



# The Textile Institute

## New Zealand Section

### WELCOME TO THE NEW ZEALAND SECTION OF THE TEXTILE INSTITUTE

I am pleased that you are considering joining the New Zealand Section of The Textile Institute. The aims and structure of the Textile Institute are described elsewhere ([www.textileinstitute.org](http://www.textileinstitute.org)) along with the broad benefits of membership; my purpose in the welcome is to acquaint you with the activities of the New Zealand Section.

#### **The New Zealand Section**

New Zealand has had a small, but active Section since 1971, providing local services to members and the textile industry in New Zealand. The geographical form of this country, its small size and the diversity of its textile industry, make it very difficult to operate an effective professional society, yet the Section continues to achieve its goals of promoting professionalism and networking among local textile people.

The Textile Institute is a global organisation with members from all over the world and the headquarters in Manchester, England. The members' main contact with Manchester is through *Textiles Magazine* and *TI News*, which all members receive as part of their subscription. Other optional publications available at discounted prices include the research publication, *Journal of the Textile Institute*, and *Textile Progress* which keeps scientists and the industry up-to-date with modern technological developments, as well as notable text books and pamphlets. International networking is facilitated by the Annual Conference, held in various parts of the world, and special interest groups hold their own conferences and activities.

Our section strives to foster personal contact with members in New Zealand, and increase the scope for networking at the local and national level. This is achieved through our two principal functions: the Annual Conference and the Annual General Meeting. In addition, technical seminar meetings and factory visits are held in various localities from time-to-time, on topics of special interest. The Section provides support to textile students, and also acts as a lobby group for professionals in the industry; for example, its past efforts were influential in the establishment of the Textile Industry Training Board.

We have established good working relations with the Society of Dyers and Colorists of New Zealand (SDCNZ) to occasionally organise joint conferences, seminars/technical meetings and factory visits. We also network with various sectors of the textile industry and organise conferences for specific sectors.

The Conference proceedings have been published since 1980 and are now made available internationally through the main computer-based abstracting services. The quality of many presentations at Annual Conferences is proof of the development of our local industry. In seeking to promote a wider awareness of the available knowledge in textiles, the Section has also established its own library. Funds allocated generally each year to developing this facility have created a useful collection of about 100 titles, housed in the AgResearch Lincoln Library. These are available on loan to members via the AgResearch Librarian. The New Zealand Section is also fully represented on the main administrative committees of The Textile Institute and plays a full role in international policy development.

#### **Membership Subscriptions**

For administrative reasons the New Zealand Section prefers to collect the Institute subscription itself. Please direct all membership matters, including requests for membership application forms and subscription payments, to our New Zealand Section Secretary/Treasurer:

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Subscriptions for New Zealand members are payable in New Zealand dollars (payable to “The Textile Institute”); the subscription year runs from 1 April and the exchange rate is set at that time. The subscription costs of the various categories of membership are listed below. Please contact the NZ Section Secretary if you need to know the subscription to bring you into line with 1 April. Your subscription renewal notice and invoice will come via the NZ Section.

**Full Membership: £100 (NZ\$300) per annum**

This is open to individuals irrespective of their educational background, who are involved in any way in the manufacture, use or understanding of textiles, and who subscribe to the objectives of The Textile Institute.

Full members receive:

- *Australasian Textiles & Fashion* (six issues per year),
- *TI Members International Directory*,
- access to the “*Members only*” website of the *TI* ([www.textileinstitute.org](http://www.textileinstitute.org)),
- affiliation to up to 10 *Special Interest Groups* ([www.textileinstitute.org/SIGS.asp](http://www.textileinstitute.org/SIGS.asp)), *Consultancy Contacts and Appointments Register*.
- *Textiles Magazine* and *TI News*
- 20% discount on all Textile Institute publications (e.g., *Journal of the Textile Institute*, *Textile Progress* and several titles). The Institute is a leading publisher in the field.

For further details, please visit: [http://www.textileinstitute.org/Personal\\_Memb.asp](http://www.textileinstitute.org/Personal_Memb.asp)

**Affiliate Membership: NZ\$100 per annum**

This is designed for those wishing to be associated with the local New Zealand Section. Members are eligible to attend conferences and meetings, and receive six issues per year of *Australasian Textiles & Fashion*. (For Affiliate Members not wishing to receive *Australasian Textiles & Fashion*, the annual subscription is reduced to NZ\$50.)

**Corporate Membership: GBP£625 per annum**

This is available to large organisations, with many Textile Institute members on their staff. Benefits include, in addition to those listed for full members, publications: *Journal of the Textile Institute*, and *Textile Progress*, profiles in magazines and other advertising incentives. For further details, please visit: [http://www.textileinstitute.org/Patron\\_Memb.asp](http://www.textileinstitute.org/Patron_Memb.asp) For corporate membership enquiries, contact the TI Headquarters in the UK.

**Subscription Reductions**

You may claim subscription reductions as follows, but students must provide supporting documentation from the institution where they are enrolled.

- Retired members – £72 (NZ\$180)
- Student members – £40 (NZ\$100)

**Professional Qualifications**

These qualifications demonstrate that a member has proven expertise in practice, in addition to academic achievements, in at least one specific area of textiles. These enable employers throughout the range of textile sectors to recognise the professional capability of individuals who have gained these qualifications. These qualifications in ascending order of status are:

*Licentiate*ship - *LTI*,

*Associate*ship - *CText ATI*,

*Fellow*ship - *CText FTI*

I trust your participation in The Textile Institute New Zealand Section will be rewarding for us all.

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