

# TI News

Around the world with The Textile Institute



## Letter from Membership

Dear Members,

Another year of textiles is ending, and I am still inspired by the favourable response and contributions that I receive. In Issue 1 of textiles I asked for help from the members, I wanted to know what you thought of membership, services and particularly your membership magazine. The response has been amazing and most of all extremely beneficial. Past letters have included information about Company Patron Members, Special Interest Groups and now I think I will close the year with local Sections.

I would like to begin by thanking the numerous Sections throughout the world that have provided excellent, informative and exciting articles for TI News. It is so important that local members be informed about what is happening in their local Section. The Section Handbook is being updated at present and will be available on the TI website on [www.textileinstitute.org](http://www.textileinstitute.org) in the New Year. The amendments to the Handbook have been actioned with both member and local Section input. I do hope that further suggestions for improvement will continue to be sent to me so that I can continue to represent the voice of the member.



I would like to close this letter by informing those members that do not already know that I was married on 10th September 2006. I would like to thank the numerous members who have sent both my husband and me their best wishes. My name has changed to Stephanie Dick from Powell. From January, you will notice this



Mr Robert Dick and Mrs Stephanie Dick

Left to right: Professional Affairs Director Helen Yeoward, Membership Manager Stephanie Dick, Information Manager Rebecca Unsworth, Events Manager Sarah Tinsley

name change on correspondence sent from myself at TIHQ. My email address will also change to [sdick@textileinst.org.uk](mailto:sdick@textileinst.org.uk) My other email address will remain active for some time.

I would like to send the readers of textiles my best wishes for the festive season and a peaceful New Year.

Kind Regards

*Stephanie*

Stephanie Dick  
Membership Manager

## Council Matters



### TI World President Elect

We are delighted to announce that Professor Xiaoming Tao CText FTI has been appointed as TI World President Elect to succeed the current World President Mr Gerry Mauretti when his term of office is completed in May 2007. Prof Tao is Chair Professor of Textile Technology and Head of the Institute of Textiles and Clothing at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. A full report will follow in the next issue of textiles.

### Elections to Council 2007

Nominations are invited to fill the vacancies that will occur in 2007 for membership of The Textile Institute's Council.

The Council is the Institute's international governing body and is composed of up to 24 nominated members of the duly constituted Sections or Regional Committees and a similar number of elected members. The constitution of Council and the conduct of elections to it are closely governed by the Institute's Charter and Byelaws. Elected members normally serve for a period of three years, after which time they may submit themselves for re-election.

Full details can be found on the Members-only section of the website, from which nomination forms may be downloaded.

# The Textile Institute Annual Parliamentary Lunch



The 2006 Parliamentary Lunch was held in the Cholmondley Room and the Terrace of the House of Lords in the Palace of Westminster, London, on Friday, 10th

November 2006 by the invitation of The Lord Haskel, Immediate Past President of The Textile Institute. The Lunch is one of the Institute's most prestigious events and its popularity is growing each year. This year over 90 members and guests attended, and in recognition of the increasingly international character of the event, many had travelled from outside the UK.



Prior to the lunch, Lord Haskel introduced the current President of The Textile Institute, Mr Gerry Mauretti, who offered a warm welcome to everyone and announced the presentation of honorary awards and certificates. The Companionship of The Textile Institute (CompTI) was awarded to Lord Haskel and to Mr Gerald Varley, President and CEO of Vartest Laboratories Inc, New York, in recognition of their substantial contribution to the advancement of the worldwide textile industry. The Honorary Fellowship of The Textile Institute (Hon FTI) was awarded to Prof Izabella Krucinska, Head of the Department of Textile Metrology at the Technical University of Lodz, Poland, in recognition of her outstanding achievements in textile technology. (Further details about all three awardees are available on the TI website.) Mr Mauretti also presented certificates to three newly appointed Fellows of The Textile Institute – Mr David Jones, Mr Ian Morris and Mr Michael Starbuck.

After lunch, Lord Haskel spoke briefly, welcoming everyone and noting that this was the 9th TI Parliamentary Lunch to be held in the House of Lords. In particular he welcomed the guest speaker, Mr Wyn Jones OBE, Chairman of Alcan in the UK and Chairman of Materials UK, a new industry-led organisation that is working closely with UK Government Departments to promote the cause of all materials, including textiles. In this context Lord Haskel mentioned in particular the strong performance of the technical textiles sector and also the part played by the TI in encouraging high standards of professionalism.

Mr Jones gave an interesting and informative address about Materials UK, describing how it came to be set up and placing it in an international context. He outlined some of the key challenges that would be facing the materials industries in the future and explained how Materials UK was looking not at individual materials but devising a broad overall strategic direction for innovation, knowledge transfer and skills. He referred to the importance of the Materials Knowledge Transfer Network in bringing together all the materials technologies, together with academia, manufacturers and downstream customers, and emphasised how the value of design – as the 'magic' ingredient - had been recognised by the establishment of a new Design node within the Network. He concluded by acknowledging that of all the materials sectors, Textiles had always been the most closely related to Design. (The full text of Mr Jones' speech is available on the TI website.)

On behalf of The Textile Institute, Prof Mervyn Davies, Chairman of Council, thanked Mr Jones most warmly for his



talk and Lord Haskel for so kindly hosting the event once again.

Next year's Lunch has already been scheduled for Friday, 9 November 2007. Reserve a provisional place now by contacting Bill Bohm in the TI London office – email: [bill@bohm.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:bill@bohm.fsnet.co.uk).

*Photographs courtesy of Mr Stroud Cornock.*



*Mr Gerry Mauretti, The Lord Haskel and Mr Mervyn Davies*



*Prof Izabella Krucinska and Mr Mervyn Davies*



*The Lord Haskel*



*Mr Wyn Jones*



*Mr Gerald Varley and Ms Ann Toffel*

## Sri Lanka 2007

### Two of the Worlds Largest Apparel Exporters as Keynote Speakers!

# 85<sup>th</sup> Textile INSTITUTE WORLD CONFERENCE

## "Concept to Consumer"

The 85th Textile Institute World Conference will be inaugurated by two of the largest manufacturers and exporters of apparel in the Indian sub-continent. Ashroff Omar, CEO, Brandix Lanka Ltd and Chairman, Joint Apparel Associations' Forum, and Mahesh Amalean, Chairman, MAS Holdings Ltd will be keynote speakers at the three-day conference to be held in Sri Lanka from the 1st – 3rd of March 2007.

Over 125 papers have been selected for presentation by speakers and authors from all over the world, giving new insight to the fast developing apparel and textile industry. The conference anticipates around 400 participants with a wide knowledge and expertise in their specialised fields, providing an excellent

networking opportunity.

The theme of the conference "Concept to Consumer\*" will focus on the importance of the consumer. With an ultimate goal of delighting the customer through advances in textiles and apparel, the theme aims

to illustrate the importance of each element of the textile industry through its various stages to the final product. In an increasingly fast moving, global economy, we cannot afford to lose focus of this reality.

This is the first time Sri Lanka will host such a prestigious conference. The Conference Chair Prof. Lakdas D. Fernando, together with the local organising committee, are working to ensure that all attendees have a memorable event.

For online registration and payments please go to: [www.tiwc2007.org](http://www.tiwc2007.org) or e-mail your query or suggestion to [tiwc@saexhibitions.com](mailto:tiwc@saexhibitions.com) at the conference secretariat.

*The key note presentations include:*

#### **Vertical Intergration – A "Flat World" Perspective**

*Ashroff Omar, Chief Executive Officer of Brandix Lanka Ltd*

Brandix is the largest apparel exporter in Sri Lanka with an annual turnover of USD\$250M supported by 18,500 personnel engaged in over 20 manufacturing

plants. Mr. Omar is a past Chairman of the Sri Lanka Apparel Exporters Association and is presently the Chairman of the Joint Apparel Associations' Forum (JAAF) - the apex body of the Sri Lankan Apparel industry.



#### **Market Access and Technology Transfer through Strategic Partnerships**

*Mahesh Amalean is the Chairman of MAS Holdings Ltd*

MAS Holdings is a leading provider of design to delivery solutions in intimate apparel, sportswear and leisurewear. Headquartered in Colombo, Sri Lanka, the company has 28 world-class apparel-manufacturing operations, located in Sri Lanka, India,

Vietnam, Mexico, Indonesia & China and employs over 35,000 people. With an annual turnover of USD 700Mn, it is the largest manufacturer and exporter of intimate apparel in the Indian subcontinent.

A firm believer in the philosophy of partnerships, Mahesh Amalean has played a pivotal role in building MAS' strategic alliances and partnerships with leading brands such as Victoria's Secret, Speedo, Nike, Adidas, Triumph and Gap.

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## The TI and China



*China Business Network*

The Textile Institute hosted a delegation from Changshu the Commercial Town of China. This was organised in conjunction with China Business Network, London Office, who have previously co-organised other such delegation visits at the TI London Offices. The Institute was honoured to meet the delegation, which had representatives from both the Changshu Commercial Town Group Co Ltd and Changshu

Commercial Town Trade Association.

Helen Yeowart, Professional Affairs Director welcomed the delegation with a presentation on The Textile Institute outlining the many benefits of membership and the Institute itself. Mr Pan Hong, Vice Secretary, Changshu Municipal Party Committee, spoke of the vision and aims for the Changshu delegation in promoting this town, which has

about 230,000 customers a day during its midseason. Amazing statistics for a town built in 1985!

Mr Trevor Robson CText FTI, Managing Director, Texconi Ltd (and TI Board Member) discussed the textile and apparel industry in the North West of England. John Smith CText FTI, Chair of TI Events and Executive Chairman of JTS International Consultancy spoke about his organisation and his role for the TI in developing relationships between China and The Textile Institute.

## TEXTILE ARTIST WINS £4,500



Rhian Solomon

As part of the TI's commitment to the membership we aim to keep members informed of any awards that are available in the field of textiles:

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QUEST) is endowed by the Royal Warrant Holders Association. Its aim is to advance education in modern and traditional crafts and trades in the UK. Scholarships, open to men and women of all ages, are awarded twice a year. This autumn seven awards were made totalling £40,350.

Textile artist Rhian Solomon has won a £4,500 Queen Elizabeth Scholarship. Rhian, an outstanding designer, was recently selected from 200 applicants for a one-year residency at the London Printworks Trust. The QUEST award will help support her while she is in London.

Rhian (24) graduated last year with first class honours in wood, metal, plastics and ceramics from Brighton University. Since then she has worked in woven and printed constructed textiles and is setting up her own business producing handbags and has already been approached by several buyers.

She explains, "I use a variety of media – particularly recycled materials – to realise and comment upon topical current affairs."

Rhian's previous collections have addressed contemporary issues of female weight and social ideals in western consumer society, using found objects such as the tape measure and size cube. Initial inspiration for the pieces stemmed from the study of transient markings left on the body by undergarments.

"I have become increasingly fascinated and involved with using the human skin as a canvas on which to convey modern issues. I am particularly intrigued by the processing of meat and have visited an abattoir to document wrapping and stamping carcasses – both of which involve marking and indenting the skin."

Rhian's work was exhibited at New Designers 2005 where it was spotted by the London Printworks Trust (LPT). Sian Weston of LPT comments, "For us her show was one of the highlights of the entire exhibition. She is a truly outstanding designer, working in an unusual and sometimes overlooked area of crafts." The LPT subsequently awarded Rhian its 2006 Surface Bursary Award which gives her

during the residency.

Rhian comments, "The Bursary will develop my creative and professional potential through advice sessions and mentoring alongside studio practice. It will give me new practical skills within printed textiles and enhance my current practice as a maker while broadening by business knowledge. In future I hope to set up my own workshop and produce accessories and sculptural pieces for gallery exhibitions and commissions."

QUEST, the charitable arm of the Royal Warrant Holders Association, was set up in 1990 with money contributed by its members, to mark the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Association. Since 1991 the Trust has made cash awards worth over £1,000,000 to 160 craftsmen and women aged between 17 and 50 plus to develop their skills.

The Trustees look for well thought out projects, which will contribute to the pool of talent in the UK and reflect the excellence of British craftsmanship as symbolised by the Royal Warrant of Appointment. Application forms for Scholarships (closing date for spring 2007 Scholarships - January 19 2007) may be obtained by sending an SAE (50p) to: The Secretary, The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust, No. 1 Buckingham Place, London SW1E 6HR. Application forms can also be downloaded from the QUEST website.



Shopping Bag



Big Knickers

individual studio space for a year, unlimited access to LPT's specialist textile print workshop, mentoring and one-to-one support. The aim of the Bursary is to assist young practitioners to make the jump from student life to becoming a professional artist. Winning the QUEST Scholarship award helps to cover Rhian's living expenses, travel and subsistence

### Further information:

Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust  
website: [www.quest.org.uk](http://www.quest.org.uk)

Royal Warrant Holders Association  
website: [www.royalwarrant.org](http://www.royalwarrant.org)

## Eastern Cape Section and Member Profile

The Eastern Cape Section of The Textile Institute organised a lecture by Mr Charles Scheltema, Managing Director of Freudenburg Nonwovens SA Pty Ltd. The lecture was given at the CSIR, Port Elizabeth, South Africa on 26th July 2006.

Mr Charles Scheltema gave a talk entitled "The Origin of Nonwovens and its role in Industry today" in which he traced the history and developments in nonwoven technologies and production techniques, as well as the various applications of nonwovens and the growth in this sector. Special attention was paid to recent and future developments.

The event was well attended by the personnel from the local industry, tertiary educational institutions and students. Lively discussion followed at the end of the talk.

Mr Albie Braun CText ATI Honorary Secretary of the Eastern Cape Section recently retired from CSIR after 40 years of service. The TI asked Albie if he would write a short article about his time there.

"Little did I know that my childhood love for and interest in fibre producing animals such as sheep and Angora goats followed by tertiary education (Agriculture Diploma), which included Sheep & Wool and Mohair as major subjects, would lead to a life long career of 40 years in textile research and technology.

In 1966 I joined the then called SAWTRI (South African Wool Textile Research Institute) of the CSIR (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research) in Grahamstown where I was involved in fibre testing and other research related



Albie Braun

activities. In 1967, the institute moved to new and very modern premises in the coastal city of Port Elizabeth, the centre of wool and mohair production and testing in South Africa.

My activities expanded, covering a wide field of disciplines i.e. raw fibre to fabric testing for both internal and external clients and research projects, problem solving for industrial enquiries, preparation of the various qualities of mohair samples for Mohair labs - Round Tests for the International Mohair Association (IMA) in London.

Eventually I was appointed Project Leader: Cashmere, with a view to setting up a viable cashmere industry in South Africa based upon the some 6 million indigenous goats, notably the double-coated Boer goat. I built up close relationships with our local wool/mohair industry, particularly on the agricultural side, as well as with a neighbouring state regarding mohair testing and processing.

I obtained my CText ATI in 2000 and have been Honorary Secretary of the Eastern Cape Section of the TI since 1994.

Apart from exercising my hobby of indigenous gardening, I have accepted the request of the local section of TI to remain as Secretary/Treasurer, which allows me to keep in touch with the textile industry and the many friends I have made over the past 40 years."

## Southern Australia

### Southern Australia Section 2006 National Student Design Awards

*Principal Sponsor*  
- International Fibre Centre

The SA Section would like publicly to acknowledge and thank all sponsors, supporters and industry judges for yet another successful event for the Institute, students and industry.

The Textile Institute Southern Australia Section 'TISA' encourages excellence in vocational education by holding annual student awards. They are dedicated to encouraging personal development and growth to enable students to enhance their skills and knowledge for the benefit of the textile, clothing and footwear industry as a whole. The aim of the awards is to provide students with recognition for their academic and vocational achievements.

This year's winner was Jessica Marie Vidal.



Left to right: Barry White, CEO IFC, Jessica's Model and Grand Prize Winning Garment, Jessica Marie Vidal, Joseph Merola, Program Manager IFC

For more information, please visit <http://www.textileinstitute.org/SouthernAustralia.asp>



Some of the attendees pictured from left to right: O Crulci, G Esterhuizen, R Anandjiwala, C Dani, C J Scheltema, G Jolly, A Tembo, W Azzalin, P Eary, L Bogusavsky, C Wilson, A Schott, C E Scheltema, C Tschloane

## Manchester and Cheshire Section

### Celebrity Lecture

Members of the Manchester and Cheshire Section of The Textile Institute were privileged to listen to a most interesting and informative celebrity lecture, "A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing" presented by Mr Malcolm Campbell CText FTI, Commercial Director, The Woolmark Company, UK on Thursday 28th September, 2006 at the Friends Meeting House, Manchester.

After the brief welcome by the Section Chairman, Dr Kim Gandhi, Malcolm Campbell's presentation began with his explanation of the history behind the Merino Wool fibre and its development through the ages. From the introduction of the first 100 Merino Sheep to Australia in 1788, the fluctuations in growth/size of flocks, peaking at 180 million in 1990 to the present day size of 93 million was explained. The genetics and breeding of Merino sheep, the evolution of the fibre: fleeces 3-times heavier than 220 years ago through careful, selective breeding programmes, climate change on the fibre fineness and to end product types, depicting and promoting fineness and comfort to the current consumer.

Malcolm explained the position of the fibre in the challenging retail environment of today's textile market, poor quality fibre from inexperienced, price driven supply base. The loss of the skill, the art, creativity and innovation of retail specifiers and buyers meant the cheapest rather than the best textile product was bought and in turn offered, for sale.

Results from research carried out in 2002 asking retailers and consumers alike on buying, selling and purchasing wool are available via the Manchester and Cheshire Section page on the TI website.

Ending his talk, Malcolm emphasised that looking ahead the future of wool lies in the new opportunities, textile design, product innovation, marketing initiatives and sales training. So far from being the end of textile development the natural evolution, is only the beginning if designers, marketers and salesmen re-introduce the skills to textile production



Manchester and Cheshire Section Members and Malcolm Campbell (back row third left)

and sales and promote the art, the craft, the science of textile design.

The presentation concluded with questions and answers from the members present and finally with the vote of thanks by Helen Boden, Honorary Secretary of the Section.

Further details of the lecture and PowerPoint presentation can be found via the Manchester and Cheshire Section page: <http://www.textileinstitute.org/Manchester&District.asp>

Article written by Dr Kim Gandhi, Chair of the Manchester and Cheshire Section.

## London Section

On the 18th October, the London Section held an excellent event at the London College of Fashion with guest speaker Katie Greenyer, Creative Director of the Pentland Group PLC. The title of the talk was,

*"My name is Katie Greenyer; I was always a fashion victim... Now let me tell you a few things you might need to know before you start a career in design"*

Pentland Group PLC, a hugely successful organisation who own many of the most innovative, fashion forward funky brands on the high street; Speedo, Ted Baker, Ellesse and Red or Dead, just to name a few. The Pentland Group are Company Patron Members of the Institute (for information about benefits of CPMs please view [www.textileinstitute.org/Patrons.asp](http://www.textileinstitute.org/Patrons.asp))



Colin Renfrew, Associate Dean London College of Fashion, Katie Greenyer, Creative Director Pentland Group, Janet Best, Chairman Textile Institute London & S E Section.

Katie gave the following tips to students all of which she has personally tried and tested.

- Dare to be different
- Don't give up
- Your portfolio is important; make sure it is the best it can be
- Take your portfolio everywhere
- Make your CV stand out from the crowd and reflect you and your work
- Research and understand your future employer, know who they are and what they want
- Dress well for the interview and reflect the company image and style
- SMILE let your energy and enthusiasm shine through
- Work in as many media types as you can, learn all the designer tools and packages. Interdisciplinary capability is the forward requirement.
- Accept rejection and criticism, learn and move on

Katie reminded everyone that there are over a 100 different jobs related to and supporting the design function. They are all career options that are creative, rewarding and in the design environment. It takes a dedicated multi talented professional team to get good design out there.

A full article written by Suzanne Knight, Honorary Secretary of the

London and South East of England Section that should not be missed, can be found on: [www.textileinstitute.org/London&SE\\_Events.asp](http://www.textileinstitute.org/London&SE_Events.asp)

### PATRON MEMBER PROFILE

#### Pentland Group PLC



The group began life as the Liverpool Shoe

Company in 1932 selling fashion footwear to UK retailers. Today Pentland is one of the leading brand management companies trading in the sports, outdoor and fashion markets.

It is a truly international organisation covering 170 countries worldwide with brands from Berghaus and Ellesse to Kickers, Lacoste, Speedo and Ted Baker. It is not surprising that many people throughout the world own something in their wardrobe from the Pentland Group.

The TI and the Pentland Group PLC jointly organise the Design Award Competition (see textiles Issue 3 2006).

For more information and the latest news about this organisation, please visit <http://www.pentland.com>

# Events

## “Give me a scientist and I’ll teach him to knit”

Skills shortages are nothing new to British industry and companies that operate at the leading edge of technological change are often hardest hit. But while The Drapers’ Company (one of the leading City of London Livery Companies) may be 650 years old they are not afraid of new ideas and they have hit on a novel solution to a problem that has been around for as long as they have.

The Drapers’ Company and the Industrial Trust (the fast growing

education/business link charity) are working in partnership to address these challenges and to change perceptions. This partnership has already made great progress and delivered a number of positive outcomes.

To ensure that student interest is sustained and built upon, The Drapers’ Company, with the support of The Industrial Trust, has launched an annual programme of awards. With generous prizes (in some cases worth over £2,000), the response has been

very encouraging for the Company.

Professor Mervyn Davies CText FTI, Chairman represented The Textile Institute at the Reception and Ceremony at the Drapers Hall on 23rd October 2006 to show the Institute’s support for this event.

For the latest Industrial Trust news and press release for this and other events please visit:  
[www.industrialtrust.org.uk/temp/news.html](http://www.industrialtrust.org.uk/temp/news.html)

## The University of Manchester Textile Futures Conference

Professor Mervyn Davies, spoke about The Textile Institute and its role in promoting the global industry at the Textile Futures Conference at the University of Manchester on 22 August 2006.

He discussed how the industry had undergone incredible change, none more so than over the last 10 years and that these changes seem to be occurring more quickly and more radically as time goes on. Commercial, social and international governance have all had a major effect on the shape of the global textile industry.

Mervyn commented that it is a very different world today to the world that The Textile Institute was inaugurated in but it is very clear how relevant the Institute is to today’s textile industry and is still part of it.

### MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY PROFILE

The University is built on the shoulders of academic giants and can lay claim to 20 Nobel



The University of Manchester

Prize winners amongst its former staff and

students. A Manchester degree is valued by students, graduates and employers worldwide, as the product of a university, which strives for excellence in every aspect of university life. Students are drawn by the reputation of the city as well as by the long-standing excellence of the university.

The Textile Institute accredits a number of the programs at Manchester to the professional Associateship level.

## Marks and Spencer

The Marks and Spencer Technical Innovation Day, 5th October 2006 organised by Simon Colbeck, Head of Technology Menswear and TI Council member, was a great success and the TI was delighted to be involved. Stephanie Dick, Membership Manager, provided a brief introduction to The Textile Institute for the textile technologists, of whom many are individual members of the Institute. Prof Subhash Anand CText FTI, from the Centre of Materials at the University of Bolton and a TI Board Member, was a great success as usual, talking about Medical Textiles and how, ‘Life often hangs by a thread’. Mr Malcolm Campbell CText FTI, Commercial Director of The Woolmark Company, also a member of the TI, spoke on the Technical Innovation of Merino Wool.

## TI Forthcoming Events

The Textile Institute is delighted to present to you a number of events coming up in the New Year. We are always updating our events calendar so for up-to-date details of all our events please visit the events page on the TI website.

The University of Bolton, Company Patron Member of The Textile Institute, is hosting two important events in 2007.

### FRPM07

#### 11th European Meeting on Fire Retardant Polymers: 6-7 July 2007

The University of Bolton is delighted to be hosting the 11th European Meeting on Fire Retardant Polymers. Fire research at the University has a history spanning nearly thirty years when research began into the area of textile

flame-retardants. Subsequently interests expanded into polymers and composites and in 2003 the Fire Science & Research Group transferred from the University of Salford to create one of the world’s largest materials fire research groups at the University of Bolton.

**Venue:** The conference will be taking place at The Albert Halls, Bolton’s magnificent concert hall which has a history dating back 108 years. The venue offers high quality conference facilities in grand surroundings.

Register online at [www.frpm07.com](http://www.frpm07.com)

### MEDTEX07

#### Fourth International Conference and Exhibition on Healthcare and Medical Textiles: 16-18 July 2007

This Conference is being jointly organised by The Centre for Materials Research and Innovation, University of Bolton, UK and Tampere University of Technology, Finland.

MEDTEX 07 is the fourth International Conference and Exhibition to be organised by the University of Bolton. Over 200 delegates from 25 countries attended the last conference in July 2003, and the proceedings have been recently published as a textbook entitled Medical Textiles and Biomaterials for Healthcare by Woodhead Publishing Limited, Cambridge. This event provides an excellent opportunity for the UK medical and healthcare industries to publicise and promote their products and services to a truly international audience and clients from all corners of the world.

For further information:

[www.bolton.ac.uk/university/researchandenterprise/events/medtex07/](http://www.bolton.ac.uk/university/researchandenterprise/events/medtex07/)

The Textile Institute are co-badging MEDTEX07 and look forward to seeing you there.

# Professional Qualifications

Congratulations to the following members who have been awarded qualifications following the October meeting of the Diplomas Committee.

## Fellowship and Chartered Membership (CText FTI)

### Mr David Jones

Fashion Management Consultant  
David Jones Fashion Management  
St Albans, UK

### Mr Ian Morris

Technical Manager  
Marks & Spencer Plc  
London, UK

### Mr Michael Frederick Starbuck

Textile Consultant  
Sutton in Ashfield, UK

### Dr Surinder Kumar Tandon

Manager, Apparel & Smart Textiles  
Canesis Network Limited  
Christchurch, New Zealand

### Dr Faheem Uddin

Associate Professor  
Textile Engineering Dept,  
NED University  
Karachi, Pakistan

## Associateship and Chartered Membership (CText ATI)

### Dr Elizabeth Helen Roanne Barnes

Senior Lecturer in Fashion Marketing  
Manchester Metropolitan University,  
Manchester UK

### Mrs Victoria Alicia Blair

Key Account Manager  
SGS United Kingdom Limited  
Bradford, UK

### Mr Philip Matthew Briggs

Senior Technician  
West Yorkshire Materials Testing Service  
Leeds, UK

### Mr Chi Ho Chen

Production Supervisor  
Oxford Products (International) Limited  
Kwai Fong, Hong Kong

### Mr Jeffrey Peter Greenwood

Technical Director  
Autofoam Systems Limited  
Rochdale, UK

### Ms Serena Margaret Grimes

Product Development Manager  
Dublin, Ireland

### Engr. Shahid Hussain Jalbani

Laboratory Lecturer  
Mehran University of Engineering &  
Technology  
Sindh, Pakistan

### Mr Zahid Nadeem

Senior Garment Technologist  
Klash Clothing Company Ltd.  
Oldham, UK

### Dr Omar Rahman

General Manager (Sourcing)  
Esprit De Corps (FE) Ltd  
Kowloon, Hong Kong

### Mr D Ravichandran

Factory Manager  
KGS Mills  
Coimbatore, India

### Mr Jonathan Mark Wilson

Global Key Account Manager  
SGS United Kingdom Ltd  
London, UK

### Mrs Manjula Abegunawardana Wijesinghe

Dataprabuthi Witharana  
Fabric Technologist  
Mas Intimates  
Rathmalana, Sri Lanka

## Licentiatehip (LTI)

### Mr John Chivers

Senior Professional & Technical Officer  
Dept of Finance & Personnel (NI)  
Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK

### Mr Macaulay Owen

Textile Student  
Federal University of Technology  
Owerri, Nigeria

### Mrs Hajnalka Vaagen

Research Fellow  
Molde University College  
Molde, Norway

## Newly Accredited Courses

We are delighted to report that the following course has recently been accredited for ATI.

### Eastern Michigan University, USA

BSc Apparel, Textiles and Merchandising

*Pictured below left is Dr Subhas Ghosh, Professor and Program Coordinator in the Department of Apparel, Textiles and Merchandising, Eastern Michigan University, receiving the certificate of accreditation from Prof Subhash Anand of the University of Bolton, who is Chairman of the Professional and Educational Affairs Committee and Board Member.*



## Obituaries

### Mr Z P Szubanski CText ATI

Mr Z P Szubanski joined The Textile Institute in 1951. He was awarded the CText ATI in 1965. He was an extremely active member of the Southern Australia Committee for many years where his experience knowledge and enthusiasm were highly valued. Mr Z P Szubanski acted as Section Chair throughout two decades, which led to the prestigious Service Section Award.

Other Sections benefited from Mr Z P Szubanski's contribution, including the Yorkshire, Liverpool and West of England Sections.

### R W King CText FTI

Bob King started his career in textiles in the North of England.

Bob joined the Royal Navy as a boy entrant and after World War II had the opportunity to make textiles his career. He qualified as a Textile Designer after winning a part-time Scholarship to Manchester University. He became Weaving Manager for several textile companies in the UK before emigrating to New Zealand in 1965, where he quickly established himself in textiles once again. His working career in New Zealand saw him become General Manager in a variety of textile companies in Auckland, Christchurch and Hawkes Bay.

Bob really enjoyed his life and the achievements he gained in the textile industry, and was very proud to be awarded a Fellow of The Textile Institute in 1986.

Bob passed away on 3 August 2006. He had been involved in a major car accident on 20 May 2006, from which he received multiple injuries. Sadly after struggling for 75 days it became too much for him and he passed peacefully away.

Bob is survived by his wife Coleen, children Maggie, Peter, Sally, Robert, John, Ruth, stepchildren Donna and Dean, and also his many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bob is missed greatly by his family and friends and those of us who benefited from his words of wisdom and guidance over the years.

