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Chartered Institute for Textiles, Clothing and Footwear

The Textile Institute

Annual Report 2016
Message from the World President

This is my first Annual Report as World President of The Textile Institute since my inauguration in May 2015. I was delighted to be able to take part in the proceedings of the day which included the Council meeting during the afternoon. It was a pleasure to meet so many members, representatives and TI partners from around the world.

I asked those members present at the meeting how textiles should be classified as an art, craft, science or industry, as I believe that it is all of the above. Every country has a different way of doing things, has its own inherent strengths, competition, advantages and infrastructure but one thing that is common to all countries and subsectors is textile technology and knowledge and the importance of the educational discipline. The TI and its members should concentrate on fostering communication of new developments in the industry and the dissemination of technological advancement and research as outlined as part of its objects in the Royal Charter. The TI has a vital role to play on the international stage.

For those who did not have the opportunity to meet with me at the AGM last year and are not aware of my background I am a member of the Board of Söktas and will be President for the period of 2015-2017. I have served as the Chairman of TUSIAD (Turkish Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association) between 1997-1999 and I am one of its Honorary Chairmen.

Currently I am Chairman of the Turkish Textile Employers Association (TTEA) which was founded by 8 industrial establishments in Istanbul, Turkey on 2 January 1961. The labour peace of those working in the industry is the fundamental task of the Association whose works and decisions regarding labour peace are seen as a reference point in Turkish textile industry. TTEA has good relations with international organisations such as ITMF, Euratex, Eurocoton and IWTO. The organisation supports its member companies’ at international exhibitions and in training and development requirements. TTEA are now Premier Corporate Members of the TI and the CEO Stephanie Dick has visited the office and team in Istanbul to foster a partnership with the ultimate aim of revitalising a Section or base in the region for the benefit of members locally. Textiles has received a facelift and redesign with feedback received from members and I am pleased to report that up to 75 members of TTEA now subscribe to the Institute’s magazine.

My work with Söktas takes me to India and other international destinations and I have managed to incorporate a visit with the Indian National Office representatives and the North Indian Section of The Textile Institute which is based in Delhi during October 2015. It was an opportunity to meet with the Institutes VIPs in an informal manner as well as discuss important issues that the committee members wish to raise on behalf of their locality as well as more general Institute matters. It is of vital importance to tackle these local and TI international issues so that the Institute can continually develop for the benefit of the whole industry.

A highlight of the year and I am sure for many others was to be a guest of the Lord Haskel CompTI at the annual Parliamentary Lunch which takes place at the House of Lords in Westminster, London, UK. It is an honour to attend such a prestigious event which is again an opportunity to meet with captains of industry and academia.

On financial matters I am pleased to report that there are good and clear accounting practices taking place at the Institute and my thanks go to the Honorary Treasurer Geoff Kershaw for his work throughout the year and his presentation at Council Meetings. It has been a pleasure to work with Helen Rowe the Chairman of Council and I would like to thank her publicly for her support and guidance in my inaugural year.

Those areas of the budget where income has fallen short or have not met the target have already been identified and are being tackled, costs remain under control and Corporate Membership is growing. Firm plans were put in place a couple of years ago to develop this key and important relationship under the Presidency of the late Dr Peter Dinsdale assisted by Past President Andreas Weber and we are now seeing the fruitfulness of their efforts.

At the time of writing I have not visited the new offices at TIHQ but have heard only good things and would like to invite TI members and colleagues to attend the AGM and visit the new office, the staff would be delighted to welcome you.

Another major project is the TI website, which is set to launch soon and which has been designed to assist navigation and provide valuable information with a modern design and approach. The aim of the website is to show that the Institute represents those involved in R&D, manufacturing/ production, design, retail and the supply chain of the clothing and footwear sector worldwide.

I would like to close my message by inviting you on behalf of our partners the Institute of Natural Fibres and Medicinal Plants to attend the 90th Textile Institute World Conference in Poznan, Poland which will take place between 25-28 April 2016. An exciting programme of events including an awards ceremony is being put together under the Chairmanship of Assoc Prof Małgorzata Zmieniwska PhD Eng, Head of Department of Innovative Textile Technologies at the Institute. I look forward to seeing you at the TIWC.

Muharrem Kayhan
World President
Message from the Chair of Council and Board

It’s hard to believe that a year has elapsed since we were reporting on the success of the world conference in Wuhan and yet the TWC 2016 is only a short time away. Our new World President has been in office since the AGM of 2015 and has made many valuable suggestions for expanding the Institute’s scope and membership.

The website, promised at this time last year, is at the testing stage. The project has been much larger and more complex than first imagined and has consequently taken longer and cost more than originally envisaged, but I know it was the right thing to do. The staff at TIIHQ have more autonomy regarding its content and are able to add and amend articles themselves. There is certainly more scope for income from advertising, an area which has seen a loss in revenue over the past few years. The site is fresh and informative and I am sure will, in time, be the ‘go to’ address for anyone involved in the textile supply chain. Financially supported by the Foundation Fund the website is evidence that additional funds donated through the Foundation are a valuable means of ensuring the TI functions in a manner befitting of its professional status.

Last year’s AGM was held in a new venue, both for cost and accommodation reasons. Incorporated in the same building are several conference/meeting rooms with high quality presentation equipment and these were hired for delivery of some of the short courses offered during 2015. Whilst the Introduction to Textiles programme hit its financial target for 2015, the Introduction to Clothing courses have been slow to take off. Every effort is being made to promote these courses and a number of key representatives from industry have been invited to a lunch in Manchester to discuss their staff development requirements and ensure that the Institute is providing what is needed. In its infancy is a plan to internationalise short courses and to encourage delivery across the world.

Applications for LTI saw a welcome increase in 2015 with a steady rise in applications for both ATI and FTI. A major review of the criteria for both LTI and ATI has begun which will be complete by summer 2016. This will extend the scope and make it clearer that The Textile Institute and its qualifications are for everyone involved in the textile supply chain whether occupied in the creation or production of goods, or in their marketing and distribution. Disappointingly though has been the number of submissions of courses for approval and for accreditation/ reaccreditation. Nevertheless we have been delighted to receive accreditation requests from new institutions and further interest in qualifications from staff therein.

The publications department is supported by a well informed and aspirational committee dedicated to ensuring the high quality journals and book titles carrying the TI brand are produced by publishing companies offering the best deals both in terms of promotion and royalties. New publishing contracts are due to be signed soon, a project overseen by the Director of Professional Affairs and resulting in budget targets that are not only met, but often exceeded. The TI’s magazine ‘Textiles’ has received positive feedback since its redesign early in 2015. Members are also appreciating the reversion to hard copy, supplemented by electronic copy available through the website.

2015 saw a further rise in Corporate Membership, a clear sign that affiliation to our professional body is a desirable investment for industry. The membership department achieved its target and we hope the new website will encourage an increase in Individual Membership. This will be the focus in 2016. The membership fee increases agreed at the AGM in 2015 will be applied during 2016 and will help to ensure the department remains within budget.

Members of staff from TIIHQ attended Techtextil in Frankfurt and, later in the year ITMA Milan, generously supported on both occasions by the BTMA.

In October the CEO spent several fruitful days with the TTEA in Istanbul which has resulted in further corporate interest, a welcome investment in magazine subscriptions, an invitation for members to run short courses and a growing friendship which I am sure will endure.

The end of 2015 saw TIIHQ move to better and brighter office space. Situated within the same building (so no major address change) the new premises present an appropriately professional air to visitors, space for a compact library cum meeting room whilst also allowing for substantial savings in rent. I am sure the staff will be happy in their new working environment for many years to come.

Sadly, this is my last annual report as Chairman and I want to thank the membership for putting its trust in me over the last three years. I am satisfied that I pass the mantle on with no serious financial concerns. We have not used all of our overdraft facility, we have not had to make short term transfer of funds from other accounts, the bank loan will be paid off in the next couple of years and Council has approved a very conservative and achievable budget for 2016. My thanks for this ‘safe’ financial position go primarily to the Honorary Treasurer, Geoff Kershaw and his excellent working relationship with the CEO, Stephanie Dick. Both have worked hard to ensure that reports to Council are as accurate as possible and that budgets set are sensible and realistic.

It has been my pleasure to serve my professional body in this role and I wish the new Chairman, Honorary Officers and staff at TIIHQ all the very best for the future.

Helen D Rowe CompTI CText FTI
Chairman of Council and Board
Firstly, I wish to thank the staff at The Textile Institute for their efforts during the year. A particularly challenging year with the relocation of the office, beginning a whole redesign of the TI website, attending ITMA and losing a key member of staff all during the same period of time at the end of the year.

I would wish to further thank the team also for controlling the expenditure of the TI to exactly the budgeted figure given the extra costs associated with the office move and new website. We should however not be complacent as the income side of our charity remains of concern.

The 2015 budget in terms of income was hard to achieve but the positives over the year are the contribution of the Individual and Corporate Membership fees, this remains our largest source at over 40% of the total income. Corporate Membership is up on budget as compared to the previous year.

The Parliamentary Lunch now a flagship event remains a success both in financial and enjoyment terms.

Demand for the Introduction to Textile Short Course remains strong with the October course proving to be the most popular, all concerned are to be congratulated. The sister course Introduction to Clothing opened in 2015 holding four of the six modules and we hope to see interest in this programme develop in 2016. The income from this course is less than budgeted and measures have been taken to improve the value ratio of delegate cost for 2016.

The professional qualifications department mainly Accreditation and Approved is the disappointment of the year where income is significantly down with a lower number of universities, companies and organisations accrediting, reaccrediting and approving their programmes. The good news is that whilst income from individual applications to attain TI professional qualifications remains steady the number of applications has increased.

Magazine advertising revenue has shown signs of recovery and we are anticipating extra income from advertising on the new website. Royalties from TI publications remains stable and a number of new partnerships were sought in 2015 to further develop the TI publications portfolio, as well as negotiations with current publishing partners to enhance the existing financial packages as well as the status of the TI as a leading publisher in textiles.

Borrowing arrangements with our bank (NatWest/RBS) remain secure and the facilities split equally between a loan, which we are now half way through its term, and a conservative overdraft. This is managed carefully on a month by month basis although there is little room to maneuver during the summer months which is an annual problem. I am though pleased to report that the TI managed within its facilities and it was not necessary to borrow from any external or internal funds.

For 2016 I believe it will remain a financially challenging year but with our Council Members, the Manchester office team and support from our overseas representatives it will be a successful year.

Geoff Kershaw  CText ATI
Honorary Treasurer
Key Achievements

- JTI maintains its listing in the top 10 materials science journals worldwide
- Dr Simeon Gill CText FTI appointed as co-editor of Textile Progress
- Publishing agreement signed with Greenleaf Publishing
- Redesign of textiles magazine
- Bespoke short course for industry delivered
- 7 newly accredited courses to ATI
- 7 reaccredited courses
- 2 new approved courses
- 8 new FTI’s awarded
- 28 new ATI’s awarded
- 9 new Corporate Members
- 137 new Individual Members
- 75 new subscribers to textiles
- 8 Medals and Awards awarded
- 1000 Student Members
- MOU signed with Institute of Natural Fibres and Medicinal Plants, Poznan, Poland to host TIWC 2016
- World Textile Awards in partnership with Left Bank Partnership
- Office move!
- World Textile Summit supporting partner
- Launch of Introduction to Clothing short courses as part of training portfolio

2015 Events and Activities

The Textile Institute has enjoyed an exciting year of educational, enlightening and entertaining events:

- February – TIIHQ, Introduction to Textiles Short Course, Manchester, UK
- February - London and SE England Section, Advances in Textile Technology: DNA and Beyond, London, UK
- February - Yorkshire and District Section and the Bradford Textile Society, PP Townsend Memorial Lecture, Bradford, UK
- March - Swiss Section, 75th Meeting: AGM and visit to EMS-CHEMIE AG, Domat/Ems, Switzerland
- April - SDC and TI London and SE England Section, Beyond Trends in Sustainability, London, UK
- May – TIIHQ, AGM, Manchester, UK
- May - Techtextil, Frankfurt, Germany
- May - Sri Lanka Section, Workshop of Textile Technology, Ratmalana South, Sri Lanka
- June - London and SE England Section, AGM at Marks and Spencer Plc HQ, London, UK
- June – TIIHQ, Introduction to Clothing Short Course: Fabric Knowledge, Manchester, UK
- July – TIIHQ, Introduction to Clothing Short Course: Introduction to the Global Clothing Industry, Manchester, UK
- August - Lahore Section, Textile Asia Trade Fair at Expo Centre Lahore, Pakistan
- September - London and SE England Section, private tour of John Lewis Partnership Heritage Centre, London, UK
- September - Lahore Section, BBQ and family dinner Lahore, Pakistan
- September - Indian National Office (Delhi), World President visit and meeting Delhi, India
- October - London and SE England Section and the Tailoring SIG: The Cutting Edge, London, UK
- October - Product Development and Design: The Road to Success, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- October – TIIHQ, Introduction to Textiles Short Course, Manchester, UK
- October - Swiss Section, 76th meeting Traxler knitwear factory, Zurich, Switzerland
- November - Sri Lanka Section, Sustainable production through eco-innovation, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- November – TIIHQ, Parliamentary Lunch, House of Lords, London, UK
- November - ITMA, Milan, Italy
- November – TIIHQ, Introduction to Clothing Short Course: Understanding Garments, Manchester, UK
- November - Sri Lanka Section, 41st AGM and Awards Ceremony, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- December - North India Section (NISTI), Medical Textiles Conclave, Delhi, India
- December – TIIHQ, Introduction to Clothing Short Course: Size and Fit, Manchester, UK
**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 and the organisational logo displayed on The Textile Institute website 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
- Fabpro Specialities Ltd
- Kucukcalik Tekstil San Tic AS
- Lenzing AG
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Ningbo Cixing Co Ltd
- Oerlikon Textile GmbH & Co KG
- SDC Enterprises Ltd
- Shandong Ruyi Group
- Turkish Textile Employers’ Association
- University of Brighton
- University of Huddersfield
- University of Manchester
- VeriVide Ltd
- Wuhan Textile University

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*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 and academic organisations.

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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

The Institute has a diverse membership spread across different regions and sectors. The table below illustrates the distribution of members and students (free) across various regions:

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**Note:** The number of members and students (free) are approximate and may vary slightly due to ongoing changes in membership status.
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 continues to be ranked in the top 10 of materials science journals in the world.

In 2016 a new editorial structure will be implemented, with Dr Buchanan taking the role of consulting editor and Dr Oxenham as editor under which a team of sub editors will seek out the very best authors in new and innovative subjects with a global impact on the textile and related industries.

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-branded 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 is the Institute's magazine, edited by Vanessa Knowles. The magazine covers all aspects of the textile industry and the diverse interests of The Textile Institute's Membership. The redesign of the magazine in 2015 has been extremely well received by members and subscribers.

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 supply chain. The digital medium makes the publication portable and allows the panel of experts to revise and update terms continually. Subscription packages are available at www.ttandd.org.

Books

The Textile Institute was delighted to sign a publishing deal with Greenleaf Publishing. This small independent publishing house specialises in the sustainable supply chain and the Institute will be co-publishing a number of textile related books in 2016.

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.

Licentiate 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.

Associate 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. Conferring 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 Licentiate and Associate 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 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.
## Sections

The Textile Institute is a fully international organisation represented by local and national offices around the world. Sections are run by its members who provide a programme of local activities, factory visits, workshops, seminars and social events.

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The appeal ran through to 2015 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 current project will see the redesign of The Textile Institute website www.textileinstitute.org this will be launched early 2016.

A number of fund raising measures were introduced in 2015 and it is hoped that in 2016 the Foundation Fund team will continue to receive donations, and get involved in new and exciting projects for the benefit of members worldwide.

Members are welcome and encouraged to come forward with ideas and proposals which will continue in funds being raised.

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