The Textile Institute
Annual Report
2011
World President’s Message

The Textile Institute (TI) Centenary World Conference Textiles: a Global Vision celebrated the heritage and the future of textiles, clothing and footwear worldwide and fulfilled its aim in providing a chance to meet with friends old and new and network globally exchanging information and knowledge. As World President I would like to thank the prestigious industry leading sponsors and supporters for making this premier international forum such a success for all. Social media and other web based technologies now play a pivotal role in our daily lives but as an Institute we recognise there is still a need today for personal contact with colleagues, customers and fellow delegates which allows the industry to network freely and was achieved through this conference.

I would like to thank my colleagues on Council, the staff at the Institute International Headquarters and all those involved in Centenary activities for their support throughout 2010 during my first term as World President. I would like to join John Wilson OBE CompTI chairman of The Textile Institute in his applaud of the Conference Chair Professor Subhash Anand MBE CText FTI.

The Parliamentary Lunch held on 5 November 2010 was a great success, growing in strength and is a key event in the Institutes annual programme of events.

The Textile Institute set a new strategy for implementation in 2009 and changed its business model to focus on the services that we provide to members, industry and above all the general public as a whole worldwide. The Institute must concentrate on key areas of activity, its services and develop utilising its core competencies. The objectives concentrate primarily on developing brand knowledge of The Textile Institute as the benchmark for professionalism worldwide. Through its Special Interest Groups, its regions, local Sections and partners, the Institute will establish annual programmes of events of the highest quality across the world. This was certainly achieved throughout 2010.

The TI aims to develop professional qualifications, accreditation and training schemes through education and training worldwide in schools, universities and in industry for the advancement of knowledge. In 2010 through the Schools Seminars, Short Courses ‘Introduction to Textiles’, 75 members receiving professional qualifications and 25 courses being accredited or re-accredited this is certainly an achievement towards this goal.

The TI is developing its publications portfolio to establish its professional and academic publications as the world leading media for publishing and disseminating new knowledge and research which will be achieved with our leading publishers and partners. Above all through the development of our services we hope to increase both individual and Corporate membership worldwide with improved member engagement.

In 2010 a successful Member-Get-Member campaign took place whereby members introduced new members to the Institute in order to receive a discount on their membership in 2011. Many members will be pleased to know that this is continuing in 2011 and I call on members for global participation in this campaign.

The online membership survey has enabled us to find out exactly how individual members view the package and service and gave an opportunity for them to provide feedback. It was a resounding success with nearly 16% of our members completing the survey. From those that replied most were employed in industry with nearly half having 30 years professional experience.

Professional qualifications were listed as the most important aspect of TI membership with 80% of all members possessing a Textile Institute professional qualification with the majority holding a CText ATI. By far the most popular publication is textiles the membership magazine.

Social networks like twitter and facebook are becoming an important communication tool to both individuals and business. The TI launched its twitter and facebook site in 2010 for the Centenary and it has gathered much interest and pace. Whilst email has become the primary communication tool people and organisations have learned that it can still have drawbacks and to network and develop we need interaction. Social networking has been introduced at the TI as an efficient way to communicate with members and those engaged in all textile based industries and forms part of our overall strategy. This format of communication will be used in conjunction with the current mail and print communication and our messages will have consistency across all media. We aim to increase membership interaction by providing real-time communication with members internationally and above all support the mission in improving member-to-member communication. I urge you all to get involved and network with your colleagues both at home and overseas.

Members of The Textile Institute voted to increase the membership subscription fees in 2011 after a ten year period of non-adjustment which will enable the Institute to improve and develop its services further.

The Textile Institute continues to raise its profile internationally and is delighted to announce that it will have a stand at ITMA 2011 in Barcelona, Spain which I will host as World President. I invite you to visit the booth where the International Headquarters Staff and many other TI representatives will be based.

In 2011 we as an Institute have much to look forward to and develop. The next world conference is in the development stage and will be held in Malaysia in 2012. The Institute will focus on areas with growth potential to set up and revitalise Sections that will be occupied with ambassadors for the TI playing an influencing role within industry and educational. The TI is working with its members and partners to develop core areas of activity including Bangladesh, China, India, and Pakistan whilst not forgetting were we already have a strong membership base. We will strive to develop Special Interest Groups for the benefit of the various and many sectors of our industry.

Mr Andreas Weber
CText FTI
World President
Message from the Chair of Council & Board

The Centenary and Beyond

During my first term as Chair of The Textile Institute (TI) I have been astonished at the goodwill we as an Institute receive from members who work tirelessly to organise events and attend meetings simply for the benefit of their fellow members and textile industries worldwide.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Honorary Officers, Council Members and all those involved in Committee work, activities and all staff at the International Headquarters Manchester who helped to make the TI a success in its Centennial year. There are many to thank some of whom I have been able to personally but there so many I have not had a chance to speak with.

Celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2010 The Textile Institute, its Sections and Special Interest Groups worldwide organised special events, culminating in the Institutes Centenary Conference which was immediately followed by the Parliamentary Lunch at the Houses of Parliament in London.

International events, seminars, activities and competitions where held throughout the year from Australasia, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Switzerland to London, Manchester and Yorkshire to name a few. In the difficult times we are living in it is astounding when the year is reviewed to fully appreciate all of the activities that took place. Every month of 2010 somewhere in the world there were numerous events, conferences, dinners and parties celebrating 100 years of The Textile Institute.

For those that attended the Centenary Conference 'Textiles: a Global Vision' I am sure will agree that it was the best yet with an excellent programme throughout. Four international keynote speakers, over eighty oral presentations and 40 posters, plus social events ensured that The Textile Institute Centenary Conference was a celebration of all that is textiles now and in the future. The very special Awards and Centenary Dinner, taking place at The Monastery, and an outstanding closing ceremony party, at Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United were thoroughly enjoyable.

Our thanks and praise must go to Professor Subhash Anand MBE CText FTI, Chair of the Conference whom with his international committee and team not forgetting the support from TIHQ spent 18 months preparing for this spectacular event. The Textile Institute Centenary Conference was supported by industry, education, members and sponsors and our thanks go to all involved who helped to make this showcase event such a success.

Short courses 'An Introduction to Textiles' has proved popular as well as a success since their introduction in 2010 and is being serviced by leading experts in Fibres, Yarns, Fabrics, Dyeing and Finishing, Fabric Performance, Testing and Clothing Manufacturing, all of whom are chartered members of The Textile Institute.

At the Institute’s Design Means Business exhibition in London new designers from all areas of textiles, clothing and footwear were given the opportunity to raise their own and their universities profile within industry with over 250 industry representatives attending.

The Institute continues with its programme of School Seminars managed through the London Office and hope to develop these further. The programme provides teachers with up to date information on technological developments currently taking place in the world of fashion and textiles. The aim is to support their work in the classroom across all levels.

The cornerstone of activities for the Institute is in its networking, bringing people together and the dissemination of information for the benefit of all which has been effectively carried out through our programme of activities in 2010. As an Institute we are clear in our objects and through this are becoming more stable in our infrastructure worldwide and continue to be the only truly international organisation representing all textile industries worldwide but as always there is still much work to do. Through their activities members are excellent ambassadors for their industry and continue to promote professional development in textiles, clothing and footwear on an international basis.

We want our members to be proud of the only truly International Institute for Textiles, Clothing and Footwear and such projects as the continuing work in Bangladesh which helps to set up and support library resources for universities and colleges through the Bangladesh Quality Support Programme (BQSP) illustrates our reach far and wide.

The application of knowledge into industry is vital and through our programme of professional qualifications, members of The Textile Institute can become globally recognised as chartered professionals. If you have not qualified I urge you to speak with The Textile Institute staff and Chartered members who will illustrate how the Institute recognise and endorse not just academic knowledge but also professional experience and the competence to use that expertise in practical situations in the workplace.

The Textile Institute publications portfolio continued to grow in 2010 with our partners Taylor & Francis and the Institute continues to publish books and develop its partnership with Woodhead Publishing.

The Textile Institute is doing its utmost in initiating new and innovative policies to enhance and improve the services to its members, the general public and textile industries worldwide.

John Wilson OBE
Chair of Council and Board
This has been my second year as Honorary Treasurer. I continue to be impressed at the variety and complexity of our many and varied activities. To cope with the financial consequences, we continue to develop internal management systems to enable us to be as aware as possible of what is happening to our revenues and costs.

The Auditor’s report of our 2010 financial progress shows that we have continued to consolidate our position. There is a surplus on our profit and loss account and a rise in our net assets on our balance sheet. These gains are relatively modest, but represent some stability given our past history and the global economic background.

The 2010 Centenary Conference is the major reason for our advance and may I thank our various financial sponsors here.

Our underlying position did move ahead even excluding this successful event. A strong performance from our publishing royalty income, due to increased circulation, was of special significance here. New training courses were also most encouraging.

The 2010 rise in stock market values is reflected by a positive impact on our year end investment portfolio values. This throws up a positive ‘non-trading’ input to the Accounts.

Overall, 2010 was close to our budgets estimates. We managed to keep within our overdraft, helped by advance Centenary Conference sponsorship and by careful management.

Our cash flow and budget forecasts for 2011 are again firmly based on our recent record and likely prospects.

I am most grateful for the support and insights that I received from our Honorary Auditor, Robert MacEwen, and the TIHQ team.

Mr Lawrence Rubin
Ctext ATI
Honorary Treasurer
Events and Activities 2010

The Textile Institute has enjoyed an exciting year of innovative and thought provoking events:

- **January** - Roy Godden Lecture ‘Shifting between the Digital and Material Worlds’ London, UK
- **February** - Yorkshire Section – PP Townend Lecture ‘A lifelong Love Affair with Textiles’ Huddersfield UK
- **February/October** - Training Courses - ‘Introduction to Textiles’ Manchester, UK
- **April** - 65th Meeting Swiss Section Zurich, Switzerland
- **April** - Digital Strategies: Innovation Through Apparel and Textile Technologies Symposium, New Zealand
- **May** - Textile Institute Birthday Party Town Hall, Manchester, UK
- **June** - Managing Innovation in Textiles - International Conference Manchester, UK
- **June** - School Seminars for teachers, Manchester and London, UK
- **July** - Design Exhibition HM Treasury London, UK
- **July** - Dinner and Party New South Wales Australia
- **August** - Smart Fabrics Sri Lanka
- **August** - GSP and Clothing in Perspective Sri Lanka
- **November** - Centenary Conference ‘Textiles: a Global Vision’ Manchester, UK
- **November** - Parliamentary Lunch House of Lords London, UK
- **December** - Bangladesh Section Event and Meeting Dhaka Bangladesh

Centenary Conference

Celebrating 100 Years with Activity

Throughout 2010 The Textile Institute celebrated its Centenary with various events and activities. 2010 proved to be a hugely successful year for Textile Institute events.

The licensing agreement has been revised which enables the TI to co-badge and support external events worldwide. The TI had a full programme of events in 2010 with conferences, seminars and exhibitions organised by our Sections, Special Interest Groups, partnered events and of course our pinnacle event the Centenary Conference held in Manchester UK in November.

The conference itself welcomed in excess of 200 delegates from a truly international audience with nearly 90 oral presentations and 40 poster presentations. Many more came to the spectacular Awards Ceremony held at The Monastery in Manchester. A public thanks should be noted to the conference sponsors, media partners and supporters from both industry and academia whose goodwill and contributions made this a spectacular event.

A conference review can be found in textiles Issue 1 for 2011.

The last day of the Centenary Conference saw many members, colleagues and friends of the TI attend the Parliamentary Lunch at the Houses of Parliament London UK organised by the TI London office which was as usual a most enjoyable occasion.

The TI would like to thank its offices, Sections, Special Interest Groups and Committees worldwide who work tirelessly in supporting the aim of the Institute by organising events that facilitate learning, recognise achievement, reward excellence and above all disseminate information. The Centenary celebrations and Centenary Conference proved that the Institute is a vital, enlivened and important international organisation for those associated with the textile, clothing and footwear industries worldwide.
Key Achievements

- Logo - The Textile Institute Logo is trademarked
- Centenary Publication and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh KG KT foreword - A special celebration publication for the Institutes centenary
- Membership Survey - A successful member survey conducted with the views of members worldwide
- Individual members - Over 250 new individual members
- Corporate members - Over 10 new Corporate members
- Andreas Weber CText FTI - 54th elected World President, the third Swiss and Chairman Swiss Section welcomed as World President
- John Wilson OBE - The Textile Institute welcomes new Chairman from London, UK
- Student Competitions - Numerous Student Competitions taking place worldwide in Design, Sustainability, Fashion, Best Student Paper and many more
- Special Interest Groups and Sections - Revitalisation and development of Sections and Special Interest Groups worldwide.
- Student Bursaries - The Benevolent Society provides 10 student bursaries for the Centenary World Conference
- Managing Innovation in Textiles: The Textile Institute introduces an international conference into its programme of annual events.
- Graduate Fashion Designer - After a successful event a Graduate gains employment through the Design Exhibition July 2010
- Design Means Business - Another successful graduate design exhibition organised by the Design Special Interest Group.
- Training Courses and School Seminars - Both learning resources are now set in the Textile Institute annual events calendar
- ITMA 2011 - The Textile Institute announces its attendance at ITMA 2011, Barcelona
- Events a New Era - The Textile Institute develops its co-badging scheme to further endorse external and partner events, conferences and seminars held worldwide
- Textiles: A Global Vision – A successful international Centenary World Conference held in Manchester UK bringing industry and academia together
- Member-Get-Member Campaign - Successful Member-Get-Member Campaign worldwide
- Medals and Awards - Revitalisation of Medals and Awards with 30 Member and 6 Industry awards
- News – TI News and Press Releases emailed to members and press throughout the year worldwide utilising new mailing systems
- Expansion of The Textile Institute's publications portfolio with the inclusion of the International Journal of Fashion Design, Technology and Education under the TI brand
- 25 new CText FTIs awarded
- 49 new CText ATI's awarded
- 1 new LTI awarded
- 10 new courses accredited
- 15 courses reaccredited
- Continuing The Textile Institute's involvement with UNIDO work in Bangladesh

Publishing

As the only chartered professional body for textiles, clothing and footwear, the Institute's portfolio of journals should be fully representative of its membership scope. In 2010 concerted efforts were made to acquire new journal titles to add to the existing ones.

Through our relationship with publishers Taylor & Francis, The Textile Institute will from January 2011 co-publish the International Journal of Fashion Design, Technology and Education and in 2011 a suitable footwear journal will be identified.

Professional Qualifications

Results from the member survey illustrated the importance of The Textile Institute's range of qualifications. Members holding a TI qualification can prove their competence within the textile, clothing and footwear industry globally.

Accreditation

The international benchmark of textile education. This internationally recognised programme awards colleges and universities Textile Institute verification which illustrates commitment not only to student education, but, also career progression as graduating students from accredited courses can be fast tracked through the professional qualifications application process.

Benevolent Society

The Textile Institute Benevolent Society was established nearly 50 years ago to help eligible Textile Institute members or their dependants who find themselves in need.

In recent years, this has included assisting TI members of at least three years' standing who have become unemployed, by paying a contribution towards TI membership fees. This helps such members to keep in touch with their profession, thereby assisting them in their search for employment. Members who have fallen ill and who have special needs outside normal health provision have been assisted in a variety of ways. In 2010 the Benevolent Society provided 10 student bursaries for attendance of the Centennial World Conference Textiles: a Global Vision.
Corporate Membership

Be part of a unique international brand

Corporate Membership is open to all organisations, academic institutions and associations worldwide, who contribute in any way to the textile, clothing and footwear industries. The Institute has continually sought to serve the professional interests of its members and provide them with the opportunities to help each other and the textile industry.

Benefits of a Worldwide Corporate Membership

• Exclusive rights - TI Corporate member logo on your Corporate ID
• Network - Your logo, contact details, and web link will be, listed on the Institute website.
• Social Network - join the TI facebook and twitter pages and keep the textile industry up to date with your news
• Events - network at TI conferences and seminars held worldwide
• Training – take part in a Textile Institute training programme in all areas of textile, clothing and footwear
• Sections – keep the textile industry updated locally about your organisation through regular Section activities
• Special Interest Groups - take the platform and inform or raise issues relating to your industry worldwide
• Profile – let members read about what your organisation is up to in textiles which is distributed to a 4000 plus readership.
• Advertise employment opportunities on the TI website
• Enquiries through Information Services to save you time

Receive:

• The Journal of The Textile Institute: In digital and hard copy format.
• Textile Progress: In digital and hard copy format.
• Textiles: In digital hard copy format.

The Textile Institute

The Textile Institute is a unique organisation in textiles, clothing and footwear. It was incorporated in England by a Royal Charter granted in 1925 and is a registered charity and recognised as a non-profit association under the laws of many countries. It is governed democratically by and on behalf of individual members throughout the world. The Institute has individual and corporate members in up to 80 countries, the membership covers all sectors and all disciplines in textiles, clothing and footwear. Within the global textiles, clothing and footwear industries the aim of the Institute is to facilitate learning, to recognise achievement, to reward excellence and to disseminate information.

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