



The Textile Institute Annual Report 2013



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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Message from the World President



This will be a pivotal year for The Textile Institute (TI) in which we will review the business model and set new objectives for the next three years, aimed at continuing the development of the TI as the premium brand for global textile professionalism. It is already clear that a number of the targets established six years ago have been surpassed and a report outlining the key achievements as well as highlighting areas for improvement and targets for the future will be provided to members.

Most of my professional life has had an international focus and accordingly for many decades I have had great affinity with the aims and objectives of the TI. Membership has helped my career development and been of particular benefit in networking, identifying new opportunities and enjoying the events for which our Institute has an excellent worldwide reputation.

Often during my travels I am asked "what can the TI do for me?" I always respond by explaining that TI is a rather special club and as with all clubs you get from it what you put into it. I have made the most of my club membership and I hope you will as well.

You will have read in the TI News section of textiles 2012 that through the extensive international travel schedule on behalf of my firm, I also embarked on a World President Tour and in 2012 had the opportunity to visit a number of the Institutes international Sections. The first quarter of my term in office included visits to Malaysia, Indonesia, Bangladesh and India.

The first scheduled visit was to Malaysia for the TIWC 2012 where I met with Prof Jamil Salleh CText FTI and his team at the Universiti Teknologi MARA. I would like to thank Prof Salleh for organising such a successful, collaborative and friendly international conference, which was confirmed by the many positive responses we received from the international delegates.

2012 was also a year of new beginnings for the Institute which coincided with my visit to Indonesia to the newly revitalised Section, which has significantly raised the profile of the Institute in a short period of time, through both Corporate Member and exhibition promotion. The Textile Institute has a number of local Sections in India which are supported and co-ordinated by the National Office in Delhi and regular activities take place via the local office, also based in Delhi NISTI (North India Section of The Textile Institute). I was delighted to chair an open house session with VIP guests and captains of industry, which was organised by NISTI and was attended by many CEOs of textiles based industries. The event was well received and there were many calls for such an activity to be repeated.

August 2012 also saw the completion on the first phase of the tour with a visit to Bangladesh where I was involved in a local Section meeting, which was a great opportunity to hear first hand the issues that are important to members in Bangladesh.

Sections are at the core of our local communities, as are Special Interest Groups which represent the components of our very varied

industry, so it is crucial that these visits and activities take place in order to raise the profile of our Institute and develop forums for a greater understanding of requirements and needs affecting our industry worldwide.

One of the many highlights of the tour was the participation of the TI at the ITME in Mumbai, India, during December 2012. I was invited to be a keynote presenter and the Institute was a knowledge partner for this 6 day event which received 848 exhibitors from 32 countries over 10 hectares of exhibition area. This was not only a partnership of organisations it was a partnership of teams from across the Indian Sections, Special Interest Groups and TIHQ Staff who all thoroughly enjoyed working together and with much success since new Corporate and Individual Members were welcomed and new contacts established.

In 2012 a redesigned package of benefits for Corporate Members has been generating success. There are three levels of Corporate Membership with all gaining from new industry requested services whilst holding on to the core values to be expected from a professional organisation. I am pleased to report a boost of over 15% in the number of Corporate Members of the Institute over the past year.

Textile Terms and Definitions (TT&D) in digital format is the Institutes flagship publication and is now available as a free service as part of the new Corporate Member package. The focus of TT&D's development plan is global in its set up, with international committee members and conveners. Stage 1 and 2 are now complete with the full 11th Edition of TT&D available to purchase in digital format. Stage 3 of the project will encompass the introduction of new terms and subject areas such as design, nano technologies, sustainability, smart textiles and leather whilst stage 4 of the project will see development of this product into other media for 2014. Particular thanks should be given to the Cotton Industry War Memorial Trust as without the seed funding this new venture would not have been possible. It is also necessary to thank Picanol who are friends and sponsors of TT&D. There are various packages that have been set and I urge those who represent our industry to become general, subject sponsors or friends of TT&D.

As I write this report it is extremely promising to envisage how the Institute will develop and grow over the next couple of years but if we are to succeed much depends on your participation. If you would like to take part in TI activities and benefit from your club membership I implore you to contact myself, TIHQ or any of the many representatives from around the world, all of whom will be happy to assist.

Finally, there are many people to whom I would like to offer my grateful thanks for all their help and support during a very interesting and exciting start to my term of office, including the staff at TIHQ, the Council of the Institute and my international TI colleagues.

Dr Peter Dinsdale CText FTI
World President

Message from the Chairman of Council & Board



This will be my final Annual Report as Chairman of The Textile Institute having served my term in office with an exceptional third year. My message in the 2011 report focused on the difficult economic climate that we live in and that my main concern has been the financial security of the Institute along with the development of TI services offered and the enhancement of the membership package to secure the long term future of the Institute. Our strategy has served us well, and I have no doubt that this year's improved performance results whilst modest will continue but there is still much more work to be done.

The Institute took necessary measures to reduce costs in 2012 which included the closing of the physical London Office based at 3 Queen Square due to an increase in rent, Bill Bohm continues to manage the London Office from home until a new and suitable location is found. Another decision was to not replace the membership administration function for a period of 6 months as a cost saving measure to consolidate resources whilst the Council of the Institute set firm and viable plans for 2013 and beyond. One such activity is the introduction of a Foundation Fund.

As members you will have received a letter through the post from the Chairman Elect, World President and I to launch the Foundation Fund at the close of 2012. The Council of the Institute needs to raise some GBP£100,000 over the next three years to bring the organisation to a new operational level to meet the demands of our industry which will include investment in the IT infrastructure, website and promotional activities whilst securing the financial base of the TI. The response has been pleasing, particularly in these difficult economic times.

Council, the executive management team and employees at all levels have seized opportunities presented including a new, electronic edition of Textile Terms and Definitions (TT&D), a new industry focused Corporate Membership package, a revised accreditation process for qualifications, a new level of endorsement for short courses through an approved course system, events and short courses and a secretariat link with the ASBCI. The service arm of the Institute has flourished and we all hope to see the positive results of these activities in the following years. There are other avenues that the Institute wishes to explore to meet the requirements of industry but we must assess and introduce these new elements to our portfolio as we receive positive returns from the recently introduced activities and Foundation Fund.

My term of office as Chairman comes to an end at the close of this year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May 2013. At the previous years meeting we announced the appointment of my successor, Mrs Helen Rowe CompTI CText FTI who has had a career in both industry and academia. Helen celebrated an incredible 40 years as a member of The Textile Institute in 2011 and is the Chairman and a long-serving member of the Diplomas Committee of The Textile Institute and of the Manchester and Cheshire Section holding the position of Vice Chair. Her work with the Council and

staff at TIHQ began a number of months ago to allow for a smooth handover in May 2013 and Helen has been involved and led many of the recent projects including the Foundation Fund.

My personal highlight continues to be the Parliamentary Lunch which was once again a thundering success where we saw members being presented with professional qualifications and Medals and Awards were presented to distinguished industry representatives. Our other major success is in developing the TI events programme which includes short courses managed through TIHQ. The Sections and Special Interest Groups continue to organise and establish new events and activities independently and many administrated in cooperation with the TIHQ event management with great success.

The Corporate Membership package has been received well and we have been delighted to welcome new members to the Institute but also as pleased to provide additional new benefits to our longstanding and loyal supporters who have helped to develop this package.

It has always been my belief that the most important investment that a company makes is the one that it makes in its people. I have never ceased to be impressed by the enthusiasm, professionalism and dedication of all the employees at TIHQ who have had a reduced resource in 2012 whilst endeavouring to introduce new activities to the annual programme my thanks go to them.

It has been a privilege to be Chairman of The Textile Institute. The Textile Institute is a unique organisation with a strong professional base, excellent people worldwide including members, TI partners, representatives and Council members whom I am indebted to for their support during my term. We have a robust strategy that if we work together will ensure continued growth of the Institute.

John Wilson OBE CompTI
Chairman of Council and Board

Honorary Treasurer's Report



I review here how we fared in 2012 and examine our current outlook and expectations for the future. I will make particular reference to two significantly favourable year end events.

2012 was another tough year for the Institute. This was reflected in the excessive amount of time spent by Council and the TI officials

discussing budgets, cash flow, liquidity and examining alternative options and possibilities. Some restructuring proved inevitable.

The heart of the 2012 problem was cash flow management following a decline in liquid resources. This was due to the loss incurred in the previous year, no substantial world conference pre-payments and no major improvements on our income receipts from our usual activities. Bank overdraft facilities were increased but we still required assistance from trustee voluntary loans and agreed phasing of payments to key creditors in order to remain afloat.

As I write, the auditors are working on the accounts. We will see the extent of the downward pressure on our results when the audit is made public ahead of the AGM in May 2013. I can comment here on some features, based on our management accounts, but timing issues and accounting conventions have proved that the auditors' profit & loss result does vary from the Quick Books management accounts.

Looking at the management accounts, our main income source, membership, saw a rise in Corporate Membership income received cancelled out by a decline in Individual Membership but an increase in the budgeted target for Individual Member subscriptions 2012. Our second major contributor, royalties, held steady, as did publications, and information services. Events, albeit smaller in significance, benefitted from the short courses and a useful contribution from the 2012 Textile Institute World Conference.

Diplomas & education also moved ahead in its activities at the second half of the year. A major new contributor was the Foundation Fund initial donations which is being monitored separately.

Elsewhere, expenses were generally reduced in 2012 with notable features including rent (rent free period under new Manchester lease) and publications (new schedules). In the exceptional items area, we ended the year with a rise in our investment portfolio, which will show as a non cash credit on the 2012 profit & loss account.

Our 2013 budget and cash flow were originally prepared last autumn on a conservative basis and with no attempt to smooth over possible adverse circumstances. The budget anticipated a small surplus in 2013 but the cash flow cycle indicated some severe difficulties might arise. Since that date, two major events have occurred that have very substantially strengthened our financial position and improved our liquidity.

I refer here to the end 2012 launch of the Foundation Fund and the publishing goodwill payment received from The Textile Institute partners Taylor and Francis. The goodwill payment was received following the signing of a new 5 year publishing/royalty contract this year. It will be very helpful in re-capitalising our balance sheet and making a contribution to funding new developments.

Donations received via The Textile Institute Foundation Fund will make a significant and most useful contribution to meeting our aims of keeping the Institute up to date and relevant. This should eventually generate income in its own right. We are seeking to clearly designate income received here (including Gift Aid tax repayments for UK members) and outgoing on projects enabled by donations here.

The help I have received from our team in Manchester TIHQ and our Honorary Auditor, Mr Robert MacEwen CText FTI FCFI, has been invaluable and I look forward to working with them in the future. We should now be in a net cash position for a good part of 2013. Given the financial pressure of recent years, this will be a very satisfactory place to be.

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 2009 – 2012 has been:

- 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 its 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 world conferences a platform to raise the profile of both the Institute and the worldwide textile industries

Key Achievements

- New Textile Terms and Definitions logo
- Corporate Membership Package - New Corporate Membership package launched worldwide
- Individual members - Over 181 new Individual Members
- Free Student Members - Over 2000 Student Members from Corporate Member institutions
- Corporate members - 4 new Corporate Members
- India National Office 'INO' revitalisation of the Sections continue for South, East and West India Sections to a great industry response
- Dr Peter Dinsdale CText FTI elected World President of The Textile Institute
- Indonesia Section – revitalisation continues with activities and exhibition stands
- World President attends NISTI meeting and chairs an Open House Session with Captains of Industry
- Medals and Awards – Another successful crop of high profile awardees for 2012
- Short Courses – The Textile Institute and partnered short courses are part of the annual events calendar
- World President Dr Peter Dinsdale CText FTI begins World Tour and visits Bangladesh, India, Indonesia and Malaysia
- Member Get Member Campaign – Sees worldwide success with many members benefiting
- TIWC 2012 Malaysia - A successful international conference at the Universiti Teknologi MARA
- TI representatives from the UK and India visit Mumbai for India ITME
- Prof Richard Murray appointed Editor of Textile Progress
- Work complete on the digital version of Textile Terms and Definitions
- Launch of www.ttandd.org
- Southern Australia Section - Student Design Competition now in its second decade
- New enhanced contracts signed with journal publishers Taylor & Francis
- TI expertise employed on Better Work and Standards programme, UNIDO, Bangladesh
- Book selling agreement with Mud Pie
- TI participation in 2nd International Conference on Textile & Apparel Bangladesh
- 9 New CText FTI's
- 23 New CText ATI's
- 1 New LTI
- Launch of Approved Course Status
- 8 Re-accreditations of Institutions to ATI Awarded
- 4 New Institutions Accredited to ATI
- 1 New Institution Accredited to LTI
- 3 New Approved Courses
- 80% increase in Textile Progress downloads
- Journal of The Textile Institute impact factor increase
- Launch of a digital textiles, the quarterly magazine of The Textile Institute



2012 Events and Activities

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

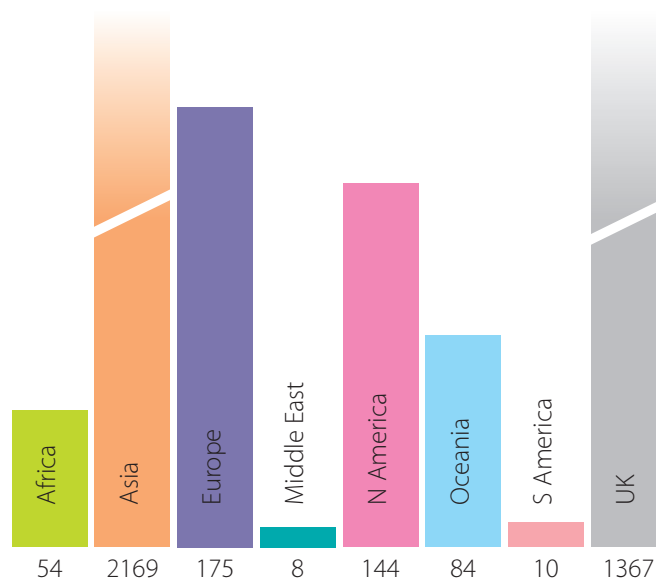
- January - London and SE England Section Roy Godden Lecture 'Construction IS Material' UK
- February - Training Courses - 'Introduction to Textiles' TIIHQ, UK
- March - Sponsor for Design for Ageing Well collaborative research's celebratory conference, 'Wearable Futures: Inclusive Design' London, UK
- March - 69th Meeting Swiss Section Factory visit Serge Ferrari Tersuisse Multifils SA (and AGM) Emmenbrucke, Switzerland
- April - Sri Lanka Section and partners Control Union 'Sustainable Developments in Textiles a New Approach to Competitiveness' Colombo Sri Lanka
- May - TI AGM TIIHQ, UK
- May - Textile Institute World Conference Malaysia TIWC Malaysia
- May - London and SE England Section 'Hanging by a Thread' London, UK
- May - 'New Product Development and Balanced Sourcing' Short Course with NW TEXNET
- June - London and SE England Section AGM 'Building a Brand Strategy' Martin Mason of LuLu Guinness Ltd London, UK
- June - School Seminars for teachers, Manchester & London, UK
- July - NISTI Open House Session at PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry Delhi, India
- September - London and SE England Section '21st Century Tailoring' London, UK
- October - Southern Australia Section Student Design Awards Showcase, Australia
- October - Yorkshire and District Section Annual White Rose

Lecture, Huddersfield, UK

- October - 70th Meeting Swiss Section Retech AG in Meisterschwanden, Switzerland
- October - Training Courses - 'Introduction to Textiles' TIIHQ, UK
- October - Teachers Workshops at the Knit and Stitch Show London, UK
- October - Leather Innovation Seminar 'From Hide to High Street' Northampton University Northampton, UK
- October - Sri Lanka Section 'Energy Conservation in the Clothing Industry' Colombo, Sri Lanka
- November - Private Tour of Henry Poole, 1st Savile Row Tailors London, UK
- November - Parliamentary Lunch House of Lords London, UK
- November - Media Partner for Sri Lanka Design Festival 2012, Sri Lanka
- December - 'How to Enhance Productivity by Using Brother Multi-Function Programmable Pattern Tracker' Ratmalana South, Sri Lanka
- December - Partner for 2nd International Conference on Textile & Apparel Bangladesh
- December - Manchester and Cheshire Section Celebrity Lecture, Manchester, UK
- December - Indonesian Section attends the Myanmar International Textile and Garment Industry Fair, Myanmar, Indonesia
- December - India ITME Mumbai, India

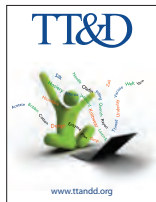
Statistics

Region	Members	Students (Free)
Africa	54	0
Asia	436	1733
Europe	172	3
Middle East	8	0
N America	129	15
Oceania	75	9
S America	10	0
UK	1047	320



The Textile Institute is a unique organisation in textiles, clothing and footwear. 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 70 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.

Publications



2012 saw the launch of a digital platform for Textile Terms and Definitions, the publication is now being expanded to include terms on colouration, design, leather, footwear, smart, composites and sustainability as well as updates to current terms and new terms within existing subject areas such as technical textiles, floorcoverings, spinning, weaving, dyeing and finishing.

To view the website or subscribe please go to www.ttandd.org

The Institute would like to thank the work of the chair of the TT&D Committee, Mr Malcolm Ball CText FTI for his hard work in the initial stages of the project. The chair is now with Ms Vanessa Knowles on a temporary basis who is continuing the work and developing the publication further.

The Institute would also like to thank the committee, convenors and panels for their continuing dedication to the development of this definitive work.

At the end of 2012 The Textile Institute and publisher Taylor & Francis renegotiated publishing contracts for the next five years. This has led to a substantial increase in royalty payments and a generous signing fee, both of which have been invaluable to the financial future of The Textile Institute.

The support of Taylor & Francis has been on-going and the Institute would like to thank Richard Steele, Leila Mills, Victoria White and the rest of the staff at Taylor & Francis who have made this relationship possible.

Both the Journal of The Textile Institute and Textile Progress have gone from strength to strength. The journal under the editorship of Dr David Buchanan CText FTI and Dr William Oxenham Hon FTI has seen an increase in downloads and impact factor in 2012.

Textile Progress now under the sole editorship of Prof Richard Murray CText ATI can boast an increase in paper downloads of 80% in 2012. Prof Xio Ming Tao CText FTI who had previously edited Textile Progress has now joined the panel of the editorial board, our thanks go to Prof Tao for her years of service to the publication.

Textiles has now been developed to include a digital format which can be accessed through the members-only section of the website, or by subscription. Vanessa Knowles continues to edit this much respected magazine.

Our thanks go to all of the editors who keep the highest of standards for The Textile Institute's portfolio of globally renowned publications.

Professional Qualifications

The Approved course scheme was launched in autumn 2012. This new validation from The Textile Institute is for short courses, in-house training, e-learning and those courses without an academic outcome. In 2013 the remit will be expanded to include academic credit which can be accumulated over a number of courses to go towards TI professional qualifications.

Projects

The Textile Institute was delighted to be asked to become involved with UNIDO project Better Work and Standards Programme (BEST). The Better Work and Standards Programme (BEST) is a 5-year (2010-14) programme with a total UNIDO budget of EUR 12.7 million, financed by EU (90%) and Norad (10%) including three Component 1 (36.45%): Better Quality Infrastructure (BQI); Component 2 (39.37%): Better Fisheries Quality (BFQ); and Component 3 (24.18%): Better Work in Textiles and Garments (BWTG).

Miss Rebecca Unsworth, director of professional affairs, spent 10 days in Dhaka revisiting some of the library facilities she has helped to create and develop and meet with new institutions who want to install library and information hubs. The culmination of this visit was a seminar given to stakeholders, librarians and universities officials.

Medals and Awards

Under the authority of the TI Council, a number of Medals and Awards are conferred upon individuals and organisations in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the textile industries and/or the work of The Textile Institute itself. At the time of printing recipients of such awards are being invited to accept their nomination.

Awards to be received for 2012 include:

Industry and Non-Member Awards

Young Persons Award
New Materials Award
Sustainability Award
Innovation Award
Research Publication Award

Member Awards

Companion Membership
Institute Medal For Design
Holden Medal
The Institute Medal
Lemkin Medal
Section Service Award



Corporate Membership

Be part of a unique international Brand

Premier Corporate Members have access to many more benefits including a place at the Parliamentary Lunch in November, an advert in textiles the membership magazine and the organisational logo displayed on The Textile Institute homepage amongst other benefits. We are also happy to tailor the package to suite individual requirements throughout the year.

- **Lenzing AG**
- **Manchester Metropolitan University**
- **University of Huddersfield**
- **University of Manchester**

Corporate Membership allows organisations to keep up to date with what is happening in the textile industry locally, nationally and globally. This includes opportunities for potential partners for strategic alliances.

Members benefit from immediate access to an international network of contacts through the TI's extensive global network of textile professionals.

Corporate Members of The Textile Institute are afforded many diverse benefits as part of their membership making it useful to

AATCC	Newcastle College
AgResearch Ltd	Next Plc
Ahsanullah University of Science & Technology	NITRAD
Aksa Akriik Kimya San AS	North Carolina State University
Alvanon UK LTD	Northumbria University
ASBCI	Nottingham Trent University
Australian Wool Innovation	Optimer Inc
Ava Cad Cam Group Ltd	Pearl Academy of Fashion
BGMEA University Fashion & Technology	Pentland Group Plc
Blue Moon Fiber Arts Inc	Primeasia University
Bolton University	RA Smart (Holdings) Ltd
Bossa Tas	Reliance Industries Ltd
Botswana Bureau of Standards	Rieter Machine Works Ltd
Brandix Textiles Ltd	Royal College of Art
British Textile Machinery Association	South India Textile Research Association
Central Footwear Training Institute - Agra	St Patrick's International College
Central Silk Technological Research Institute	Taiwan Textile Research Institute
Clothing Industry Training Authority	TAL Apparel Ltd
De Montfort University	Tesco Clothing
Eastern Michigan University	Textile Centre of Excellence
EMTEX Designer Forum	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
EY Technologies	Trigon Diligence Ltd
Gokak Mills	Truetzschler GmbH & Co KG
I & G Cohen Limited	TÜV SÜD
Implex Consultants Ltd	UKFT Association
Instituto Marangoni	Unilever Research and Development
Kenya Bureau of Standards	Universidade Da Beira Interior
Kingston University	Universiti Teknologi Mara
Korea Textile Inspection & Testing Institute	University of Huddersfield
Leicester College	University of Leeds
London College of Fashion	University of Maribor (UM-FS)
Loughborough University	University of Northampton
Manchester Metropolitan University	University of the Arts London
Marks & Spencer Plc	University of Wales Newport
	Werner International
	Work in Style Limited
	Worshipful Company of Weavers
	Yunsa Yunlu Sanayi AS

	Affiliate*	Standard	Premier
	£500	£700	£1000
Promotion, Networking, Events			
Exclusive rights to use the TI Corporate Member logo on all Corporate ID	✓	✓	✓
Web listing - Logo, contact details, and web link will be, illustrated on the Institute website	✓	✓	✓
Profile in textiles membership magazine that is distributed to a 4000 plus readership	✓	✓	✓
Promotion of organisation events and conferences on the TI website, and other media	✓	✓	✓
All staff to attend TI events for Free or with a substantial discount	✓	✓	✓
Use TI facebook and twitter pages to share news and promote organisation	✓	✓	✓
Annual Certificate of Corporate Membership received from the Institute	✓	✓	✓
Sections - Take part and network at local events	✓	✓	✓
SIGs - Take the platform and raise issues relating to your industry worldwide	✓	✓	✓
Access to international events worldwide	✓	✓	✓
Information Service			
Quick enquiries from the Business Information Department	✓	✓	✓
Advertise latest employment opportunities via the TI website	✓	✓	✓
20% Discount on most TI services including advertising rates and books	✓	✓	✓
Publications			
textiles magazine: Hard copy format	✓	✓	✓
'ITC' International Textile Calendar of up to 200 events held worldwide: Digital format	✓	✓	✓
Membership Directory: In digital format - search for textiles professionals	✓	✓	✓
Annual Report: Digital and hard copy format	✓	✓	✓
The Journal of the Textile Institute: Digital and hard copy format	✓	✓	✓
Textile Progress: Digital and hard copy format	✓	✓	✓
TI News: Digital and hard copy format	✓	✓	✓
Email Newsletters keeping members up to date with news	✓	✓	✓
Premier Services			
1 free place at Parliamentary Lunch			✓
On joining half page in TI News Section of textiles the membership magazine – to include logo, up to 3 images and 400 words			✓
Quarterly news update in textiles membership magazine			✓
1 free newsletter or organisational update a year emailed to TI members and other databases			✓
Special recognition on the TI website			✓

*Affiliate has two employees who are currently individual TI members

Special Interest Groups

The Textile Institute has members in all sectors of fibre-based industries worldwide. Special Interest Groups (SIGs) provide a focus for members in different sectors, and many of them organise conferences, study tours and other events in their subject area.

The Textile Institute is hoping to revitalise SIGs and members will be urged to reintroduce and develop new international groups to represent the textile industries.

Design SIG

The Design SIG is intended to bring together all members involved or interested in, design related activities across the world. The SIG aims to promote interest in design, develop networking provide a forum for debate and form links between education and industry.

Prof Clare Johnston, *Chair*

Fashion and Technology SIG

A Special Interest Group Committee was inaugurated to represent and support members involved with the worldwide clothing and apparel industries.

Aims:

- To raise the profile of fashion and technology within The Textile Institute (TI);
- To recruit new members from this sector, and encourage re-instatement of previous members;
- To disseminate information and provide a forum for debate.

Ms Jennifer Bougourd CText FTI FCFI, *Chair*

Smart Wearables SIG

A Special Interest Group has been formed to represent and support members involved with the smart wearable industries.

Suggestions about possible activities for the Group, or general enquiries, are welcome from anyone interested in this sector.

This SIG looks at a breadth of disparate emerging technologies in this new textile driven area of clothing manufacture. Clothing that is truly wearable should both work and look good. To bring emerging smart textile technologies to near market within this interdisciplinary area, the aesthetics and comfort of the clothing must be acceptable and the technology interface simple and intuitive for an inclusive audience. The design of textile and clothing 'products' and, in particular, the interface between the user and enabling devices must be appropriate for the wearer's life style needs and culture.

Ms Jane McCann CText FTI, *Chair*

Sustainability SIG

The Sustainability Special Interest Group has been set up to represent and support members involved in all areas of sustainable development.

The aim of the SIG will be to bring awareness of sustainability to a wider audience:

- Link education and industry
- To disseminate information
- Provide forum for debate

Ms Vanessa Knowles, *Chair*

Teachers SIG

A Teachers SIG has been formed for teachers of textiles working in secondary schools (age bracket of students 11 to 18 years)

Aims:

- To support and promote the teaching of textiles, in the widest sense of the term, in secondary schools, 6th form colleges and initial teacher training institutes.
- To encourage, develop and create links between secondary schools, 6th form colleges and initial teacher training institutes and the textile industry.
- To encourage school teacher membership of The Textile Institute and promote professional development leading to Textile Institute qualifications
- To develop an on-line teachers' resource centre to assist with the delivery of the curriculum across textiles technology.
- To encourage networking of teachers and schools at local, national and international levels
- To offer teachers of textiles 'learning experiences and opportunities' for themselves, from colleagues working in Industry

Mrs RP Sinclair CText ATI, *Chair*

Technical Textiles SIG

A Special Interest Group has been revitalised to represent and support members involved with the technical textiles industries.

Suggestions about possible activities and goals for the Group, or general enquiries, are welcome from anyone interested in this sector.

The group organises annual events covering many areas associated with technical textiles in its broadest sense.

Rev Brian McCarthy CText FTI, *Chair*

Textiles SIG

The aim of the SIG will be to bring awareness of developing textiles with the main tasks being:

- To represent and support members involved with specific areas of the industry.
- Provide a link between education and industry.
- To disseminate information worldwide in general and about the SIGs work.
- To work in collaboration with other SIGs, Sections and partners to represent the Institute.

Mr Timir Roy CText ATI ATA Mtext MIE, *Chair*

Special Interest Group activities, groups and events are open to all members to take part in. The Council of the Institute accepts proposals from members to revitalise or set up new groups that are of interest to the wider textiles industries worldwide.

Sections

The Textile Institute is a fully international organisation represented by local and national offices around the world. Sections are run by its members who provide a programme of local activities, factory visits, workshops, seminars and social events.

The Textile Institute Sections and Contacts

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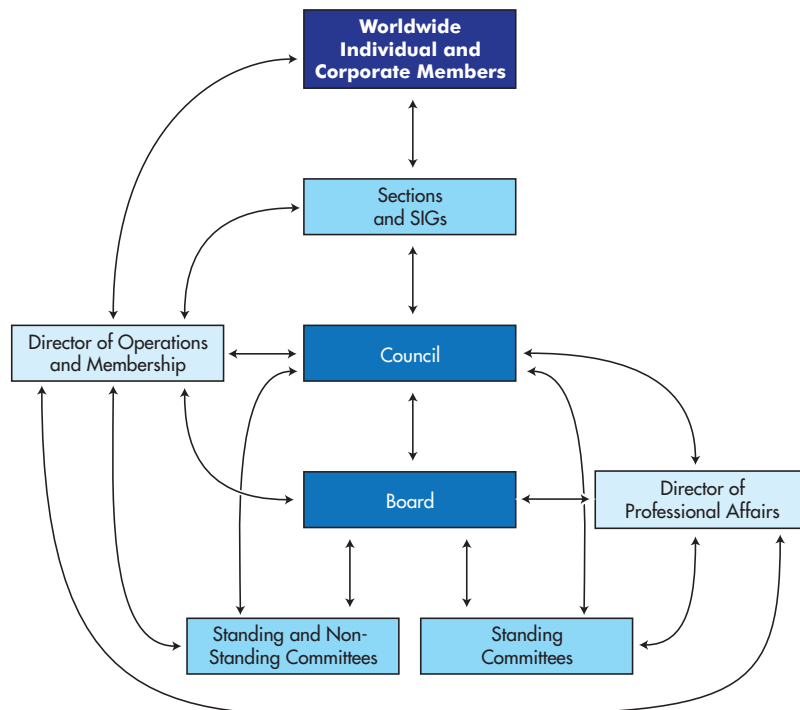
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