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President’s Message

Keeping ahead of rapid change

It was Sir Frank Warner, addressing the annual conference in Ghent, Belgium, in 1913, who said that The Textile Institute ‘was never intended to be parochial or British, but rather it exists for advancing the interests of the textile industry in every respect – scientific, technical, artistic, economic.’ The Textile Institute has always been THE Textile Institute.

The new challenge is to balance the emergence of a truly global, electronically connected and serviced society of professional members with the maintenance of the valuable assets inherited from the past.

The dissemination of information is the oldest business of the Institute and is even more important in today’s knowledge economy, where information is a key resource for all businesses and their staff.

The Institute needs to be involved in developments driven by the new sciences of biotechnology, information technology and nanotechnology. The textile industry may not be at the centre in the creation of these new contemporary levers for change and wealth creation – as it was during the Industrial Revolution – but it is certainly a major customer for them and an important innovator in their application.

The results of this diversification of textile applications are now all around and textiles, clothing and footwear, together with their raw materials, manufacture, utility and performance, and particularly the new ‘intelligent’ textiles, are today’s hot issues in a contemporary world-wide enterprise.

The Textile Institute has therefore an undiminished role in embracing these new technologies and in encouraging education, science, understanding and professionalism in the various sectors and disciplines involved in them. All members benefit from its work and it is in everyone’s interests that it should not only continue, but also increase its influence on and support for the textile, clothing and footwear industries.

Director General’s Report

A year of change for the Institute

In recent years the Institute has undertaken a programme of change that is leading to a much more streamlined organization.

Changes to the structure and operations of Council have now been completed and the programme to enfranchise the regions of the Institute has made an excellent start and will continue through 2001.

Financially, the Institute faced a significant challenge in 2000 and to begin to address that issue a major cost reduction exercise was initiated. The drive continues towards the goal of keeping costs as low as can be compatible with the ability to provide members with the range and quality of services they require. The Council is determined that the institute should continue to provide a full range of services and the staff, with the assistance of institute’s committees, have worked extremely hard to achieve this objective.

During the year a very full programme of events was held throughout the regions. In the UK the 80th World Conference presented an excellent range of papers and provided a superb platform for the exchange of information between delegates.

A major review of the procedures for the accreditation of textile degree courses for the institute’s professional qualifications was initiated and will be completed during 2001.

The publishing programme for the Institute’s journals was maintained and the preparation of the 11th edition of Textile Terms and Definitions commenced, with completion scheduled in 2001.

In addition to the normal membership magazines, a newsletter ‘International Textiles and Clothing’ was introduced to keep members informed of developments and activities.

All members have a stake in the Institute and an intrinsic interest in developing its services and global network to its full potential. To maximise the value of the Institute and its services, the task has to be approached on a number of different levels. To a certain extent this can be achieved by expanding the content of TI services and that process has already begun. To get full value, however, the Institute has to develop the most cost-effective means by which to bring those services to members and to attract other customers. In this context the TI websites offer an excellent opportunity and considerable work has been undertaken during the year to improve their value.

Overall, the year 2000 has been one of significant challenge and great change. The future is still very challenging, particularly in financial terms. The improvements in reducing the costs of operations have provided a good start and the basis for a positive outlook. However, in order to protect the long term future of the Institute in 2001, strenuous efforts to increase income will be required from all concerned.
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Maintaining professional standards

The year 2000 was the 75th anniversary of the Royal Charter, wherein the Institute was granted the authority to award its professional qualifications, and the maintenance of the standards enshrined in the Charter has continued unabated ever since. What have changed over the years, however, are the sectors and disciplines in which qualifications have been achieved. In 2000, Fellowships were awarded to academics in areas as varied as contour fashion, textile engineering and clothing production. Other newly appointed Fellows worked in fields such as textile standards, technical management and industrial research. Similarly, Associateships and Licentiate ship hastaken been awarded to members involved in, for example, merchandising, footwear research, garment technology, quality control and testing, carpet development and spinning technology. The Institute hopes that suitably qualified members in all sectors of the industry will continue to apply for their professional qualifications, thereby demonstrating their commitment to the highest professional standards.

In 2000, the Institute’s procedures for accrediting textile degree and diploma courses came under the spotlight. It was decided that a full review should be initiated with the aim of assessing the effectiveness of the process and introducing improvements that would streamline and simplify the procedures and reduce the administrative burden, whilst at the same time maintaining the rigorous standards that have always been applied. This work will continue throughout 2001.

There were 24 candidates for the Institute’s LTI Examinations in 2000, but only two candidates took ATI papers. It was therefore decided, with regret, that from 2001 onwards, the TI would not be able to offer new candidates the opportunity to sit the ATI examinations, although LTI papers would still be offered at existing Examination Centres.

The Institute continued to administer Scholarships from a number of different sources and in 2000 textile students received generous support from the Worshipful Company of Weavers, the Cotton Industry War Memorial Trust, the Drapers’ Company and the Lord Barnby Foundation, as well as from the Ti’s own educational funds.

2000 also saw a radical change in the TI’s annual calendar, brought about by the Council’s decision to discontinue the central Convocation ceremony in Manchester and to replace it by more accessible regional events that would allow more recipients of awards and qualifications to celebrate their achievements in the company of family and friends. Several regions and sections have already arranged such events and many more will be held during the course of 2001.

Events 2000

The response to events in 2000 was excellent. Three ‘sold out’ and all received positive reviews and press coverage. The success of events in 2000 was greatly enhanced by the generosity of the sponsors whose support helped make the events the success stories they were.

Manchester 2000 – the 80th Textile Institute World Conference

Leading international speakers outlined their vision for the textile industry at Manchester 2000.

Returning to the UK for the first time in ten years, Manchester 2000 saw over 400 delegates from 30 countries attending sessions and social events in the heart of the UK textile industry. Plenary sessions were presented by keynote speakers including Professor Kawabata, University of Shiga, John McCall, Gerber Technology, and Mike Fralix, TC2, and covered issues as varied as Mass Customisation using the Internet to Trends and Changes in the Global Supply Chain.

Manchester is the birthplace of The Textile Institute and a fitting venue to celebrate the 90th birthday of the TI and 75 years of Chartered status. The Textile Institute is THE professional institute for the textiles, clothing and footwear professions and Manchester 2000 provided an exciting backdrop for the Birthday celebrations with a programme that both inspired and enlightened.

In his message of welcome to delegates, the World President of The Textile Institute, Dr Jayavarthanavelu, said “Despite the pressure it faces, the textile industry as a whole remains strong and maintains a positive outlook”.

Throughout the three-day event, textile professionals were urged to recognise important international changes and respond to new demands to build an industry that will enjoy success and prosperity in the years ahead.
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Clothing Sizes and Body Scanners
Following great interest in the 1998 event of the same theme, this incredibly successful event was well received by international industry professionals.

Expert speakers encompassed the wealth of knowledge and experience in the industry and presented an exciting programme designed to keep professionals abreast of the latest technologies and research in the field.

FR Textiles: The Benefits versus the Environmental Risks
This event was one of the first of its kind to examine and debate the benefits of flame retardant textiles versus the environmental risks encountered in their production and use. In this respect it was hailed as a landmark occasion and a meaningful platform for the future.

Top industry professionals, including experts from Albright and Wilson, Great Lakes Chemical Corporation and Trevira, presented papers examining key aspects of the environmental issues and a risk/benefit analysis of the UK Upholstered Furniture Regulations demonstrated the importance of flame retarded textiles in saving lives.

The Anatomy of Weaving
The biennial technical conference of The Weaving Group delivered a wide and varied programme to a capacity audience.

This extensive two-day programme covered in-depth subjects encompassing the marketing of the industry and its products, new developments brought about by legislation and environmental issues and digital weaving. The conference programme was complemented by an exhibition featuring many of the leading names of the weaving industry.

TIFCON 2000
TIFCON is the longest running of TI events and is regarded as the industry’s premier floorcovering conference. This year the event celebrated its 30th Birthday and played host to over 120 international delegates.

A varied programme representing all areas of the floorcovering industry included presentations from DuPont, Wool of New Zealand, The Carpet Foundation and Milliken Carpets. Always one of the highlights of the Events Calendar, this year’s event proved worthy of the birthday celebration.

Parliamentary Lunch
The Parliamentary Lunch held at The House of Lords, London, UK, has become an annual fixture in the events calendar of the TI. The event was hosted by Lord Haskel, who invited Baroness Blackstone, Minister of State for Education and Employment, to address the audience.

This year the Parliamentary Lunch also saw the inauguration of the Textile Institute’s new World President, Dr Garth Carnaby.

The lunch was followed by a tour round the House of Lords, where attendees had the opportunity to see behind the scenes.

Publications 2000
'Textiles & Clothing International' has been introduced as a membership newsletter and has been well received. This year’s Part Three of The Journal of The Textile Institute was entitled appropriately ‘Technologies for a New Century’.

This issue was the last issue of the Journal to be produced under the Editorship of Professor John Hearle who has stepped down as Editor in Chief after many years. The TI would like to express its sincere thanks to him for the enthusiasm and time and especially for the high quality of in-put that he has given this position. His successor is Dr Ian Holme, former Lecturer at the University of Leeds, UK.

The orders taken by the Books-On-Line service over the past twelve months have overtaken the number of orders received last year. A listing of all TI publications available for purchase can be found on the bookshop web site www.textileinstitutebooks.com.
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Regional Update

At the AGM in 2000 it was proposed and accepted that the Institute should have Regional Presidents and the following individuals were appointed:

UK Region: Gordon Thomson
Europe Region: Pertti Nousianen
Africa Region: Jack Kipling
Asia Region: Willy Lin
Americas Region: Bob Barnhardt
Bangladesh, India, Pakistan & Sri Lanka Region: Subodh Sapra
Australasia Region: Dougal Pleasance

Regional President, Mr Jack Kipling gave a presentation at the Western Cape Section, (South Africa), event in January 2001 speaking on the challenges facing the clothing and textile industries in South Africa, stressing the need to be internationally competitive - markets could be attained if a world class performance could be achieved.

TEXPRESSION 2000 – the sixth international conference of the Textile & Development Department of the National Institute of Fashion Technology was organized in collaboration with the North India Section in November 2000. The conference covered areas of concern to the Indian fashion and textile industry & to facilitate the interactive exchange of ideas among participants. Over 200 delegates from industry, government, academics, designers & students attended and the event was extremely successful.

London & S E England Section (UK) had an entertaining lecture when the designer Shelley Fox spoke to them. She has an original and holistic approach to design. Using techniques such as laser beams and sound waves she is able to create an extraordinary variety of fabrics.

Japan Section held its annual meeting for members in Osaka. The Section has the great good fortune to have assistance from the Textile Machinery Society of Japan in the administration of its affairs.

The Director General, Terry Hennessey, was present at the Northern Ireland (UK) Section AGM in February 2001. The Northern Ireland Section and the Republic of Ireland Section had a very successful joint meeting in March 2001, visiting Navan Carpets in Co Meath, Irish Republic.

Lecture topics heard by TI Sections were, as always, extremely diverse. One could have attended for example, 'High Performance Textiles for Defences Forces' (Manchester & Cheshire Section, UK), 'Medical Textiles' (Bolton Section, UK), 'The History of the Corset and Foundation Wear' (Midlands Section, UK) and 'Psychometric Testing and its Application to Skills Development and Employment Equity' (Western Cape Section, South Africa), to name but a few.


Membership

During 2000-2001 the service to members was under constant review. Re-valuation of the benefits of belonging to this unique organisation has created an added dimension to the work of this department.

Throughout the 12 months, incentives were devised with the various Appeal Funds bringing a welcome additional income not just from active members working within the industries but also those wishing to keep the links of a lifelong association in textiles.

With the installation of a new database, the Membership Department has enhanced its information and reporting facilities. It will now compete on a much better footing in the future, as routine work becomes easier to deal with and the opportunity for innovation more accessible.

Administration & Finance

Costs continue to be curbed in every sector and will remain under constant review. Overheads must be reduced in order to keep expenditure at an affordable level. Stationery, printing, photocopying and postage costs account for a large percentage of the outgoings. These will be kept under tight control.
Honorary Treasurer’s Report

This year, many of the Institute’s activities, within the UK in particular, have been influenced by an economic climate that has led to many textiles, clothing and footwear companies to rationalise their businesses by reducing or ceasing operations. This has caused a number of our members to face early retirement or redundancy.

Despite this, the discussions and debates at our 80th World Conference in Manchester reflected much enthusiasm for the change occurring in design and technology in the many segments of our industry. Delegates from many countries were presented with a range of technical and commercial illustrations of the expertise that exists within the TI network. This Conference was a great success in terms of quality of content. Financially it achieved £131,000 in receipts and although it covered its costs fully there was no net financial contribution to the TI annual operating costs. Other conferences and events that were staged during the year made a contribution of £41,000.

By April, when the majority of the membership income had been received, the income forecasts for the remainder of the year were below budget. The Council decided on a number of very painful measures to cut costs, the most regrettable of these being a redundancy programme that affected many loyal members of staff. The total wage bill by £66,800 (the full advantage of this cost saving will be in 2001). Despite this, we still had an operating loss of £82,000, but this is significantly lower than the loss (£155,000) in 1999. The redundancy costs (£36,000) and a reduction in the investment portfolio of (£13,000), the year ended with a deficit of (£131,000). Future years’ budgets will be restructured to provide a minimum of a "break-even" operationally. We kept within the bank facility despite seasonal variations; yet by end of the year we had an overdraft of £137,000.

This year a Sage accounting package and ACCESS membership database were installed to replace the existing systems that were expensive to maintain and labour intensive. In addition, the management accounting function was contracted out to professional accountants.

90% of individual members paid within the year; this now includes a new graduate fee that is proving helpful to those who have completed their studies and are beginning to build their professional careers. The income from Company Patron members fell by 3%. Whilst support in kind cannot be includedfinancially this continued to be generously given and greatly appreciated.

The net income from services to members was similar to 1999, apart from publications revenue, which dropped by £31,000. Revenue from publications could benefit from a wider circulation of the much appreciated Institute quarterly magazine, "Textiles".

The increased use of email is improving communication and reducing postage and photocopy charges. The Accreditation Committee Working Party is close to issuing its recommendations for a new approach that will include the use of material in electronic format. This will reduce the costs for all concerned. The development of the web site is continuing and, hopefully, we will develop an increasing income from the new activities in this area.

The Textile Institute investments, both restricted and unrestricted, continued to be reviewed and managed by BWD Rensburg. The single consolidated portfolio managed to limit the loss to 4% during 2000, compared with the Financial Times weighted average loss of 10.4%, in a difficult year for investments. The Gilt Edged securities rose by 3.4%, giving a weighted average drop for the year of 7.8%. This downturn reduced the unrealised value of the fund by £13,000, against a gain of £29,000 in 1999.

The President’s and the Director General’s reports have outlined global changes taking place in our industry and how these affect the Institute. Many governments are looking to increasing employment, which is easy to measure, rather than giving aid to improve industrial efficiency. I believe the Institute’s objectives are vital in developing the skills and knowledge of its members; these belong to a group who are able to improve the sustainability, efficiency and profitability of the industry that employs them. This knowledge and skill remains with the members long after their company ceases to trade. We are looking at extending the Recruitment Service and the Consultancy Registers, to include a wider range of members’ knowledge base, particularly the "scarce skills". We are also looking to improve the way in which this information is provided and how it can better assist both member and industry.

Membership subscription fees have not increased since 1997. During the year I made recommendations for increasing the subscriptions for qualified members, whilst offering a lower rate for students. Whilst the Board and Council accepted these proposals, they were subsequently rejected by the membership at a second Extraordinary General Meeting. A review of membership fee structuring is necessary for the future financial viability of the Institute and we also need an urgent review of voting procedures to enable fee restructuring to be more widely debated amongst members. In the absence of increased subscriptions, we would warmly welcome your ideas as to how we can reduce our overdraft by £100,000 (representing an average of £20 for each institute member).

The ongoing financial situation is still causing some concern. Our Director General has asked all members to act as an ambassador for the Institute, actively encouraging their colleagues and business contacts to become members and I endorse this appeal, as does our Honorary Auditor. If one of your potential members joins, there would be discounts available to you on Textile Institute services and publications. In keeping with most UK Registered Charities, we must urgently consider employing a professional fund-raiser, in order to replace the capital that has had to be used for vital running costs in recent years.

What of the future? In 2001 the decentralisation/capitation programme is due for completion and is intended to give Regions more influence over local financial matters and an incentive to take opportunities that arise from their respective government strategies affecting textile, clothing and footwear industries.

All our thanks must go to those members from around the world who give up their time so freely to enable the work of the international, national and section committees to function. Also, to all the specialist and working groups that are necessary to serve the needs of our members and the Royal Charter. My personal thanks to the Textile Institute staff in the UK and overseas for all their work on the financial activities, and finally to our Honorary Auditor, Robert MacEwen, for his tireless work and diligence in assessing the financial and membership data.

R. Barry Start, Honorary Treasurer,
April 2001.

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