



Professional Qualifications - International Recognition

It is encouraging to report that there was a noticeable increase in the number of awards made in 2006 and, in particular, LTI applications were significantly higher than in 2005. As usual, applicants came from a wide spread of disciplines, sectors and countries, reflecting both the diverse nature of the Institute and its broad appeal.

During 2006 presentations of FTI, ATI and LTI certificates were made at various events, demonstrating the value placed on the achievement of these qualifications. The most formal of these occasions was the Convocation Ceremony arranged by the TI Lahore Section, which took place in Lahore, Pakistan at the end of March. Certificates were also presented during the Graduate Designers' Exhibition held at the Treasury, London, in July and at the Parliamentary Lunch in November.

A steady stream of requests for accreditation of courses was received throughout 2006. The value placed upon the global recognition provided by TI accreditation was particularly well illustrated when the TI received a personal invitation from the Vice Chancellor of the Universiti Teknologi Mara, Malaysia, to take part in a week of celebrations to mark the University's 50th Anniversary Celebrations in November 2006. The highlight of these celebrations was a Gala Dinner attended by the King and Queen, during which the TI's representative, Mr John Smith (Chairman of Events), gave a short presentation about the TI and its relationship with the Universti.

Other institutions achieving accreditation or re-accreditation of courses in 2006 included the Clothing Industry Training Institute, Sri Lanka, Eastern Michigan University, USA, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, the University of Manchester, UK, and the University of Otago, New Zealand

We should like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to Mr Raymond Marks, Chairman of the Diplomas Committee, and to all the members of that Committee for their hard work and dedication in assessing applications and providing help and guidance to applicants to enable them to reach their full potential.

Finally, Honorary Awards for 2006 were as follows:

- Companionship of The Textile Institute to the Lord Haskel, previous World President of The Textile Institute, and to Mr Gerald Varley, President and CEO of Vartest Laboratories, Inc, USA
- Hon Fellowship to Prof Izabella Krucinska, Head of the Department of Textile Metrology at the Technical University of Lodz, Poland.

These awards were presented at the 2006 Parliamentary Lunch.

Publications

Woodhead Publishing Limited has continued the excellent start made in 2005 by producing *The Journal of the Textile Institute (JTI)* and *Textile Progress* on schedule and to a high quality in 2006. We express

thanks to Prof David Buchanan, Editor in Chief of *JTI*, and Prof Xiaoming Tao, Editor of *Textile Progress*, and to their respective editorial boards for their hard work in maintaining the high standard of papers published. We are particularly pleased to report that from Vol 97 (2006) onwards, papers published in *JTI* will be abstracted in the Science Citation Index Expanded, the Web of Science and the Materials Science Citation Index. All three are published by Thomson Scientific, the world's most influential abstracting and indexing service. In addition, starting in 2008, a Citation Index, a measure of the impact of the Journal, will also be published.

Woodhead also had a successful year publishing textile books in association with The Textile Institute, with a number of new titles coming out in 2006 and several more planned for 2007. This has been reflected in the substantially increased royalty income accruing to the Institute. Thanks are due to Prof Buchanan, Prof Dick Horrocks and Mr Bob Franck for their active participation on the Woodhead Editorial Board.

General TI book sales have again been strong in 2006, to which the introduction of the various promotions and special offers has been a major contributing factor. *Textile Terms and Definitions* continued to sell steadily and the special offer of half price for student members of the Institute has been welcomed. It is hoped that more students will take up this offer in 2007 when further initiatives will be introduced.

textiles has continued to be very popular with members and sales to subscribers increase year on year. We should like to encourage all members to express their views and comments on the magazine and the subjects/areas it covers and would also welcome relevant contributions to the TI News Section.

Business Information Services

2006 was another busy year for BIS with over 5000 enquiries dealt with on textile related subjects worldwide. As in previous years we have worked to streamline the service whilst protecting the integrity of the vital role the department plays in both retention and recruitment of new members.

We continue to independently monitor the Carpet Foundation Quality Mark and, as it has been proposed to expand the scheme into a wider industry base, we look forward to our continuing contribution.

The Lord Barnby Foundation Trust has again supported the Lord Barnby Foundation Library and the donation, as always, was gratefully received. We have significantly updated the library journal and book stock and have now included MINTEL reports for various industry sectors.

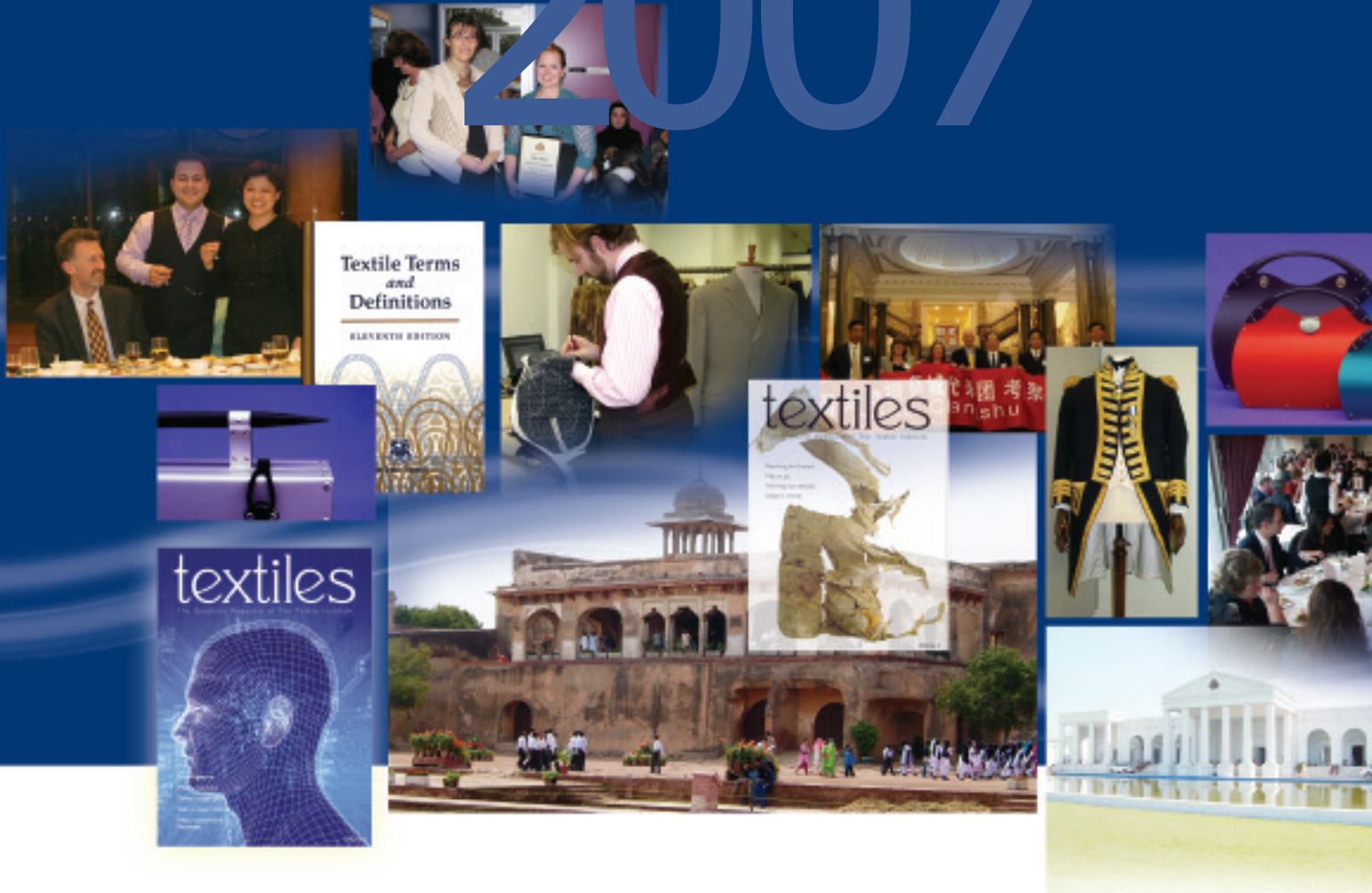
The Recruitment Register has continued to attract new members and has proved to be as popular with graduates as it is with professionals seeking new employment opportunities. The service will be extended to offer links with both employers and other agencies, thus widening the opportunities on offer.

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World President's Message



At the AGM this May I will complete my term as World President, the culmination of two very rewarding years collaborating with the TI staff, Board and Council to further TI activities worldwide. In my continuing role as Past World President I will continue working with

Chairman Mervyn Davies and World President Elect, Professor Xiaoming Tao, to expand The Textile Institute professional and corporate memberships.

I am pleased to report on some of the highlights of last year. Most recently we enjoyed the ninth annual Parliamentary Lunch last November, hosted at the House of Lords by The Lord Haskel, Past World President. It was a delightful affair for members and guests, who had an opportunity to network and to hear guest speaker Mr Wyn Jones, Chairman of Alcan UK.

Prior to the lunch we proudly recognized Lord Haskel and Mr Gerald Varley, President and CEO of Vartest Laboratories, Inc, with the award of Companionship of the Textile Institute. Other awards presented are detailed elsewhere in the report. Lord Haskel will again host the tenth Parliamentary lunch, scheduled for Friday, 9. November 2007. We will depend on the fine work of Mr Bill Bohm of the TI London office to organize this outstanding event.

I was also privileged to be invited by Chairman Seho Kyong of the Korean Federation of Textile Industries to speak at their CEO meeting in Jeju, South Korea. It was a pleasure to meet Mr Kyong, a recipient of the TI Companionship in 2005. Many TI members are involved with the Korean organization and were very helpful in preparing my presentation and providing superb hospitality.

The 85th Annual World Conference is scheduled to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka in March. The World Conference is a significant undertaking of the host location. With over 125 papers to be presented, it is sure to be an excellent three-day programme and should not be missed.

As I recap the significant events of 2006 I must give recognition to our magazine *textiles*, which has been redesigned under the leadership of Ms. Vanessa Knowles. *textiles* has reported the details of the above noted events along with exciting and relevant articles of interest to the world's textile professionals.

Finally, I must say that, since becoming World President, I observe that The Textile Institute continues to hold an esteemed reputation for professionalism throughout the world.

Gerald Mauretti
World President

Chairman's Report



For my initial report as Chairman I would like to comment on the continued progress on a number of fronts that had been put into train over the recent past. Firstly however I would like to thank The Textile Institute staff for their support and continued hard work throughout the

year, one of continuing change and restructuring. Helen Yeowart, our Director of Professional Affairs will be retiring in May, and so I would like to take this opportunity to offer my personal thanks to her, as well as those on behalf of the Council for her dedication to The Textile Institute over a very difficult period. Gerry Mauretti comes to the end of his tenure as our World President, also in May, and again I offer my thanks to him for his support and enthusiasm during his time in that role, and I look forward to his continued involvement and support as Immediate Past President.

Financially, we have continued the trend of becoming more stable and building on the action taken by the Institute in recent years. For 2006 we will show an increased operating surplus over 2005, although there were some exceptional positive items that will not be repeated in 2007. The key for our further financial stability however is the ability to increase membership revenue. This has to come from focussing on our current Individual and Corporate members, ensuring they see an increased benefit from their membership, so slowing the decline, and from targeting prospective new members, illustrating the advantages that membership will bring.

During the year The Textile Institute has continued

to raise its profile in a number of ways. The Design Event at the Treasury and the Parliamentary Lunch were both well-supported and successful events. In addition, we continue to support conferences and seminars around the world where our participation is always appreciated.

Our website continues to develop with the potential for it to become an ever important medium for both members and non-members to access information about the Institute and textile questions in general. We have a very popular website and are looking to expand its content further.

The cornerstone of The Textile Institute's activities is the awarding of professional qualifications, with its Chartered and other qualifications being recognised internationally for their high standards and integrity. These qualifications, combined with an increase in the number of accredited courses confirmed on Universities and Institutions around the world, mark the high level and unique profile that our Institute has as a professional body. Our invitation by the Universiti Teknologi Mara in Malaysia to take a full part in their 50th Anniversary celebration serves to illustrate this high standing.

Finally, I should like to remind us all that although we have continued to stabilise the financial situation of the Institute over the last year, we continue to see a decline in our membership numbers, which although levelling out recently nevertheless needs to be arrested. I look forward to working with our new World President, Prof. Xiaoming Tao, who takes over from Gerry Mauretti in May, to focus on this issue.

Mervyn Davies
Chairman of Council

Events

2006 has been another successful year for Textile Institute events. New events have been arranged, together with other long standing events, organized again by Special Interest Groups and Sections across the world.

Much planning has taken place during 2006 for the 85th Textile Institute World Conference, due to take place in Colombo, Sri Lanka in March 2007. Do please visit the website after the conference for our post-conference reviews.

The way that The Textile Institute manages its events has changed considerably during 2006. The emphasis has been on supporting as many events as possible organized by Special Interest Groups, Sections, Corporate Members and other related professional bodies through our co-badging scheme. We would like to hear from any organization or body that is planning an event over the coming months to discuss ways in which we can work together.

Thanks are due to all the SIG & Section members who work tirelessly to organize events for the benefit of their fellow members. We simply could not achieve the number and quality of events without your support. It would also be remiss not to mention the numerous sponsors of our events. There are too many to list here but their support enables us to keep costs to delegates to a minimum.

Membership

The Textile Institute continues to promote professional excellence in textiles, clothing and footwear on an international basis. In 2004, the Institute called upon members to act as ambassadors for their industry and Institute. This was a truly successful campaign and many members have continued with this membership drive to date.

2006 has been a positive year in membership in terms of new members joining to gain professional qualifications, on the recommendation of existing members and as a result of Section and Special Interest Group activity. The Institute needs the full involvement of members and in that context, continuation of membership is vital.

The London office continues to provide HQ with valued support and is intrinsic in recruitment and retention of members in the south of the country.

Sections thrived in 2006 with events and meetings taking place internationally. Work is being carried out to update the Section Handbook, which will continue to be a valuable source of information. The London Section has enjoyed a full programme of events for 2006 and this is set to continue in 2007. Many have enjoyed the revival of the Manchester and Cheshire Section.

The Lahore Section in Pakistan has taken responsibility for the Pakistan National Committee. Mr S Amin CText FTI, Chair, and Mr MNA Chishti CText ATI, Honorary Secretary, will continue to work closely with HQ in the recruitment and retention of members in Pakistan. The TI benefits from a strong and dynamic Section in Lahore, which has an extensive programme

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of activities and events annually. The National Committee plans to work closely with the Karachi Section.

The India National Office, under the Chairmanship of Mr Alope Goyal, will be run by NISTI, as formally agreed by Council in 2006. The official handover of the National Office took place in January 2007. The TI would like to thank Mr Sapra of Reliance Industries Ltd for his valuable support for the India National Office over the past few years. Thanks are also due to Mr Bharat Desai, previous Honorary Secretary of the National office and HQ liaison, for his dedication and support. NISTI has started its management by successfully hosting the Natural Fibre: Vision 2020 conference in New Delhi in conjunction with the Institute of Natural Fibres in Poland. It was a well-attended conference with over 180 delegates and invitees.

All members are invited to inform HQ of suggestions for membership services or improvements to them. The Institute will report on the findings and update the package available to members, where possible, to meet demand.

It is appropriate in the Annual Report to thank the Sections, National Offices, and the numerous committees for the work that they carry out in continuing to promote professional excellence in textiles, clothing and footwear.

Special Interest Groups

In 2006, SIG Guidelines were agreed by Council and have now been put in place to help members wishing to take part in SIG activities and for members who are interested in forming a SIG based on industry demand.

The London office and Pentland Plc hosted the Design Award Competition at the Treasury, in London on 12th July 2006. This event was held in conjunction with the Graduate Designers' Exhibition, which was organised by the Design SIG under the Chairmanship of Clare Johnston of the Royal College of Art.

Website

The website www.textileinstitute.org is our shop window and it is planned to increase the amount of information available online in 2007. In December 2006, website traffic increased to 50,000 actual visits involving over 90,000 pages. The use of the Members-only part of the website is increasing, allowing members to network with other professionals in their field. The secure website has increased the number of online payments. This helps to ensure that the Institute can remain responsive to the needs of its members, wherever they are based.

Also available on the website are TI News, which is printed in *textiles* and the International Textile Calendar, which provides an international listing of conferences, events, study tours and workshops taking place throughout the world.

