Incorporated in England by a Royal Charter granted in 1925, inaugurated in 1910, The Textile Institute is governed democratically by and on behalf of members throughout the world, registered as a charity and recognised as a non-profit association under the laws of many countries.
Charity Number: 222478
Message from the Chair of Council & Board

2014 started well for the Institute with a successful review of staffing needs and a reorganisation of responsibilities at TIHQ. Plans for the World Conference were well underway, staff visited Indonesia and Shanghai for various exhibitions and showcases (with generous financial support from BTMA) and the AGM saw Dr Peter Dinsdale CText FTI accepting a request from the membership to remain in the role as World President for an exceptional third year.

How quickly things can change, though. With the sudden and untimely loss of Peter only 3 months later, we were suddenly without our helmsman and at first it was difficult to contemplate preparing for future events without him to steer us through. It has been said by many that Peter was a ‘top textile expert’, ‘full of passion’, ‘A shining example’; ‘A role model’ and ‘A true gentleman’. Certainly all of these things are true and so it is with a heavy heart that I attempt to draw a picture of the TI during 2014 from both the point of view of the World President and the Chairman.

The reorganisation of staff responsibilities, approved by both Board and Council in the Spring of 2014, saw the appointment of a CEO with overall responsibility to uphold the requirements of the Royal Charter, Brand TI and to ensure that all Textile Institute services are administered efficiently, cost effectively and in compliance with the rules governing and protecting The Textile Institute’s charitable status. The Professional Affairs Director took on full responsibility for Qualifications, Publications, Information Services and other areas such as HR and office activities (e.g. IT). The Events Manager now concentrates her efforts on events and training which, as we will see, have become a major area of development as well as a focus on advertising for 2015 which is much needed. Other staff roles have remained largely unchanged with the Membership Administrator working hard to recruit new and retain existing Individual and Corporate Members. Staff members have expressed satisfaction in the new structure with defined responsibilities and clear lines of authority which had been a grey area for a number of years.

2014 was a World Conference year. The decision to allow the Wuhan Textile University in Hubei Province, China to host the event was certainly a good one. Over 450 delegates attended the 4 day event at the Lake View Garden Hotel in November 2014. The TI was grateful to BenSoc (its benevolent society) for providing grants for students to apply for in order to attend the conference. Over 150 papers were delivered together with around 50 posters. Keynote speeches were given each morning by distinguished guests from around the world, representing many different areas of the industry. Our hosts were charming, welcoming and extremely well organised resulting in one of the most rewarding events of recent years. Several prestigious medals and awards were presented to well deserving recipients during the splendid conference banquet.

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Dr Peter Dinsdale CText FTI
23 March 1945 – 10 August 2014

As many of you will be aware Dr Peter Dinsdale CText FTI World President of The Textile Institute affectionately known to many as Peter sadly passed away on the 10 August 2014 at Norwich Hospital in Norfolk.

Since his passing Peter has been described as a true English gentleman, a kind and generous man who was full of energy; a man with a cheerful and positive spirit who always had amazing stories to tell; and a man of great professionalism with an unbelievable knowledge of his field of work.

In this annual report the Institute would like to present a brief profile of Peter to highlight the work he did during his work as World President of The Textile Institute and a Member of Council. He was a man from an average middle-class family in the Midlands that went on to visit over 90 countries in his lifetime.

Peter joined the Institute in 1969 and was immediately eligible to be awarded his (Licentiateship), achieving his Associate in 1971, followed by his Fellowship in 1985. He became an elected Council member in 1982 and served on many of the Institute’s committees over the years: PR and Marketing; Accreditation; Events and Publications; Activities Committee.

When he became the 54th World President he seemed humbled that he had been selected to serve. Referring to previous Presidents he said ‘It is an eminent and distinguished group I follow. I know it will not be easy living up to the high standards set by my predecessors...’ How many will now say that of him?

Peter’s route into textiles doesn’t seem to have been an obvious choice for him. With a scientific mind - and coming from Nottingham - he said he had the choice of a career with Boots the Chemist, Rolls Royce or to join British Celanese. He chose Celanese but without realising he was really passing through a door marked ‘Textiles’. It was the start of a career that in the early days took him from Courtaulds to Lonrho, from Lonrho to Platt Saco Lowell and then into international businesses allowing him to spend time in almost 100 countries where textiles are made.

It is the seemingly effortless way that Peter was able to network with the people he met during his career that benefitted The Textile Institute most. One of his main aims was to increase the number of Corporate Members on the books and his strategy has already given rise to a 30% increase. But Peter wasn’t only interested in Corporate Members. He played a major role in securing Wuhan as the venue of our next World Conference. From publications to accreditation; short courses to website design, Peter had a hand in all of the activities of The Textile Institute and often asked pertinent – and difficult questions.

He had a very brief but honest reply to give to anyone who asked him ‘What do I get out of joining The Textile Institute? – What can The Textile Institute do for me?’ He would advise them that The Textile Institute is not a shop but rather a special club and as with all clubs, you get out of it what you put in.

In his President’s address at the AGM in May 2014 he made reference to the fact that ‘this textile industry of ours has been regarded by some as a Cinderella of the manufacturing world and accused sometimes of being a tired and old fashioned sector but nothing could be further from the truth’. Peter’s sense of excitement and fascination in all things textile was palpable and infectious.

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the year we entered into an agreement with HKITA (Hong Kong) which now sees their members requesting membership with the TI plus the added bonus of applying for TI professional qualifications through a fast track process. New Individual Members have also been attracted but we still see lapsed membership as a major hit to our finances. The new website, currently under development and being paid for by the Foundation Fund, will undoubtedly be the focus of much attention and should attract a new generation of members. It is a project which is long overdue. Another project to mention which was funded by the fund is the new IT system which has been fully upgraded and although we had a few teething problems the impact will be significant to the resource flow.

There was a great deal of Section activity during 2014. I was delighted to visit the Swiss Section’s AGM early in the year where a new Chairman was being installed. It was also an opportunity to publicly thank Andreas Weber for his 10 year service as Chairman of the Swiss Section. Asia has been particularly busy with regular events taking place in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Hong Kong and at NISTI, India. The Lahore Section has also held many gatherings in addition to being given the honour of presenting the ITMA+CITME Launch for 2014. The Southern Australia Section Student Design and Technology Competition was a prestigious event looked forward to and attended by many and celebrates over 20 years of success. In England the London Section continued its very successful monthly programme of events, attracting high profile speakers and the Yorkshire District section worked closely with the Huddersfield and Bradford Textile Societies to revitalise TI activities in the north of England.

Textile Institute publications continue to be a major source of income as well as a key means of sharing information and disseminating new knowledge to members. The Journal of The Textile Institute remains a highly sought after vehicle for the publication of quality research. Textile Progress and the many book titles which are marketed under the TI’s name are also in demand. Income received from royalties was as expected and very welcome. Although textiles magazine is still popular amongst members, the move to produce some issues in digital only format lost the TI a number of members and also some individual subscriptions. Following the survey mentioned in last year’s report Council agreed to revert to paper copies of the magazine and we hope that this will encourage some members and subscribers to return. Textiles will still be produced in digital format for those who prefer to read on-screen. The magazine is also going through a face-lift following comments made by some of our more creative members.

Unfortunately income derived from the Information Services department and also from advertising is disappointingly low. Although one could argue there are several reasons for this it is important that the Information Services department undergoes an overhaul and a new plan for advertising is to be drawn up, including new, more attractive advertising rates. Once again the new website will help here.

A steady stream of applications for ATI and FTI came before the Professional Qualifications Committee, strengthened both by the agreement with HKITA and the planned world conference in Wuhan. However submissions from Universities and colleges for accreditation and reaccreditation of their courses fell during the first half of the year. Senior staff set up a meeting with a group of academics from clothing and fashion related courses in the UK and asked if a new qualification, specifically designed for more creative areas of the textile supply chain, might encourage them to apply. Their answer was a resounding ‘no’; they didn’t feel a separate qualification was necessary, although they did agree that the message regarding TI qualifications, the language that application forms are written in and communication methods used to get the message out must be improved. This has given the Professional Qualifications department something to work with and a new application form is being designed with creative and business elements clearly included. The assessment process will remain as rigorous as always with the addition of on-site visits to colleges being made where feasible. Help is also being offered to academic departments where new or reviewed courses are being scrutinised to ensure that sufficient focus is being given to required areas for accreditation.

The Approval process which was developed as a sister to accreditation but more specifically for short courses and training was further enhanced by the addition of a credit rating process in 2014. Although applications for approval were slow at first, with the final budget falling short of anticipated income, increasing numbers of short course providers are now requesting that their products get TI approval and some are attracted to having them approved with credit. There will be focus on attracting new Accredited and Approved Courses for 2015 and to exceed targets.

As referred to in last year’s report the Foundation Fund was grateful to receive a sum of money from Capitb to develop a series of short courses as an introduction to clothing for those employed in the clothing and fashion related areas of the industry. As agreed a survey was conducted to determine the subject matter most needed to be covered. From the results of this survey a list of titles was drawn up and by the end of 2014 the content of 6 courses was produced. These courses are now being approved with credit and will be promoted and delivered between spring and autumn 2015. Although this will provide welcome income for the TI it also helps to fulfil our objectives in advancing the general interests of the industry in relation to the acquisition and application of knowledge. The ever popular Introduction to Textiles 3 day course was offered twice in 2014 and helped the Events department to exceed financial targets.

Bespoke courses developed for a single employer were also delivered in three separate UK locations.

Although the Foundation Fund, launched at the end of 2012, began well with almost half of the GBP£100,000 target being achieved in 18 months through the generosity of individuals, industry and associated institutions, circumstances in 2014 left little time to drive this initiative forward with the same impetus. We still have almost 12 months left to reach our goal and beseech all of our members and supporters to help us achieve it. Already the fund has helped to transform systems that we use to communicate with the membership worldwide. It has paid for new courses to be designed and is key to the development of the new website. We welcome suggestions for other projects and for fundraising ideas. Remember this is your Institute.

At the last Council meeting of 2014 I was humbled to be asked to remain as Chairman for a further twelve months and willingly agreed. At the same meeting we appointed a new Vice-Chairman and agreed a new World President elect to take over the reins, with the Membership’s agreement, at the AGM in May 2015.

Times change. People join us – and leave us – but with your support your professional body will endure. It is clear that we are moving into a new era with a wider scope than ever before. Whilst staying true to the roots of our Institute it is possible to embrace all facets of the textile supply chain be they manufacturing, design and development, or business related. It is hoped that some of the initiatives being worked on by the Events, Professional Affairs and Membership departments will reap benefits in the future and will see us welcoming new groups of members from all corners of the globe and every area of our industry.

Helen D Rowe
ComptTI CText FTI
Chairman of Council and Board
Honorary Treasurer’s Report

This is the first year in office as the Honorary Treasure and my first task is to thank the previous Honorary Treasurer, Mr Lawrence Rubin CText ATI for his work of the past 5 years, I would also wish to thank the Council and the team at the TI for their support and encouragement in this new role for myself.

Costs have been kept under control in the year and it is critical that this continues given the limited income foreseen in the coming year.

As noted in previous years our income flow is not stable through the year and pressure is on during May to October using our maximum overdraft and bank loan facilities. This limits our opportunities for investment in new projects and impacts on management time. All should be aware that we are operating at the limit of our financial resources and 2015 will be difficult and challenging.

It was therefore necessary to use Foundation Funds to pay our day to day debts through the year and also to be very strict on our suppliers through the middle of the year as mentioned earlier. This is not a comfortable position for our team and therefore all efforts should be made to increase our income stream. I am pleased to report at the time of writing the funds advanced from the Foundation in 2014 have been repaid.

On a more positive note there has been good news on the income front with some events exceeding the budget for 2014. These include a strong return from the World Conference of the TI giving a GBP£14,400, 50% above the budgeted figure.

Short Courses and training are very valuable and important to our income and it should be stated that a one off specially designed short course for an individual company was a highlight of the year bringing much needed income at a critical time.

Corporate Membership exceeded its target by 20% thanks to the work of many including the Honorary Officers and Sections in recruiting new members and the membership team at TiIHQ in working to retain lapsed organisations and recruiting at key events and exhibitions throughout the year.

Publications income had a mixed year with highs and lows. Whilst Royalty payments continue to be a significant and welcome contribution to the department overall income fell short by some 15% from magazine subscriptions, advertising, books sales and online subscriptions to TT&D. Book sale income will continue to decline as the Institute continues to sell its diminishing book stock and will now focus on revenue from publishing agreements and royalties.

The income from advertising in the TI magazine has not been a success largely because of the limited number of editions of magazines in a year, therefore restoration of an income from advertising should be restored by a new plan for advertising which will review rates and packages available and will be promoted alongside a redesign of the magazine. Advertising opportunities will be explored using the newly developed website: this will be realistically later in 2015.

A suggested review of Membership fees is underway at this time through the Membership Committee, a decision will be made in due course and members will be asked to vote on this at the AGM on 14 May 2015 for implementation in 2016 following a five year hiatus.

Looking forward to 2015, a continued focus in Corporate Membership subscriptions would be most welcome and also the retention of Individual Membership subscriptions as in 2014.

Geoff Kershaw  CText ATI
Honorary Treasurer
Key Achievements

- 20 New and reinstated Corporate Members
- 232 New Student Members
- 155 New Individual Members
- 450 delegates at TIWC 2014
- 1 new accredited course to ATI
- 2 new approved courses
- 2 re-approved courses
- 8 Medals and Awards presented
- 9 new FTIs awarded
- 10 reaccredited courses
- 18 new ATIs awarded
- Fashion Course Leader lunch
- Dr Peter Dinsdale agrees to stand for an exceptional year as World President
- JTI impact factor increase in 2014
- JTI maintains its listing in the top 10 materials science journals worldwide
- CapitB Trust support Introduction to Clothing Manufacturing training
- Tailoring SIG sponsors of Golden Shears Awards
- Talks being held with Institute of Natural Fibres and Medicinal Plants (INF&MP) to host TIWC 2016 in Poznan, Poland
- TISA National Student Design and Technology Award Australia

2014 Events and Activities

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

- January - London and SE England Section Roy Godden Lecture Whose Petticoat is this? UK
- January - NISTI Award Ceremony, India
- February - Training Courses - 'Introduction to Textiles' TilHQ, UK
- February - London and SE England Section Simon Baker talking about Gieves and Hawkes Lecture, UK
- February - Lahore Section joint Seminar with Corporate Member UMT, Pakistan
- March - Swiss Section 35th AGM and presentation, Switzerland
- March - Sri Lanka Section Textile Technology & Trade: Where are we going? By Dr Peter Dinsdale CText FTI
- March - Bangladesh Section Meeting
- April - London and SE England Section and SDC joint event The Printed Spectrum, UK
- April - Lahore Section official supports of launch for ITMA ASIA+ CITME in Pakistan
- April - Indo Indotex Exhibition, Indonesia
- May Sri Lanka - Fast Safe Fashion Colour by Janet Best, Sri Lanka
- May - Tl AGM TilHQ, UK
- May - London and SE England Section Graham Jones The Internet Psychologist, UK
- June - London and SE England Section AGM Tim Grice on Sustainable Textile Care, UK
- June - ITMA Shanghai, China
- August - Scottish Section revitalisation meeting, Scotland, UK
- October - Yorkshire and District Section Annual White Rose Lecture, UK
- October - London and SE England Section Janet Wilson and Professional Training for the Fashion Sector, UK
- October – 74th Meeting Swiss Section held in the showroom of Tischi Teppichboden AG in Urnäsch, Switzerland
- October - Training Courses - ‘Introduction to Textiles’ TilHQ, UK
- November - London and SE England Section From fair-isle to football boots by Dr Vikki Haffenden, UK
- November - TIWC 2014 Wuhan, China a great success with over 450 delegates
- November - Southern Australia Section Student Design Awards Showcase, Australia
- November - Parliamentary Lunch House of Lords London, UK
- November - Bangladesh Section Awards Presentation, Bangladesh
- November - Sri Lanka Section Janet Best talks about New innovation in colour specification, Sri Lanka
- November - Sri Lanka AGM and grand dinner, Sri Lanka
- December – NISTI Development of Three Dimensional Pressure Relieving Cushions for Prevention of Pressure Sores, India
Corporate Membership

Corporate Members - be part of a unique international Brand

Premier Corporate Members have access to many more benefits including a place at the Parliamentary Lunch in November, an advert in textiles the membership magazine and the organisational logo displayed on The Textile Institute homepage amongst other benefits. We are also happy to tailor the package to suite individual requirements throughout the year.

- Aksa Akrilik Kimya San AS
- Daffodil International University
- DBL Group
- Kucukcalik Tekstil San Tic. A.S.
- Lenzing AG
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Ningbo Cixing Co Ltd
- Oerlikon Textile GmbH & Co KG
- SDC Enterprises Limited
- Shandong Ruyi Group
- Turkish Textile Employers’ Association
- University of Brighton
- University of Huddersfield
- University of Manchester
- VeriVide Limited
- Wuhan Textile University

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Information Service

- Quick enquiries from the Business Information Department
- Advertise latest employment opportunities via the TI website
- 20% Discount on most TI services including advertising rates and books

Publications

- textiles magazine: Hard copy format
- ‘ITC’ International Textile Calendar of up to 200 events held worldwide: Digital format
- Membership Directory: In digital format - search for textiles professionals
- Annual Report: Digital and hard copy format
- The Journal of the Textile Institute: Digital and hard copy format
- Textile Progress: Digital and hard copy format
- TI News: Digital and hard copy format
- Email Newsletters keeping members up to date with news
- Access to Textile Terms and Definitions (TT&D)

Premier Services

- 1 free place at Parliamentary Lunch
- On joining, exposure in TI News Section of textiles membership magazine. To include logo, 250 words and images as appropriate.
- Quarterly news update in textiles membership magazine
- 1 free newsletter or organisational update a year emailed to TI members and other databases
- Special recognition on the TI website

Affiliate*

- Standard: £500
- Premier: £700

*Affiliate has two employees who are currently individual TI members
Corporate Membership allows organisations to keep up to date with what is happening in the textile industry locally, nationally and globally. This includes opportunities for potential partners for strategic alliances and immediate access to an international network of contacts.

Through the TI’s extensive global network members benefit from contacts with textile professionals worldwide.

Corporate Members of The Textile Institute are afforded many diverse benefits as part of their membership making it useful to both Industrial & Academic organisations.

The Textile Institute has members in all sectors of fibre-based industries worldwide. Special Interest Groups provide a focus for members in different sectors, and many of them organise conferences, study tours and other events in their subject area.

The Textile Institute is hoping to revitalise SIGs and members will be urged to reintroduce and develop new international groups to represent the textile industries.

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Special Interest Group activities, groups and events are open to all members to take part in. The Council of the Institute accepts proposals from members to revitalise or set up new groups that are of interest to the wider textiles industries worldwide.
Publications

The Journal of The Textile Institute

Published by Taylor & Francis on behalf of the Institute, the Journal of The Textile Institute (JTI) continues to lead the way in research and innovation. Co-edited by Dr David Buchanan CText FTI and Dr William Oxenham Hon FTI CText ATI the journal’s impact factor rose 41% in 2013 and is ranked in the top 10 of materials science journals in the world.

Textile Progress

Published by Taylor & Francis on behalf of The Textile Institute and edited by Prof Richard Murray CText FTI, this monograph series first published in 1969, provides a comprehensive examination of research development in textiles, clothing and footwear.

International Journal of Fashion Design, Technology and Education

Published by Taylor & Francis and co-badged by The Textile Institute, this journal aims to provide a high quality peer-reviewed forum for research in fashion design, pattern cutting, apparel production, manufacturing technology and fashion education.

Textiles

Textiles magazine is the membership magazine of The Textile Institute. Edited by Vanessa Knowles, the magazine covers all aspects of the textile industry and the diverse interests of The Textile Institute’s Membership. The digital format is both well established and read but due to a high demand from the reader survey will remain in both print and digital media for the foreseeable future. Members and subscribers can look forward to a brand new design in 2015

TT&D

Textile Terms and Definitions (TT&D) is the industry essential authoritative collection of textile terms and definitions. Now available online covering all aspects of the textile, clothing and footwear. The digital medium makes the publication portable and allows the panel of experts to revise and update terms continually. Subscription packages are available on www.ttandd.org

Professional Qualifications

Individual Qualifications

Since 1926 The Textile Institute has conferred professional qualifications to Individual Members. Members can apply by filling in an application form which is assessed by a committee of peers.

Licentiateship is awarded to those with a good level of knowledge in one specialist area and a general awareness of textiles and related industries. The holder of this qualification can use the post nominal letters LTI.

Associateship is a chartered professional qualification awarded to those with specialism in one area of textiles, clothing and footwear and a broad general knowledge of textiles and related industries. The holder of this qualification can use the post nominal letters CText ATI.

Fellowship is the highest level professional qualification awarded by The Textile Institute. Conferred to those who fulfil the requirements of CText ATI but have also made a major personal creative contribution. The holder of this qualification can use the post nominal letters CText FTI.

Accreditation

The TI accredits a wide range of courses worldwide to both Licentiateship and Associateship level. Students graduating from these courses are able to apply after a shorter period of postgraduate work experience.

The courses are peer assessed and qualifying courses are able to demonstrate programme quality and excellence of provision.

Approval

The TI approves a number of courses globally through its Approval scheme. Designed for in-house training, short courses, on-line delivery and programmes not otherwise eligible for validation via the accreditation route.

Submission is by application form and each course is assessed individually to ensure that the training offered is of the highest standard and supports the continual professional development of those working in textiles, clothing and footwear.
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 70 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.

**Membership Statistics**

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At the end of 2012 the Trustee’s of The Textile Institute launched a Foundation appeal to raise much needed funds to secure the long-term future of the Institute.

The appeal ran through 2013 and the Institute was overwhelmed by the positive response.

One of the first major projects was undertaken to upgrade the IT system, to bring both the hardware and software up to date and enhance performance with a new cloud based server. The whole system was installed by late autumn 2013.

The next project will see the redesign of The Textile Institute website www.textileinstitute.org this will be launched later this year.

The Institute with the support of CapitB is developing a series of short courses as an introduction to clothing for those employed in the clothing and fashion related areas of the industry. A survey was conducted to determine and highlight the main needs of the industry. From the results of this survey a list of titles was drawn up and by the end of 2014 the content of 6 courses was produced. These courses are now being approved with credit and will be promoted and delivered between spring and autumn 2015.

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