



The Textile Institute

Professional Qualifications - International Benchmarks

It is encouraging to note that in 2005 the number and quality of applications were maintained, demonstrating that the benefits of achieving one of The Textile Institute's long-established and highly valued professional qualifications are still recognised and appreciated by both individuals and employers. The range of jobs held by successful applicants was as broad as ever and applications were received from members around the world, with Asia being particularly well represented.

More courses are being submitted for accreditation as University Departments also realize the benefits of benchmarking their programmes to other textile programmes around the world. Courses in Textile Technology at the Universiti Teknologi Mara, Malaysia, and at Kumaraguru College of Technology, India, were accredited for ATI later in 2005 and several other submissions are currently in the pipeline.

It is pleasing to report that, although the Institute's central Convocation ceremony was discontinued some years ago, the presentation of certificates is still undertaken at local events from time to time and Sections such as Lahore organize more formal Convocations to celebrate the achievements of their members.

The honorary awards of Companionship and Hon Fellowship were re-introduced in 2005. In addition to the Companionships presented at the Parliamentary Lunch, mentioned earlier by the President, Honorary Fellowship was awarded to Dr Balasubramanian of India and presented locally. These awards will continue in 2006 and consideration is also being given to the re-introduction of other honorary awards in subsequent years.

Business Information Services

2005 was an active year for BIS with nearly 7000 enquiries dealt with on a variety of textile related subjects worldwide. As in previous years we have worked to streamline the service whilst protecting the integrity of the vital role the department plays in the retention and recruitment of new members. We continue to monitor the Carpet Foundation Quality Mark, and as it has been proposed to expand the scheme into a wider industry base we look forward to our continuing contribution.

In 2006 some interesting projects are in the offing. In addition we are continually looking to create similar projects for our registered consultants who can apply their specialist skills and expertise to organisations worldwide.

The main aim for 2006 is to look at purchasing new information sources to increase the availability of reliable industry data for members.

The Lord Barnby Foundation Trust has continued to support the Lord Barnby Foundation Library and the donation, as always, was gratefully received. We have significantly updated the library journal and book stock and have now included MINTEL reports for various industry sectors.

The Recruitment Register has continued to attract new members and has proved to be as popular with graduates as it is with professionals seeking new employment opportunities. From January 2006 this service will become an integral part of members' benefits packages and will no longer attract an extra registration fee. The service will also be extended to offer links with both employers and other agencies, thus widening the opportunities on offer.

Publications

2005 was a year of major achievement. All the outstanding back issues of The Journal of The Textile Institute (JTI) and Textile Progress were published and the new issues for 2005 were produced on schedule by Woodhead Publishing Limited in the new professional format in both hard and electronic versions.

This year also saw the retirement of two highly valued editors. Dr Ian Holme handed over the mantle of Editor-in-Chief of the JTI to Dr David Buchanan at the beginning of 2005 and Mr Jack Smirfitt, who had edited Textiles Magazine for more than ten years, relinquished his role to Ms Vanessa Knowles later in the year. The Institute would like to express its



Dr Ian Holme



Mr Jack Smirfitt

warmest thanks and appreciation to both gentlemen for their dedication and hard work over so many years.

Book sales were again strong in 2005, with excellent support from both Blackwell's and Woodhead's. The purchase of individual issues from the Textile Progress series has been popular and 'Textile Terms and Definitions' has been a steady seller throughout the year. Further promotions and special offers are being initiated in 2006.

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World President's Message



During my first year as World President, I have had an opportunity to work with The Textile Institute staff and Council under Professor Richard Horrocks' Chairmanship. Much of their time and effort has been to stabilise the Institute in the face of dramatic changes in the global textiles, clothing and footwear industries. I must add that Chairman Horrocks' leadership has been critical to the keen and collective efforts by the Headquarters staff and the Council.

Stability and growth in membership have always been important but are now critical to the strategic plan. This presents an important opportunity for every member to help, first by being sure that their membership is current and second by recruiting at least one new member. Interestingly, many TI members have progressed within their fields of endeavour and are now in positions to encourage younger associates to join the Institute. A fertile ground for new members is in the regions and countries that are experiencing the manufacturing growth as the industry once again transitions geographically.

With all the current changes, a strong aspect of The Textile Institute is that it continues to be relevant to member and industry needs. The TI is the source of information in the Information Age, a network of contacts to conduct business globally, a peer-review scientific organization and the qualifying Institute for professionals. All these are essential to support the ever-growing, global industries that the TI serves.

Finally, may I make note of a very successful Textile Institute Parliamentary day at the House of Lords on 11th November 2005. TI's past World President, Lord Simon Haskel hosted a large group of members and friends for lunch and an address by Lord Bhattacharyya. Companionships of The Textile Institute were presented to Mr. Seho Kyong, President of Kahee Co. Ltd., Mr. Stephen Rubin, Chairman of Pentland Group plc, and Mr. Subodh Sapra, President, global polyester business, Reliance Industries Limited. A TI Heraldic Shield was presented to Lord Haskel in recognition of his tenure as World President 2002-2005.

Mark your calendars for the parliamentary lunch 2006 to be hosted by Lord Haskel on 10th November.

Gerald Mauretti
World President

Chairman's Report



This is the third and final year of my chairmanship and I am pleased to say that 2005 was the year when the fruits of our previous reorganisation and modernisation of the Institute have begun to be harvested. As the annual statements show, the Institute, for the second year running, shows a surplus on its management accounts and the net asset value is now positive again. Since 2003 we have reduced our expenditure to less than our income. In hard cash terms, our expenditure has reduced from a figure of just over £500k to less than £350k. All this has been undertaken without increasing membership fees and as a consequence, the TI is a much leaner organisation with service to members being its primary concern.

These changes have not been easy and I must thank the dedication and hard work of our small staff led by Helen Yeowart and located at the Manchester and London offices. Without them, the streamlining of the Institute and its now much healthier financial condition could not have been achieved.

One major achievement during 2005 was the catching up in our publication backlog of JTI. Thus subscribers received all outstanding volumes up to and including 2004 plus the new 2005 edition, externally produced by Woodhead Publishing under the editorship of David Buchanan. This new issue is also available in an electronic format. In parallel, Textile Progress has also been successfully transferred to Woodhead under the editorship of Professor Xiaoming Tao of Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Following the decision of Mr Jack Smirfitt to relinquish his editorship, our membership magazine

textiles also has undergone a further modification and is now produced by Pebble International. The Institute is indebted to the immense work that Mr Smirfitt has put in over many years editing the magazine in its various forms and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking him publicly.

The annual World Conference took place during March in Raleigh, North Carolina and was a great success with over 200 delegates attending. The conference was also a platform to announce the election of our new World President, Mr Gerry Mauretti of Engineered Yarns, Massachusetts. In May Mr Mauretti took over his position from Lord Simon Haskel, to whom both the Institute and I are indebted for the work that he has put in furthering the interests and standing of the TI on the one hand and his support of myself during the last three years of challenge and change. Lord Haskel has continued supporting the Institute not least by hosting the annual Parliamentary Lunch, as mentioned above.

Finally, the membership decline of the last few years, which slowed down last year, has been further stabilised and Board and Council are focussing on membership growth during 2006. It is therefore with confidence that I can hand over the Chairmanship of Council during 2006 to Mr Mervyn Davies, formerly of Marks and Spencer plc. He brings a commercial steer to the position as well as having experience in the downstream part of the textile manufacturing supply chain where we seek to attract and recruit new members.

Professor Richard Horrocks
Chairman of Council

Events

The Textile Institute was involved in many key events around the world in 2005, organized by the Events Committee, Sections and SIGs. These events were made possible by generous sponsors and the dedicated work of the organizing committees.

The 84th Annual World Conference 2005 was held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Raleigh USA, where The Textile Institute was delighted to share a



stand with Woodhead Publishing Ltd. The Institute would like to thank the conference sponsors, who enabled the Organizing Committee to provide an international forum where the textiles, clothing and footwear world could meet to discuss current issues affecting industry.

The conference incorporated a number of social occasions, where delegates met in less formal surroundings. Entertainment was provided by North Carolina State University, College of Art and College of Textiles. The Fashion Show 'Art to Wear 2005' was enjoyed by all.

Membership and Membership Services

The membership department saw significant change in 2005 with the addition of administrative help at TIIHQ and the introduction of many new services to members - from access to the International Textile Calendar (via the members-only part of the website) to the digitization of the Journal of The Textile Institute and Textile Progress.

Thanks are due to all Sections and Section representatives who give their time freely to raise the profile of The Textile Institute worldwide. There has been significant membership growth and section activity, particularly in Australasia, Asia and mainland Europe and it is hoped that this positive trend will continue in 2006.

Textiles has now been the membership magazine since January 2004. It was re-launched with a more up-to-date image at the end of 2005 and this has been well received by members. TI News largely depends on the membership and the Institute would like to encourage members from both industry and academia to submit their news from all areas of textiles, clothing and footwear.



The website is being developed to provide a more interactive site. All views and suggestions made for improving the TI website have been collected and an amalgamation of these is being put into place over the next six months. Suggestions have included a more user-friendly site, with easier to read, clear and up-to-date information and most importantly a secure website. Security of the site was put into place in 2005.

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The Wearable Futures Conference, Hybrid Culture

in the Design and Development of Soft Technology, was held at the University of Wales, Newport, Wales, UK. The conference had an excellent attendance and was organized in association with the University of Wales, PDR, Cardiff's Metropolitan University, SCAN, Selvedge Magazine, The Textile Institute and ASF Weave.



TRIM

The Institute was delighted to have a stand at the TRIM Conference held at the American Intercontinental University in London, UK.

Egypt

Sahara Group in cooperation with The Textile Institute organized the "1st Euro-Mediterranean Textile and Clothing Supply Chain Integration" Conference, which was held in Cairo.

It is pleasing to report a 25% increase in visits to the website, the most popular pages being in the members-only area, including the International Textile Calendar, Patron, Section, Events and Special Interest Group pages.

The TI London Office is conveniently situated in central London, to represent the southern area of the UK. Bill Bohm is the Manager based at this office and is also the Secretary of both the Design and the Fashion & Technology Special Interest Groups. The London office is also key in supporting the southern Sections of the Institute.



The Parliamentary Lunch, a popular event in the TI annual calendar, was held in the Terrace Room of the House of Lords on Friday 11th November 2005. It was hosted by The Lord Haskel, immediate Past President of the Institute.

Pentland plc teamed up with the Institute to sponsor the Pentland Design Award in 2005. As there was such a positive response from members, industry and universities, the award will also be run in 2006.

