associate Membership |
| (iv) | Pearl Academy of Fashion, India | - Associate Membership. |

* Grant of membership to UMIST, UK and Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore is subject to payment of prescribed membership subscription by the Institutions.

The General Council, thereafter, invited Pearl Academy to join the General Council and participate in further proceedings of the General Council.

(d) **AGENDA ITEM NO.7 - Adoption of the Membership Information and Application Form and the Procedure for induction of New Members**

Decision – The General Council unanimously adopted the IFFTI Membership Information and Application Form placed at Annexure – VIII of the Agenda.

(e) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - Adoption of the Revised Rules and Regulations of IFFTI**

Decision – The General Council adopted the revised Rules and Regulations placed at Annexure – IX of the Agenda after incorporating the following amendments:-

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Rule No.</u>	<u>Agenda Page</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
(i)	7(a)(iv)	79	Add, “and has been notified about the same”.
(ii)	10(d)(ii)	87	Amend to read as follows:- “All the other elected Members of the Executive Committee, <u>including the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson</u> , shall hold office for a period of three years each time. <u>The Executive Committee Members, except the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson</u> , shall retire on the date of respective Annual General Meeting. At the second Annual General Meeting held after registration of the Foundation, these members to be appointed pursuant to this Rule shall be elected to the Executive Committee. <u>The Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson shall retire on the date of the next Executive Committee meeting to be held after the Annual General Meeting at which the Executive Committee is elected. Thereafter, the new Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson shall be elected at the same meeting by the new Executive Committee.</u> ”
(iii)	10(h)(xiv)	91	This clause is to be deleted and subsequent clauses re-numbered accordingly.

(f) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 - Adoption of the Balance Sheets of IFFTI for the Years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, as given at Annexures XII, XIII and XIV of the Agenda.**

Decision – The Balance Sheets of IFFTI for the Years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, placed at Annexures XII, XIII and XIV of the Agenda respectively, were adopted by the General Council.

(g) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 - Appointment of full-time Secretary of IFFTI**

Decision – The General Council ratified the decision of the Executive Committee to appoint Commodore Vijay (Retd.) as full-time Secretary of IFFTI at the terms and conditions decided by the Committee.

(h) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - A Report on the Activities of IFFTI from November 2000 to November 2002**

The Secretary briefed the General Council regarding the developments of the Foundation since the last Annual General Council meeting held at London in November 2000 in accordance with the Agenda Point No.8. The General Council expressed satisfaction at the performance of the Secretariat, and complimented the Secretary on his efforts to clear the back-log and bringing about a revival of interest of the Members in IFFTI affairs through personal contact, which had also resulted in recovery of US \$59,000 towards outstanding dues from Members.

12. The Chairperson, thereafter, introduced the remaining Agenda Points for deliberation by the General Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

ELECTION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

13. The Secretary informed the General Council that the term of the existing Executive Committee expired at the present Annual Conference. It was, therefore, necessary to elect a new Executive Committee to manage the day-to-day affairs of IFFTI. He, thereafter, apprised the General Council regarding the provisions of the concerned Rules and Regulations as also the decisions taken at the 6th EC and 8th EC meetings with regard to the composition and tenure of the Executive Committee.

Decision. - After due deliberations, the General Council elected the following Institutions to the new Executive Committee of IFFTI:-

- (a) **Category A** - The Founding Institutions. Under this category, the following Founding Member Institutions were nominated as Permanent members, which would not be liable to retire by rotation:-

- (i) FIT, USA
- (ii) HKPU, Hong Kong
- (iii) IFM, France
- (iv) NIFT, India

- (b) **Category B** – Category of Geographical Representation. The following Institutions were elected under this category. These Members are liable to retire on completion of a tenure of 3 years. The tenure of these Members will expire on the date of the Annual Conference in the year 2005, when elections for new Members under this category will be held:-

- (v) Donghua, China
- (vi) LCF, UK
- (vii) RMIT, Australia
- (viii) Ryerson, Canada
- (ix) UAM, Brazil.

The New Executive Committee will comprise - Nine Members.

14. The General Council also ratified the decisions of the Executive Committee electing Prof. Edward Newton as Chairperson and Dr. Dario Cortes as the Deputy Chairperson of IFFTI. The tenures of Prof. Newton as Chairperson and Dr. Dario Cortes as the Deputy Chairperson would expire on the date of the 15th Executive Committee meeting scheduled to be held in June/ July 2006, when the next Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson will be elected by the new Executive Committee elected during the Annual Conference in 2005.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**WORK PLAN OF IFFTI**

15. Prof. Elizabeth Rouse, LCF, gave a presentation of the Work Plan of the IFFTI Initiatives. The Work Plan circulated by the Secretariat and placed at Annexure – X was unanimously adopted by the General Council.
16. Thereafter, the following Member Institutions were elected to the IFFTI Programmes Committee.

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Represented By</u>	<u>Designation</u>
(a)	LCF	Ms. Elizabeth Rouse	Chairperson
(b)	AMFI	Ms. Pauline Terreehorst	
(c)	Bunka	Prof. Machiko Miyoshi	
(d)	Fu-Jen	To be nominated by the Institution	
(e)	Pearl Academy	Mr. A.K.G. Nair	
(f)	SIT	Mr. Nicholas Huxley	
(g)	UTS	Ms. Alison Mason	

17. The Committee agreed to meet later in the evening to chalk out the way ahead.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**NETWORK OF SPECIALISED INFORMATION**

18. The General Council decided to host the Specialised Information gleaned from Member Institutions on the IFFTI Web Site under a separate ‘Menu’, which would be accessible only by Member Institutions. It was agreed that only specialised collections from Archives and new developments and practices evolved by the respective Member Institutions, and which is their forte, are to be hosted on the IFFTI Web Site.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13**CORPORATE COMMUNICATION PLAN**

19. The representatives of the Member Institutions were asked to update the information provided in Annexure – XI.
20. The General Council was also apprised regarding the progress in respect of the development and launch of the new IFFTI Web Site.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14**LINKAGES WITH INTERNATIONAL APPAREL FEDERATION**

21. The General Council requested the Chairperson to formally write on behalf of IFFTI to the International Apparel Federation, for grant of Associate Membership.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17**VENUES OF FUTURE IFFTI MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES**

22. At the outset, the Chairman informed the General Council regarding the offer of Donghua to host the next Annual General Council Meeting at Shanghai in March 2003. He then asked Prof. Zhang to brief the General Council regarding his proposal. Prof. Zhang gave a brief overview of the activities planned during the Shanghai Cultural Festival scheduled from 18th March 2003 to 6th April 2003. He was of the opinion that the IFFTI Members would greatly benefit by participating in the activities of the Festival. It was for this reason that he proposed that the next IFFTI Annual Conference may be held at Shanghai and be scheduled to coincide with the Festival. Thereafter, detailed deliberations were held on the viability of holding the Annual Conference in March 2003 at Shanghai. The majority of the Members, though accepting the desirability of attending the Shanghai Festival, felt that the gap between the two Annual Conferences would be too short for meaningful contributions by Members at the Conference. Moreover, the budget of most of the Institutions may not cater to a second visit for IFFTI Conferences at such a short interval.

23. It was, therefore, decided to only hold the Executive Committee meeting at Shanghai to coincide with the Shanghai Cultural Festival, whereas the next Annual Conference will be held in October / November 2003 at RMIT, Australia, as scheduled.
24. After due deliberations, the following venues were decided for holding the future IFFTI meetings upto the year 2006.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING UNATTACHED TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE</u>			<u>ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ATTACHED TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE</u>		
	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>HOSTED BY</u>	<u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>HOSTED BY</u>	<u>SCHEDULE</u>
2003	Shanghai, China	Donghua University	March End	Melbourne, Australia*	RMIT	October / November
2004	New Delhi, India*	NIFT	June / July	Toronto, Canada	Ryerson University	October / November
2005	Kowloon, Hong Kong	HKPU	June / July	Firenze, Italy*	Polimoda	October / November
2006	New York, USA	FIT	June / July	Paris, France	IFM	October / November

NOTE. * The venues proposed for EC in 2004 and the Annual Conferences in 2003 and 2005 are subject to confirmation by NIFT, India, RMIT, Australia and Polimoda, Italy respectively, as their representatives were not present at the Meeting.

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

25. Increase in the Duration of the Annual Conference. Some Members were of the view that the duration of the Annual Conference be increased to accommodate workshops, including organised visits to fashion related industry / business houses.

Decision - After due deliberations, the General Council decided to leave the decision of the duration, as also the activities to be included during the Annual Conference, to the host Institution.

26. **Reduction in the Membership Subscription.** The General Council was of the opinion that IFFTI should now broaden its base to include Members from geographical regions not yet represented. The wider interaction would immensely benefit IFFTI Members. It would also help in reducing the annual subscription.

Decision – The General Council, by and large, agreed to the proposal. It was decided that all the General Council Members should make concerted efforts to scout for potential new Members, instead of only the EC Members, as hitherto.

CONCLUSION

27. In conclusion, Prof. Newton thanked the General Council Members for participating actively in the deliberations on IFFTI affairs, which had resulted in effectively clearing the critical pending issues related to policy matters. He was hopeful that the Foundation would now progress more rapidly towards achieving its laid down objectives.
28. Giving a brief overview of the activities planned during the Annual Conference on 8th and 9th November 2002, he explained that the Speaker Programmes covered the whole spectrum of the Fashion and Textiles sector, ranging from design and innovation, leading edge technology, alongwith management and IT applications knowledge, and further to education and market development. Thus the Conference would provide an access to current advances and new developments, and gathered the broad knowledge answered by fashion and textiles professionals and researchers worldwide. He sincerely hoped that the Members would enjoy this wonderful opportunity to appreciate and to discuss the many new innovations in fashion and textiles, to meet new friends and colleagues and form long lasting friendships through anticipation, presentation, informal contacts and discussions at the Conference. He was of the view that the Conference would provide a platform for mutual exchange of knowledge and technology transfer, benefiting the common interest of IFFTI Members in fashion, textiles and related industries in the globalization era, which was the *raison de etre* of IFFTI.
29. There being no further points, the meeting came to a close with a vote of thanks to the Chair.