

# The Textile Institute Annual Report 2010



The Textile Institute

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.  
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## World President's Message



2009 was my third year in office as World President of The Textile Institute. I am grateful for the trust and support of colleagues who elected me for this extension year of my office.

In the last year the world suffered and then recovered, at least partially, from the financial crisis. I was invited to a number of international conferences at various locations where I witnessed this critical period of development. I had ample opportunities to mingle with academic colleagues and industrialists and see the challenges from first-hand experience. To name a few, the 10th Asian Textile Conference and the 5th International Conference on Advanced Fibers and Textile Materials in Japan; the International Conference on Plastic Electronics in Taipei; the Cotton Spinning Chief Engineers Forum and the International Textile Conference in China.

On the 14 May 2009, The Textile Institute held its AGM to deliberate and vote on one proposal for reorganisation. Although the proposal did not get the required number of supporting votes, since then, the Council and Board have been working with colleagues on several issues including the future plan for the Institute. By working together we can succeed, so please continue to support your Institute. I am looking forward to continuing to work with colleagues around the globe for a brighter future.

Professor Xiaoming Tao  
CText FTI



1910 to 2010, The Textile Institute turns one hundred.

During the whole of 2010 the Institute will be celebrating its heritage and the future of textiles, clothing and footwear worldwide.

The TI 100 logo, designed for the Institute by the Pentland Group, will be the identifying icon for the 2010 celebrations.





## Message from the Chairman of Council & Board

### **Moving Towards A Brighter Future**



As mentioned by Prof Tao, on 14 May 2009 the members of The Textile Institute voted on the proposed resolution to proceed with a merger with the 'SCI' Society of Chemical Industry. The resulting vote meant that the resolution could not be carried forward, as more than a two-third majority was needed in support of the resolution.

Many individual and Corporate members, Sections, Special Interest Groups and like minded associations and TI partners have come forward offering their support for the Institute which has enabled the Institute to set clear objectives for 2010 and beyond.

A number of new activities have been initiated at The Textile Institute for the benefit of the members and indeed the general public which allows the Institute to fulfil its Charitable activities. Mr Bill Bohm, Companion Member of The Textile Institute, has organised a number of specialised Teachers' Seminars: Industrial Practice and New Technology in Textiles and Fashion Events, which were well received and very popular amongst the school teachers.

An initiative I am passionate about myself led to the organisation of The Textile Institute Training Programme: Introduction to Textiles which was held at the headquarters early in 2010. This short course is being serviced by leading experts in fibres, yarns, fabrics, dyeing and finishing and fabric performance and testing, all of whom are chartered members of The Textile Institute.

During 2010 The Textile Institute is planning to host a number of exciting and high profile events for the Centenary Celebrations of The Textile Institute – TI100.

The Centenary World Conference: Textiles: a Global Vision, forms an important part of these celebrations, and will be held in Manchester on 3 and 4 November 2010. We are already attracting a very good level of sponsorship and many other organisations have shown interest in investing in this global event which will be the most important conference of the year.

The annual Parliamentary Lunch will as usual be held at the House of Lords and will take place the day following the Conference, on 5 November 2010. I suggest that anyone wishing to attend this extremely popular event should book their places well in advance as numbers are restricted.

Many Sections and Special Interest Groups are planning to organise a wide range of events to celebrate this momentous year for the Institute.

To date, the Manchester and Cheshire Section of The Textile Institute is hosting a Birthday Party in Manchester on 9 May 2010, and is also organising a two-day conference jointly with the Technical Textiles Special Interest Group (SIG) in Manchester on 10 and 11 June 2010. And the Institute's New South Wales Section will hold a Centenary Celebration Dinner in Sydney, Australia on the 17th July where all are invited to attend.

Finally, you will all agree with me that The Textile Institute is doing its utmost in initiating new and innovative policies to enhance and improve the services to its members. We want our members to be proud of the only truly International Institute for Textiles, Clothing and Footwear. I also wish to thank most sincerely all the staff members at the headquarters for their dedication, hard work and cooperation at all times.

**Professor Subhash Anand**  
MBE CText FTI





## Treasurer's Report



My term as Honorary Treasurer started during the last financial year (2009). I am most grateful for the support and insights that I received from our Honorary Auditor, Mr Robert MacEwen and the staff at the Manchester International Headquarters.

As I write this review, the 2009 accounts are being compiled and reviewed by our Auditors and a number of features can be identified that are worthy of note.

On the encouraging side, book sales/royalties and special project work were very good and raised their contribution to the overall results. Costs were also kept under control. The rise in stock market values will be reflected by a positive impact of the year end investment portfolio values on the accounts.

Features giving concern are headed by the decline in the key membership revenue position, where renewals and new subscriptions were weak. Elsewhere, one-off items (e.g. SCI due diligence expenses and storage charges) will also impact adversely on our final net income.

Our budgets and cash flow forecasts for the current year are firmly based on our recent record and likely prospects. A key factor here will be the contribution made by The Textile Institute Centenary World Conference to be held in Manchester in November 2010. We are aiming for the 2010 accounts to show an improved performance overall.

Mr Lawrence Rubin  
CText ATI

## 2010

This is a pivotal year in The Textile Institute's history, as it marks its 100th year. A year of celebration is planned in 2010, including:

- 9 May - Manchester and Cheshire Section Party, Town Hall, Manchester, UK
- 10 - 11 June - Managing Innovation in Textiles, Friends Meeting House, Manchester, UK
- 6 July - Design Exhibition, Treasury Building, London, UK
- 17 July - New South Wales Section Celebration Dinner, Sydney, Australia
- 3-4 November - Centenary World Conference, Manchester, UK
- 5 November - Parliamentary Lunch, House of Lords, London
- The London, Sri Lanka and other international Sections are hosting regular events throughout 2010 and can be viewed via the TI events page.

The highlight of this centenary will be the world conference, in Manchester on the 3 and 4 November 2010.

This prestigious event will have papers covering the latest academic and industry research on all aspects of textiles, clothing and footwear. The theme of the conference, Textiles: a Global Vision truly encompasses the ethos of The Textile Institute, with its emphasis on a unique and truly worldwide network of textile professionals.

A special centenary edition of textiles will be published to mark this special occasion. This collectors edition will highlight the history and the future of both the textile industry and The Textile Institute.

The Journal of The Textile Institute will also celebrate its' 100 year anniversary. The Journal is ranked within the Thomson Reuters ISI Science





Citation Index, making it one of the worlds leading journals in materials science, textiles. From 2010 the journal will become a monthly publication.

In 2010 initiatives will be sought to establish the information service as a one stop shop for all textile related enquiries. Through collaboration with other like minded organisations, the Institute will strive to become a leading centre for textile information and expand upon the current collection to create a globally recognised specialist library.

## Key Achievements

### Events and Awards

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

- 2nd International Conference on Textiles, Clothing and Technical Textiles: Lahore, Pakistan
- International Year of Natural Fibres – Natural Fibres in Australia: Dunedin, New Zealand
- Going for Gold: London
- The Textile Institute Teachers Seminars: Manchester and London
- Using process improvement to survive in these difficult times: Sri Lanka
- The Sustainable Way: Manchester

### Bangladesh

The excellent work that is being carried out on behalf of The Textile Institute by Mr John T Smith CText FTI, chairman international events, The Textile Institute and Miss Rebecca Unsworth, director of professional affairs of The Textile Institute and others in Bangladesh, must be reported enthusiastically to all our members.

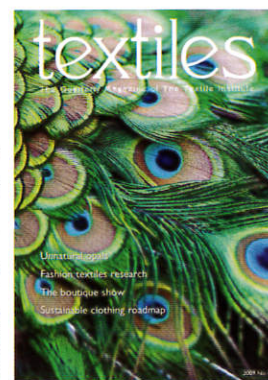
Mr John Smith is international coordinator, Textile and Ready Made Garments of a UNIDO project called the Bangladesh Quality Support Programme (BQSP). The overall objective of BQSP is to contribute to growth and poverty reduction, assisting Bangladesh in the development, strengthening and diversification of its production and export base.

The visits of Miss Rebecca Unsworth in April and June 2009 as a librarian and Prof Subhash Anand in October 2009 and January/February 2010 as a UNIDO expert in jute and technical textiles have been extremely fruitful for The Textile Institute in many ways. Prof Anand's visit in October 2009 also coincided with an event to revitalise and launch the Bangladesh Section of The Textile Institute which was attended by over 200 people. A number of employees in the textile industry and academics have already joined the Section and at least one new Corporate Member has been enrolled.

### Parliamentary Lunch

Going from strength to strength, the prestigious Parliamentary Lunch held on 6 November 2009 was a great success. Over 100 guests from all over the world were entertained, enjoying a splendid afternoon including a wide range of celebrations. For the first time, ten newly graduated students from a number of leading UK fashion and textile universities were invited to exhibit their work during pre-lunch drinks. Lord Simon Haskel presented the opening address and the Guest Speaker was Sir Duncan Michael, who is an eminent engineer and was recently awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). Sir Duncan Michael is a Director of the Arup Trustee companies, and was Chairman of Arup Group (consulting engineers) from 1995 to 2000.





Mr William Bohm CText FTI, Mr Charles Wilson CText FTI, and Mr Aljandro Dandola were all awarded the Institute's Companion Membership during the Parliamentary Lunch. Prof Ron Postle CText FTI and Dr William Oxenham CText ATI were bestowed with Honorary Fellowships of The Textile Institute for their outstanding contribution in creativity and the advancement of knowledge in fields such as science, technology, marketing and management. The Textile Institute would like to thank the House of Fraser for their kind sponsorship of the newly graduated students and Taylor and Francis for sponsoring the Parliamentary Lunch.

## The Sustainable Way

The first event of the Institute's Sustainable Special Interest Group, was held jointly with the Manchester and Cheshire Section and was extremely well attended with standing room only.

The two speakers brought two very different aspects of industry to the evening with Dr Dorothy Maxwell talking about the UK's Sustainable Clothing Roadmap, a UK Government (Defra) initiative that the Institute through the Sustainable Special Interest Group is involved with. The Roadmap involves over 300 companies along the supply chain and aims to provide a platform for an integrated approach to improving the environmental and ethical performance of clothing throughout the sector.

Asif Shah from Shirley Technologies introduced the audience to the REACH substances of very high concern, an area of great interest at a time when every company is having to face the regulations being brought into force by the European Government.

## Publishing

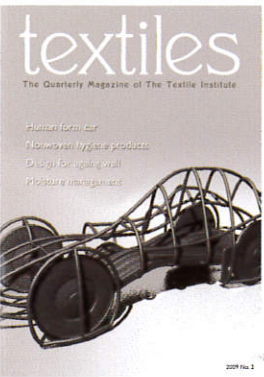
2009 saw a number of new publishing partners enter into book selling agreements with The Textile Institute, assuring that TI members get the best possible deals on textile, clothing and footwear publications, these include Shoben Fashion Media, Thames & Hudson and Textiles Intelligence.

The Journal of The Textile Institute under the management of Taylor and Francis has gone from strength to strength. The number of issues increased from six to eight in 2009. This would not have been possible without the work done by Dr David Buchanan and his editorial team.

Textile Progress continues to build on its reputation as a leading monograph under the editorship of Prof Xiaoming Tao and her team.

The Institute's membership magazine, textiles, remains at the core of the Institute's communication with its membership. Managing Editor, Vanessa Knowles through experience and vision has created a periodical that is pertinent to both the members and the industry as a whole.

The relationship with Woodheads also continues to flourish with many new titles published during 2009 covering wearable technologies, fibres, sustainability and interiors.



## Objectives

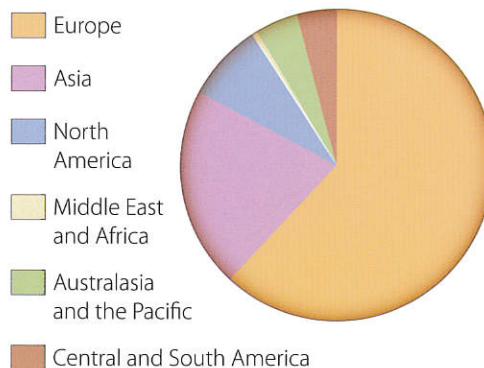
The Textile Institute covers many areas of industry and academia and is concentrating on key areas of activity to develop utilising its core competencies. The focus of the Institute over the next three years is:

- to develop brand knowledge of The Textile Institute as the benchmark for professionalism in all areas associated with textile industries worldwide
- to increase its individual professional membership and corporate membership
- through its Special Interest Groups, Regions, locals sections and partners, the Institute will continue to grow the established annual programme of high quality events across the world
- The Textile Institute Centenary Celebration 2010 is to provide the platform to raise the profile of the Institute and the industry itself beyond 2010
- to develop the professional qualification, accreditation and training schemes through education and training worldwide in schools, universities and in industry for the advancement of knowledge
- to establish its professional and academic publications as the world leading media for publishing and disseminating new knowledge and research
- to develop its website as an interactive marketing tool for member and general public use worldwide
- to provide a one-stop shop for Business Information Services for member and general public use worldwide

## Current Geographical Membership Breakdown

The Institute has individual and corporate members in up to 80 countries, the membership covers all sectors and all disciplines in textiles, clothing and footwear. The diagram opposite illustrates the membership split worldwide.

Activities of Sections/National Committees in many countries and of Special Interest Groups (SIG) (occupationally-based) are the foundation of The Textile Institute. A decentralised TIHQ has evolved, reflecting international trends in geographical relocation of various parts of the textiles sector, and the availability of electronic communication with members.







The Textile Institute is a unique organisation in textiles, clothing and footwear. Inaugurated in 1910, 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 80 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.

### Benefits of a Worldwide Membership

- Be part of a unique international brand
- Network – both locally and globally through the Institute's website
- Events – network at TI conferences and seminars held worldwide
- Sections – regular Section activities on a local and international basis
- SIGs – register up to three special interest areas
- textiles – quarterly magazine free to all members
- Qualifications – professional qualifications for specialists in textiles, clothing and footwear
- Training – take part in a Textile Institute training programme
- BIS – Business Information Service enquiries on products, process and companies
- ITC – online international calendar listing future conferences, exhibitions and short courses
- Recruitment – online Recruitment Service available to all members
- Consultants – online Register of Consultants open to all members
- Bookstore – online catalogue of books published by The Textile Institute and partners
- Journals – discounts available for the Journal of The Textile Institute and Textile Progress

### Members of Council

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