



# The Textile Institute Annual Report 2012



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## World President's Message



In 2009 a new business model was introduced to raise the profile of brand Textile Institute and the services provided to members, industry and above all the general public worldwide. These objectives concentrate primarily on the development of the TI as the benchmark for professionalism worldwide focusing on core activities

including professional qualifications, dissemination of information, publications and events amongst others. In 2011 I have endeavoured to communicate this through my activities and as World President I have visited many local Sections and international partners to prioritise this organisational goal.

One of my first visits in 2011 was to The Textile Institute Lahore Section 3rd International Conference on Textile and Clothing - 'Sustainable Products and Textile Exports'. This was an international event with delegates from around the world and it was clear to see the reputation that the Institute holds in this region which is represented to the most professional of standards by the local representatives in both the Lahore and Karachi Sections. On a personal note it was a most welcoming and interesting place to visit.

In September 2011 I was delighted to be informed that I was indeed the first non Indian Textile Institute World President to visit and attend a two day International Conference on Textiles: 'A Decade Ahead' at PHD Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi, India. The conference was organised by the North India Section of The Textile Institute 'NISTI'. My paper for this conference highlighted how the textile industries need to work together for collaboration in the years ahead in this difficult economic climate that many of us are facing and how the Institute can assist such partnerships. The conference was a great success with over 200 participants.

Visits to local Sections is vital to the development of the Institute and objectives, as Sections are at the hub of our local communities. As Chairman of the Swiss Section of The Textile Institute I can appreciate the work and commitment, both past and present that makes our Institute a success internationally.

As Head of Sales and Marketing at the textile machine manufacturer SwissTex I was pleased to be able to hold the 68th Meeting of the Swiss Section in my home location.

The TI also works with many partners around the world including Corporate Members, industry and universities that run courses accredited by the Institute. I have been pleased to represent the Institute and develop such partnerships. The 50th Anniversary Celebration of High Textile Education in Croatia, and an event to celebrate 100 years of textile technical education at the Technical University of Technology and 75 years of Textile Technical Association of Finland STTL in Tampere are examples of events that I have attended to show the Institute's support for professionalism.

ITMA 2011 Barcelona was attended by many international members. I was able to host the TI stand which was in a key exhibition location and visited by many members and associates of the TI. SwissTex and the TI held a party to thank TI VIPs at the

famous show event El Tablao de Carmen located in the typical Spanish village El Pueblo Espanol in the heart of Montjuic Park and both Flamenco y Sangria was enjoyed following my address. At ITMA Barcelona 2011 I was a guest speaker at the India ITME 2012 launch. From this activity the Institute will be knowledge partners at this exhibition and will have a stand represented by both staff, Indian National Office and key local Section representatives.

An ITMA Review organised by the Manchester and Cheshire Section and the Technical Textiles SIG was an excellent one day event for those that could not attend ITMA 2011 to hear about new technologies. A number of invited speakers presented their views as experienced at ITMA Barcelona 2011. Subjects covered were spinning, weaving, warp and weft knitting, dyeing, finishing and printing, nonwovens, CAD/CAM and advanced materials.

The Parliamentary Lunch held on 4 November 2011 continues to be a great success as a key event in the Institutes annual programme of events and provides an opportunity for colleagues, friends and family to come together.

Social networking as a tool to contact TI members is developing and becoming a practical way for the Institute to liaise with the general public sending consistent messages across all media.

As the Annual Report is being written the Institute International Headquarters is in the planning stages of the next Textile Institute World Conference to be held in May at the Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia. There has been an overwhelming response to its call for papers and the theme of the conference: Bridging Research, Innovation and Enterprise, will be a catalyst for networking, the sharing of ideas and we hope collaboration between industry and academia.

I would like to thank my colleagues on Council and the staff at the Institute International Headquarters for their great support.

**Mr Andreas Weber** CText FTI  
World President

## Message from the Chair of Council & Board



My message in the 2011 Annual Report highlighted the success of the Centenary and The Textile Institute (TI) Centenary Conference in 2010. The TI is now in the final stages of organising the 88th World Conference which will take place in May 2012. The call for papers for Bridging Research, Innovation and Enterprise has had an excellent response and we hope to welcome many to the conference in May. The Textile Technology Programme, Faculty of Applied Sciences (FSG) and the Faculty of Art & Design (FSSR) at the Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Shah Alam, Selangor are collaborating to host the conference.

We are living in an ever changing and difficult economic environment which is reflective throughout our industry and the Institute. Whilst we have achieved a number of our objectives set in 2009 we can not escape the financial state of the world around us. The Council of the Institute continues in its role to review how the TI can enhance the membership and service income in this current climate.

One example of this is the new Corporate Membership package and subscription rates which were introduced in 2012. The TI had an excellent response from Corporate Members to the survey conducted in 2011 which has aided the development of 3 different Corporate Member subscription packages for the industry. At present work is being carried out by TIHQ and local Sections to investigate new systems to incentivise and to encourage new Corporate and Individual Members.

The TI Publication portfolio which continued to grow in 2011 with the introduction of a major project, the digitisation of Textile Terms and Definitions (TT&D) in 2012. TT&D is the definitive, authoritative work for practitioners, students and people affiliated to the textile industry. Collectively as an industry we have much to celebrate with the advancement of new technologies which have led to the birth of a digitised edition of this TI flagship publication.

The success of the expert led Short courses 'An Introduction to Textiles' launched in 2010 and directed by Professor Subhash Anand has led to the introduction of another short course 'New Product Development, Balanced Sourcing & Effective Project Management' organised by the TI and partner NWtexnet a UK based organisation.

For the latter part of 2011 the TI has provided a secretariat service for Corporate Member the Association of Suppliers to the British Clothing Industry (ASBCI). This project continues in 2012 with further discussions for the Institute to become the official provider of this secretariat beyond 2012. TIHQ is streamlining its internal management structure to accommodate this and to ensure that future operational matters are the responsibility of the management team which will provide stability to the financial model and development of the Institute.

Key events in the Institutes calendar such as the Design means Business exhibition held in 2011 at Durbar Court, Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London which showcases new designers from TI Corporate Member universities and colleges in all areas of textiles, clothing and footwear continues to be a great success and

the next exhibition will take place in July 2013 which will introduce new elements to the programme.

Similarly the annual Textile Institute Southern Australian Section (TISA) design competition showcases finalists from across the educational sectors Australia-wide. TISA is the only professional organisation in the textile, clothing and footwear industry that provides this unique opportunity for Australian fashion and textiles students to study overseas at the prestigious Paris American Academy (PAA).

The conference 'Managing Innovation in Textiles' held in Manchester and organised by TIHQ was a great success and is set to run again in 2013. It aimed to explore how major innovations will affect industry, the environment and our lifestyles going forward. It was a truly international event with visitors from Ghana, India, Nigeria, Turkey and the USA and proved to be an extremely thought provoking and varied programme.

Education and training is at the core of the Institute and part of this commitment is the School Seminar programme managed through the TI London Office which provides teachers with up to date information on technological developments currently taking place in the world of fashion and textiles. The aim is to support their work in the classroom across all levels.

2012 will see the introduction of a TI approval scheme for courses provided by training providers, directed by a panel of textile professionals and ratified by the Diplomas Committee. The Institute will work with industry in 2012 to raise the profile of its accreditation scheme which ratifies higher education programmes.

Nomination and election of individual members to Council in 2011 saw many international additions which will allow the Institute to be representative of its industry. The TI recognises it still has work to do here and it is a commitment of the Council of The Textile Institute to attract, develop and harness the members and skills to fully embody the membership base by region and specialism in 2012 and beyond.

Thanks are to be noted for the Honorary Officers, Council Members and all those involved in Committee work, activities and all staff at the International Headquarters in Manchester, UK.

**John Wilson** OBE CompTI  
Chair of Council and Board

## Treasurer's Report



As is our usual practice, for timing reasons, this report is written before the final 2011 Auditor's report is available. Consequently, I will write below about trends seen in our internal budgets, rather than specific figures which will be revealed to all shortly. Any misreading of the situation will be reported in my AGM statement.

We had to steer our way through difficult conditions last year. Consequently, despite lower costs than initially estimated in the TI 2011 budget, we were unable to counter the overall fall in income. I review below the main satisfactory area as well as those that under performed.

Our membership revenues, Individual and Corporate, held up well and met our budget, albeit conservatively pitched, for the first time in many years. A new approach to membership recovery of lapsed members should further help income in 2012. Gift Aid tax relief from UK member donations is an important contributor. Training courses and events continue to be a good revenue source.

Book sales were hit by the market decline as spending was constrained. Technical reasons led to a lack of orders from a key source as well as the write off of an important order originally booked in the 2011 accounts. We have yet to have confirmed the total royalty income, but, this may not be up to budget expectations.

Professional qualifications and accreditation fees also fell below budget, but, new initiatives are now in place to rectify this balance.

Furthermore, I would just like to point out three relevant features when it comes to comparing 2011 with the previous year.

2011 lacked the impact of an Annual World Conference (AWC) which was primarily responsible for the lion's share of the previous year's revenue surplus.

It should be noted that we benefited in 2011 from a rent free period in Manchester following on the re-negotiation of our TIHQ lease. This falls away in the current year.

Again, contrasting 2011 with 2010, the stock market conditions were reversed; the booking of a gain in 2010 in the Income account was reversed into the booking of a loss in 2011. This represents a loss in 'book value' terms and is not an actual cash outflow.

Cash flow was difficult during the year, partly due to the timing of our income/outgoings and partly due to a financial structural change. Our income cycle is geared to the first half of the year and gets tighter as the year progresses. Costs are fairly constant on a quarterly basis and thus a continuing overdraft is required.

Cash flow last year suffered from two particular drawbacks. In 2010, we were cushioned by advance payments for the Manchester AWC but this disappeared in 2011. We consequently had to increase our overdraft level for three months. Furthermore, our VAT profile in 2011 led to a major payment as we had insufficient outgoings for offset.

I consider our 2012 budgets to be realistic and are based on 2011 experience, conservative estimates of likely prospects and growth targets accepted by Council and staff.

I am most fortunate to have the help and advice of the team at TIHQ and our experienced and incisive Honorary Auditor, Mr Robert MacEwen. May I thank them all for keeping me on a straight line.

**Mr Lawrence Rubin** CText ATI  
Honorary Treasurer





## 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:

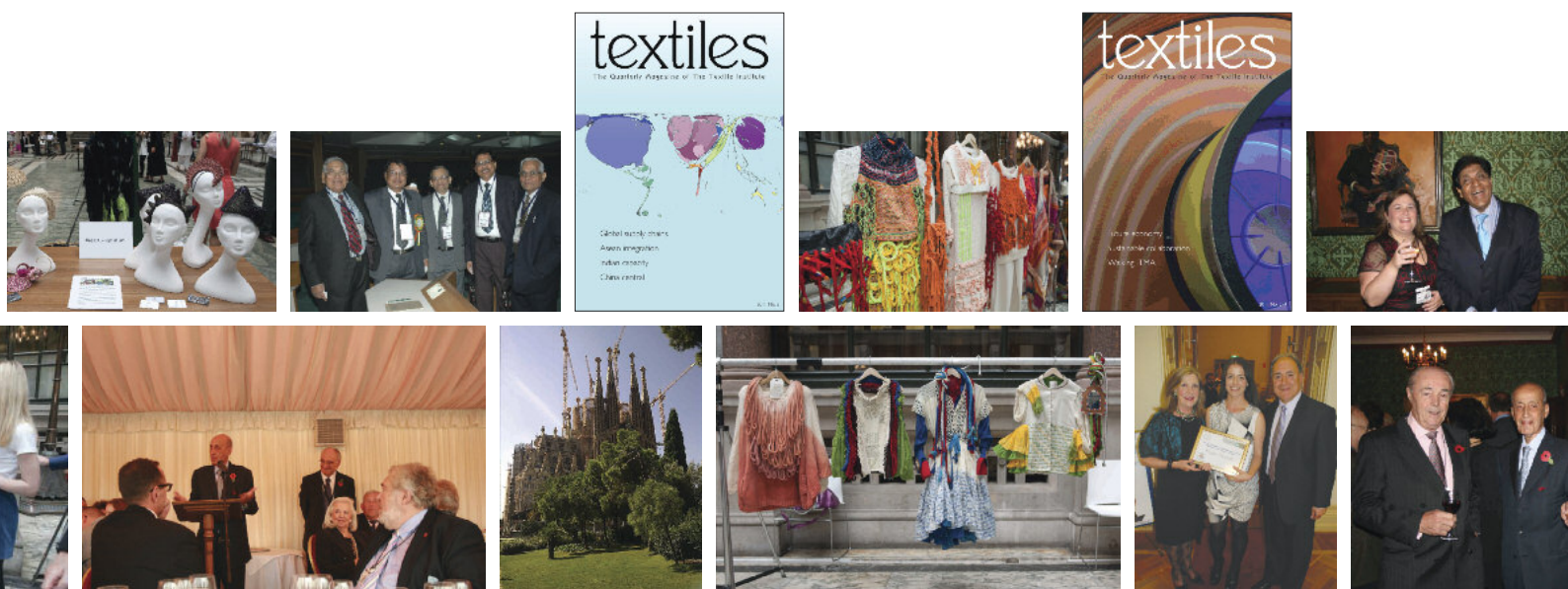
- to develop brand knowledge of The Textile Institute as the benchmark for professionalism in all areas associated with the textile industries worldwide
- to increase its professional Individual and Corporate Membership
- through its Special Interest Groups, Regions, local Sections and partners, to continue to grow the established annual programmes of events of the highest quality across the world
- 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 it's professional and academic publications as the world leading media for publishing and disseminating new knowledge and research
- to develop its web site as an interactive and market 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
- to provide through the Institute's Centenary and world conferences a platform to raise the profile of both the Institute and the worldwide textile industries

## Events and Activities 2011

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

- January - London and SE England Section Roy Godden Lecture 'Tomorrows Textiles' UK
- February/October - Training Courses - 'Introduction to Textiles' TIIHQ, UK
- March - Lahore Section Conference 'Sustainable Products and Textile Exports', Pakistan
- April - 68th Meeting Swiss Section, Switzerland
- April - Sri Lanka Section Colour Psychology Event, Sri Lanka
- May - TI AGM TIIHQ, UK
- June - Sustainability Talks various locations, UK
- June - School Seminars for teachers, Manchester and London, UK
- July - Design Exhibition FCO, UK
- September - North India Section 'NISTI' Conference 'Textiles a Decade Ahead', India
- September - ITMA 2011 Barcelona and Flamenco Party, Spain
- October - Southern Australia Section Student Design Awards Showcase, Australia
- November - Parliamentary Lunch House of Lords, UK
- November - Managing Innovation in Textiles Conference, UK
- December - Manchester and Cheshire Section ITMA Review, UK
- December - India National Office 'INO' 'Interesting Textiles' India

Many more events and activities around the world organised by TI Sections and Special Interest Groups 'SIG's.



## Key Achievements

- Logo - TI introduces new marketing logo
- Corporate Membership Survey - A successful member survey conducted with the views of Corporate members worldwide
- Individual members - Over 183 new Individual members
- Free Student Members - Over 1600 new Student members
- Corporate members - Over 10 new Corporate Members
- India National Office 'INO' revitalise the South, East and West India Sections to a great industry response
- Southern Australia Section - Student Design Competition now in its second decade
- Indonesia Section - revitalisation of the Indonesian Section begins
- Medals and Awards - Another successful crop of high profile awardees
- World President attends NISTI international conference in Delhi
- Student wins place to attend the TIWC 2012 Malaysia at the Design Exhibition
- Events a New Era - The Textile Institute co-badging scheme to endorse external and partner events, worldwide
- Training Courses and School Seminars - Both learning resources are now set in The Textile Institute annual events calendar
- ITMA 2011 - The Textile Institute attends ITMA 2011 with exhibition partner SwissTex and World President Andreas Weber
- TI formally endorses The International Journal of Fashion Design, Technology and Education
- Dornbirn Man-Made Fibre Congress - TI is represented at this event which celebrated its' 50th year
- TI representatives visit Lahore Section and attend the International Textile Conference
- Member Get Member Campaign - Sees worldwide success with many members benefiting
- Managing Innovation in Textiles - Another successful international conference, UK
- TIWC 2012 Malaysia Call for papers announced to a great response internationally
- textiles - Special ITMA Review edition welcomed and enjoyed by members
- 9 New CText FTI's awarded
- 17 New CText ATI's awarded
- 2 New LTI's awarded
- 3 New Institution Accreditations
- 17 Re-accreditations awarded
- TI representatives visit Delhi for INO conference 'Interesting Textiles'
- Ratification of the new TI Approval scheme for short training courses
- Prof Richard Murray appointed co-editor of Textile Progress
- Work begins on the digital version of Textile Terms and Definitions "TT&D"

## Publications

Widely accepted as the authoritative work, Textile Terms and Definitions (TT&D) is being relaunched in digital form. May 2012 will see the beta version of TT&D online and ready for review.

This new format will allow for terms to be added, revised and updated instantly. Delivery will be fast and portable. Future subject areas to be added include composites, design, footwear and sustainability.

The terms will continue to be rigorously edited by a panel of world experts in their respective fields.

## Professional Qualifications

Accreditation of courses has long been established at The Textile Institute, but, in the last two years demand has increased for the validation of short courses, in house training, e-learning and those courses without a purely academic outcome. Often these types of courses are aimed at people working within the industry who may have a gap in their skills or need to update and expand on their existing knowledge.

With this in mind The Textile Institute is launching a brand new approved course scheme. Applications are invited from all training providers, these courses will be verified by a committee of textile professionals and then given the TI seal of approval.

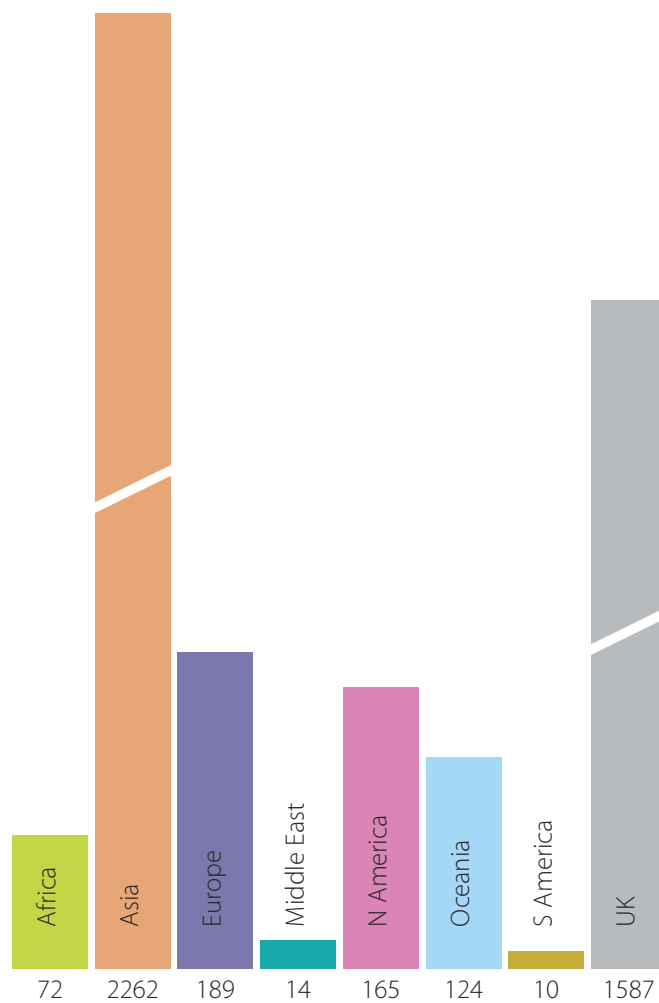


## Statistics

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Region	Members	Students (Free)
Africa	71	1
Asia	537	1725
Europe	187	2
Middle East	14	0
N America	151	14
Oceania	115	9
S America	10	0
UK	1345	242





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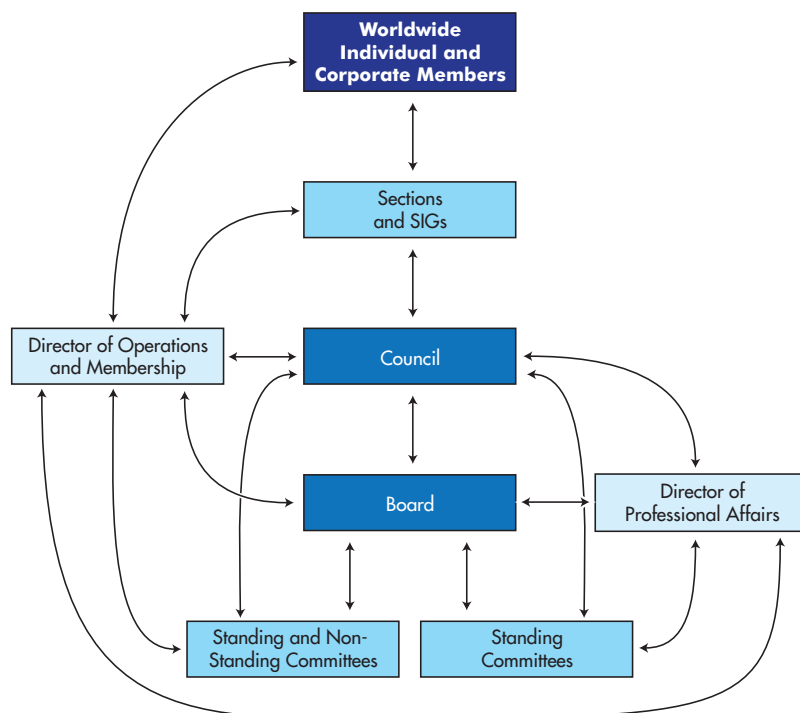
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