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# The Textile Institute

## Annual Report 2017

## Message from the World President



This is my second Annual Report as World President of The Textile Institute since my inauguration in May 2015. For those who do not know my professional background I am a member of the Board of Söktas and will be President for the period of 2015-2017. I have served as the Chairman of TÜSIAD (Turkish Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association) between 1997-1999 and I am one of its

Honorary Chairmen. Currently I am Chairman of the Turkish Textile Employers Association (TTEA) which was founded by 8 industrial establishments in Istanbul, Turkey on 2 January 1961.

TTEA are pleased to be Premier Corporate Members of the TI and have already benefited from the Institutes vast array of experts having jointly organised an Industry Colour Workshop at the TTEA headquarters.

In April 2016 it was my pleasure to open The 90th Textile Institute World Conference in Poznan, Poland. I would like to personally thank the hosts and Chairman of the Conference Assoc. Prof Malgorzata Zimniewska PhD Eng, Head of Department of Innovative Textile Technologies at the Institute of Natural Fibres and Medicinal Plants. The inaugural Peter Dinsdale Lecture aptly named after my close friend and World President of the TI was presented by Dr Terry Townsend an international cotton industry consultant of Cotton Analytics, US. The paper entitled 'The Role of Innovation in Ensuring the Future of Natural Fibres' explored the threat of man-made fibres and how natural fibres had to develop to compete.

The main aims of the Institute are to facilitate learning, to recognise achievements, to reward excellence and to disseminate information. It was clear from the programme and delegates review that all of these were fulfilled as a result of the 90th World Conference. The oral and poster presentations provoked interesting debate - to the honours that were conferred upon worthy individuals and organisations during the awards ceremony was an event to celebrate.

A highlight of the annual TI programme remains being a guest of the Lord Haskel CompTI CText ATI at the annual Parliamentary Lunch which takes place at the House of Lords in Westminster, London, UK. It is an honour to attend such a prestigious event and an opportunity to meet with captains of industry and academia.

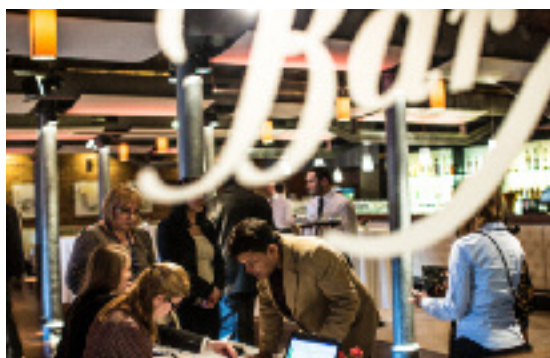
At the Parliamentary Lunch in November 2016 the Institute Chairman Robert Dewhurst CText FTI was delighted to announce that the University of Leeds under the Chairmanship of Prof Chris Carr would be the host of The 91st Textile Institute World Conference (TIWC) 2018. The invited speaker for the day was Lord Bridges who spoke about Brexit and the impact this will have on the textiles industry as a whole.

I would like to pay a special tribute to the work of the Institute via its Sections worldwide. Across the globe Textile Institute Sections and Special Interest Groups put on lectures, promote competitions and arrange social events for the benefit of members and the general public at large. Having visited a number of Sections I can confirm that there is something for everyone whatever your age, location, or specialism. The Textile Institute is a members' club where networking is at its heart and everyone has the opportunity to gain from relationships forged so I hope that you all take advantage of your time as a member and develop new and exciting partnerships. The international headquarters in Manchester is a hub of activity and information and is able to link you with contacts around the world for networking as well as specialist information.

On financial matters I am pleased to report that there are good and clear accounting practices taking place at the Institute and thanks go to the Honorary Treasurer Geoff Kershaw CText ATI for his work throughout the year and his presentation at Council Meetings. Those areas of the budget where income has fallen short or have not met the target have already been identified and are being tackled and costs remain under control.

I look forward to meeting members at the AGM for 2017 which will be held on 18 May 2017 at the People History Museum in Manchester, UK. A tour of the facility will take place following lunch and I both welcome and invite you to attend this important day in the Institutes calendar.

**Muharrem Kayhan**  
World President



## Message from the Chair of Council and Board



It is hard to believe a year has elapsed since we were reporting on the success of the world conference in Poland and yet The Textile Institute World Conference (TIWC) 2018 draws forever closer. Our World President has been in office since the AGM of 2015 and has made many valuable suggestions for expanding the Institute's scope and membership. I am delighted to report that my predecessor Helen Rowe Comp TI CText FTI has now been elected vice president.

Last year saw a significant dip in Corporate Membership income which was a knock on effect of reduced resource at TIHQ but I am pleased to report that Individual Membership remained static in terms of income a sign that affiliation to our professional body is desirable to our industry and academic based members. I will take a personal interest during my term in office in finding ways to encourage Corporate Membership along with the able assistance of Lawrence Rubin CText ATI, a fellow Council Member and Membership Committee Member. We feel any increase in Corporate Membership will also encourage Individual Membership. Part of this strategy is the new website which will develop and unfold during the course of 2017.

This new website, is now almost at the completion stage. The project has been much larger and more complex than first imagined, and has consequently taken longer than originally envisaged (although all three phases will have been completed rather than just one), but it has to be the right way forward for The Textile Institute (TI). The staff at Textile Institute Head Quarters (TIHQ) will have more autonomy regarding its content, and will be able to add and amend articles themselves. There is more scope for more income from advertising the new site is fresh and informative and will, in time, be the standard address for anyone involved in textiles. Financially supported by the Foundation Fund the website is evidence that additional funds donated through the Foundation are a valuable means of ensuring the TI functions in a manner befitting of its professional status.

Both the Introduction to Textiles programme and its sister course Introduction to Clothing achieved their financial target for 2016 and we hope that both continue to attract delegates wishing to develop their skillset. The TI has run a number bespoke programmes as part of its training portfolio for industry and plans to develop this as well as a range of short courses tutored via its local Sections which has Prof Rohana Kuruppu CText FTI.

Applications for LTI saw a welcome increase in 2016 with a steady rise in applications for both ATI and FTI. A major review of the criteria for both LTI and ATI was completed by summer 2016. This has extended the scope and makes it clearer that The Textile Institute and its qualifications are for everyone involved in the textile supply chain whether occupied in the creation or production of goods, or in their marketing and distribution. The Professional Qualifications Committee will plan and begin to implement a three year strategy in 2017 which will include visits to industry and academic Institutions to raise the profile of professional qualifications and encourage organisations to have their courses endorsed under the TI Accreditation and Approval schemes.

The Publications department is supported by a well informed and aspirational committee. This committee is dedicated to ensuring the high-quality journals and book titles carrying the TI brand are produced by publishing companies offering the best deals both in terms of promotion and royalties. New publishing contracts are due.

The TI's magazine textiles has received positive feedback since its redesign early in 2015. Members are appreciating the reversion to hard copy, supplemented by electronic copy available through the website.

The staff at TIHQ are well installed in their new offices. The new office offers better and brighter space yet saves space. Situated within the same building as before, the new premises present a professional air to visitors, space for a compact library/meeting room whilst also allowing for savings in rent. The staff appear happy in their new working environment which we trust will remain so for many years to come.

This is my first annual report as Chairman, and I hope my tenure has proved successful. I thank the membership and Council for putting their trust in me. My thanks go to Geoff Kershaw CText ATI who has been a safe pair of hands in his term as Honorary Treasurer, and his strong working relationship with the CEO, Stephanie Dick. Both have worked hard to ensure that reports to Council are as accurate as possible and that budgets set are sensible and realistic.

It has been my pleasure to serve my professional body in this role and I wish the Honorary Officers and staff at TIHQ all the very best for my final forthcoming year, and future.

**Mr Robert Dewhurst** CText FTI  
Chairman of Council and Board





## Honorary Treasurer's Report



Firstly, I would like to thank the staff at The Textile Institute for their efforts during the year. A particularly challenging year with the continuing development of the TI website and operating without key members of staff for periods of the year.

I would wish to further thank the team also for controlling the expenditure of the TI to the budgeted figure given the extra costs associated with the new website to complete all three phases of the website.

It remains a concern that the income of the charity means a break-even point is as good as we can expect over the coming year.

The 2016 budget in terms of income was hard to achieve, Individual Membership remained steady but Corporate Membership was lower than budgeted largely due the previously mentioned staff shortages and quality of output from the Membership Department which has now been rectified. Members of Council have offered their services to improve this situation.

The Parliamentary Lunch remains an important event in the year but with a small reduction in interest and income this year.

Demand for the Introduction to Textile Short Course remains strong with the October course proving to be the most popular, all concerned are to be congratulated. The sister course Introduction to Clothing opened in 2015 and has been building much interest with industry and this programme continues to develop. The income from this course is less than budgeted and measures have been taken to improve the value ratio of delegate cost for 2016.

Within the Professional Qualifications Department the Accreditation and Approved area is the disappointment of the year where income is significantly down with a lower number of universities, companies and organisations accrediting, re-accrediting and approving their programmes. The good news is that whilst income from individual applications to attain TI

professional qualifications remains steady the number of applications has increased. As our Chairman has mentioned plans are afoot to rectify this and with the rescoping of the professional qualifications in 2016 work can now begin on engaging with the industry in this area.

Magazine advertising continues to show signs of recovery and we are anticipating extra income from advertising on the new website. Royalties from TI publications remains stable and several new partnerships were sought in 2016 to further develop the TI publications portfolio. Negotiations with current publishing partners have seen an increase in income as well as enhancing the status of the TI as a leading publisher in textiles.

Borrowing arrangements with our bank (NatWest/RBS) remain secure and the facilities split equally between a loan which we are more than half way through its term and a conservative overdraft. This is managed carefully on a month by month basis although there is little room to manoeuvre during the summer months which is an annual problem. I am though pleased to report that once again the TI managed within its facilities and it was not necessary to borrow from any external or internal funds.

For 2017 I believe it will remain a financially challenging year but with our Council Members, the team at the Manchester office and the continuing support of our overseas representatives it will be a successful year.

**Geoff Kershaw** CText ATI  
Honorary Treasurer



## 2016 Events and Activities

The Textile Institute has enjoyed an exciting year of educational, enlightening and entertaining events:

### January

- London and SE England Section, Roy Godden Lecture, Bikers & Bloomers, London, UK
- Industry Colour Workshop, Turkish Textiles Employers Association, Istanbul, Turkey

### February

- Introduction to Textiles Industry Short Courses, Manchester UK
- Industry Colour Workshop, Brandix College of Clothing Technology, Moratuwa, Colombo, Sri Lanka

### March

- Swiss Section, AGM and visit to EMS Chemie AG, Domat, Switzerland
- The Textile Institute Industry Lunch, Manchester, UK
- London and SE England Section, A Creative Vision? The future of education in arts and creativity: beyond the Warwick Report, London, UK
- Yorkshire Section, AGM, Bradford, UK
- East India Section of The Textile Institute (EISTI), International Marketing of Fashion Garments, KIIT University, Odisha, India

### April

- TIWC 2016, The 90th Textile Institute World Conference, Textiles - Sustaining the Human Environment, hosted by The Institute of Natural Fibres and Medicinal Plants, Poznan, Poland

### May

- The Textile Institute, AGM, Manchester, UK
- South India Section of The Textile Institute (SISTI), Inauguration South India Textile Research Association, Coimbatore, India

### June

- London and SE England Section, AGM, Textiles: A New Age, London, UK
- Sri Lanka Section, Introduction to Fibres and Yarns, Industry Short Course, Know your Textiles, Sri Lanka

### July

- Introduction to Clothing Industry Short Courses, Manchester, UK

### August

- Lahore Section, New Trends In Textiles, Lahore, Pakistan
- EISTI Membership promotion activities and visits, Calcutta, India

### September

- Manchester & Cheshire Section, Celebrity Lecture, A 200 year journey, from Silk Lace to Technical Textiles, Manchester, UK
- North India Section of The Textile Institute, (NISTI), Medical Textile Conclave, Delhi, India
- Sri Lanka Section, Trends in Supply Chain, Brandix College of Clothing Technology, Moratuwa, Sri Lanka.

### October

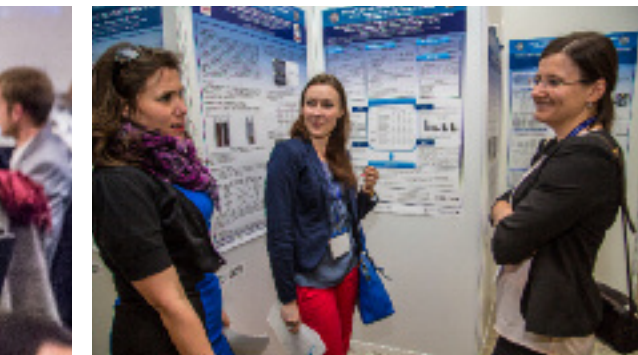
- Introduction to Textiles Industry Short Courses, Manchester, UK
- London and SE England Section, The Bristol Weaving, Mill Britain's First All Women Weaving Mill, London, UK
- Sri Lanka Section, Industry Short Courses, Prospects for the Fabric (Weaving) Industry, Colombo, Sri Lanka

### November

- The Textile Institute Parliamentary Lunch, London, UK
- Sri Lanka Section, AGM and Awards Ceremony, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- London and SE England Section, Visit to IVO Printers, London, UK
- Manchester & Cheshire Section English, Fine Cottons Mill visit, Dukinfield, UK

### December

- London and SE England Section, Christmas Party, London UK
- India ITME, India Section Meetings and Workshop, Mumbai, India
- NISTI AGM and Workshop, Delhi, India





## Key Achievements

- JTI maintains its listing in the top 10 materials science journals worldwide
- JTI impact factor rises to 1.128
- JTI secures a new team of sub-editors to support the journals work
- Textile Progress inclusion in Thomson Reuters' Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI).
- Publishing agreement signed with CRC Press
- Publishing agreement renegotiated with Elsevier
- Bookselling agreement secured with Bloomsbury
- Bespoke short course for industry delivered
- Rescoping of professional qualifications criteria complete
- 1 newly accredited courses to ATI
- 3 reaccredited courses
- 5 newly approved courses
- 7 new FTI's awarded
- 16 new ATI's awarded
- 8 new LTI's awarded
- 6 new Corporate Members
- 118 new Individual Members
- 8 Medals and Awards awarded
- 209 Student Members
- Successful TIWC in Poznan, Poland



## Corporate Membership

Corporate Members - 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 and the organisational logo displayed on The Textile Institute website homepage amongst other benefits. We are also happy to tailor the package to suite individual requirements throughout the year.

Daffodil International University

DBL Group

Fabpro Specialities Ltd

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Manchester Metropolitan University

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Oerlikon Textile GmbH & Co KG

RA Smart (Holdings) Ltd

University of Huddersfield

University of Manchester

Turkish Textile Employers' Association

University of Brighton

University of Leeds

VeriVide Limited

Wuhan Textile University

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## Corporate Membership

**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. Immediate access to an international network of contacts. Through the TI's extensive global network members benefit from contacts with textile professionals worldwide.

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 Bolton University  
 Botswana Bureau of Standards  
 Brandix Textiles Ltd  
 British Textile Machinery Association  
 Central Footwear Training Institute  
 Centre for Textile Functions, NMIMS  
 Chittagong BGMEA Institute of Fashion & Technology  
 Daffodil International University  
 DBL Group  
 De Montfort University  
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 Fabpro Specialities Ltd  
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 Gokak Mills  
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 Indus Experiences  
 Kenya Bureau of Standards  
 KIIT University  
 Kingston University  
 KOTITI Testing & Research Institute  
 Leicester College  
 Lenzing AG  
 London College of Fashion  
 Manchester Metropolitan University  
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 National Textile University  
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 Pak Carpet Industries (Pvt) Ltd  
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 RA Smart (Holdings) Ltd  
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 Turkish Textile Employers' Association  
 UKFT Association  
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 University of Brighton  
 University of Huddersfield  
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 University of Management and Technology  
 University of Manchester  
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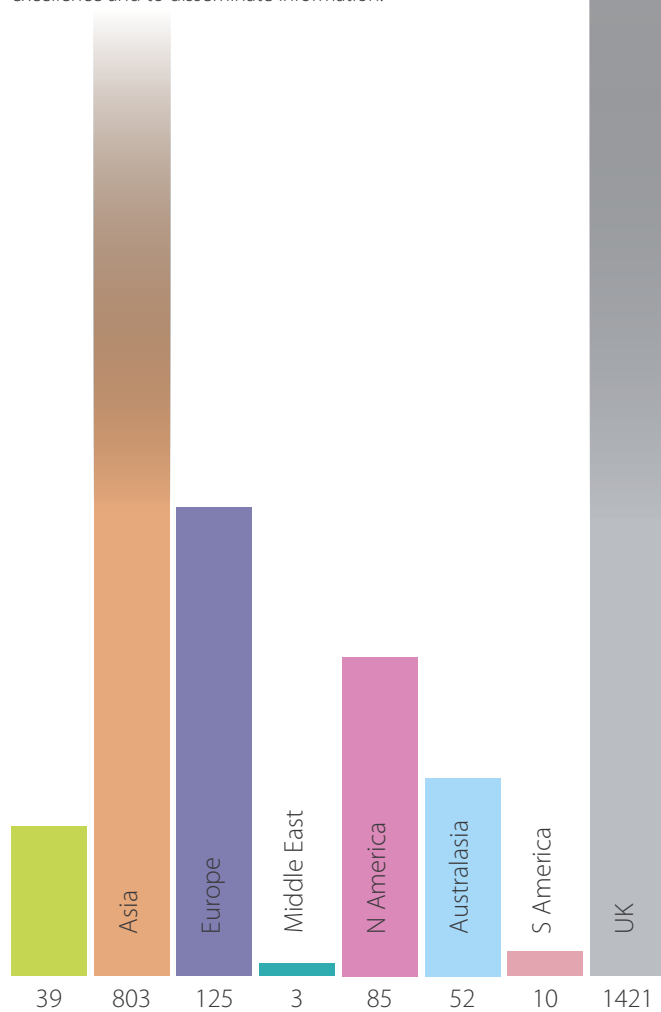
Corporate Members of The Textile Institute are afforded many diverse benefits as part of their membership making it useful to both Industrial & Academic organisations.

|  | Affiliate* | Standard | Premier |
|--|------------|----------|---------|
|  | £500       | £700     | £1000   |
| <b>Promotion, Networking, Events</b>   |            |          |         |
| 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 which 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   | ✓          | ✓        | ✓       |
| <b>Information Service</b>   |            |          |         |
| 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                         | ✓          | ✓        | ✓       |
| <b>Publications</b>  |            |          |         |
| textiles: Hard and digital 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   | ✓          | ✓        | ✓       |
| Access to Textile Terms and Definitions (TT&D)   | ✓          | ✓        | ✓       |
| <b>Premier Services</b>  |            |          |         |
| 1 free place at the Parliamentary Lunch  |            |          | ✓       |
| On joining, exposure in TI News Section of textiles. To include logo, 250 words and images.    |            |          | ✓       |
| 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

## Membership Statistics

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.



| Region      | Members | Students (Free) |
|-------------|---------|-----------------|
| Africa      | 39      | 0               |
| Asia        | 437     | 366             |
| Europe      | 123     | 2               |
| Middle East | 3       | 0               |
| N America   | 80      | 5               |
| Australasia | 52      | 0               |
| S America   | 10      | 0               |
| UK          | 821     | 600             |

## Publications

### Committee

The Publications Committee continues to oversee the Institute's portfolio of publications which include, journals, monographs, periodicals and books in print and in electronic media. The Committee chair Prof Richard Murray CText FTI has continued to progress the work done in this department and secured a number of new projects and partners.

Anyone wishing to be involved in the work of the Publications Committee should contact The Textile Institute directly.

### The Journal of The Textile Institute

Published by Taylor & Francis on behalf of the Institute, the Journal of The Textile Institute (JTI) continues to lead the way in research and innovation. Edited by Dr William Oxenham Hon FTI CText ATI the journal continues to be ranked in the top 10 of materials science journals in the world.

In 2016 a new editorial structure was implemented Dr Oxenham continues as editor under which a team of sub editors are tasked with commissioning the very best authors in new and innovative subjects with a global impact on the textile and related industries.

2016 saw the sad loss of both Dr David Buchanan CText FTI who had been at the forefront of the regeneration of the journal and Prof John Hearle Hon FTI CText FTI who had edited the journal for many years. The Institute owes a debt of gratitude for their hard work and service.

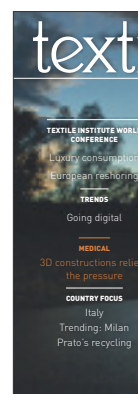
### Textile Progress

Published by Taylor & Francis on behalf of The Textile Institute and edited by Prof Richard Murray CText FTI and Dr Simeon Gill CText FTI, this monograph series first published in 1969, provides a comprehensive examination of research development in textiles, clothing and footwear.

In 2016 it was announced that TP would be included in Thomson Reuters' Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI).

### International Journal of Fashion Design, Technology and Education

Published by Taylor & Francis and co-badged by The Textile Institute, this journal aims to provide a high quality peer-reviewed forum for research in fashion design, pattern cutting, apparel production, manufacturing technology and fashion education.



## Textiles

Textiles is the Institute's magazine, edited by Vanessa Knowles. The magazine covers all aspects of the textile industry and the diverse interests of The Textile Institute's Membership.

## Books

2016 was a particularly busy year for the expansion of the TI book publishing portfolio. The existing contract with Elsevier (formally Woodhead Publishing) was renegotiated which will see a higher profile of The Textile Institute branding with the books now published as The Textile Institute Book Series. The renegotiation also includes payment for commissioning titles and a higher royalty percentage share.

The Textile Institute also recognised the importance of adding titles to its list which incorporates the interests of its members. With this in mind a publishing contract has been agreed with CRC Press, the TI and CRC are publishing The Textile Institute Professional Publications a range of practitioner books for those working within the textiles industry.

The Textile Institute also continues to publish with Greenleaf Publishing, a series of books covering ethical, sustainable and issues surrounding corporate responsibility. The first book in this series is due for publication in late 2017.

The Textile Institute also sells books for other publishers such as Thames and Hudson and is pleased to announce a new selling partnership with Bloomsbury. All TI Members receive a 20% discount on TI and TI partnered publications and can be ordered through the bookstore at: [www.textileinstitutebooks.com/mm5/merchant.mv](http://www.textileinstitutebooks.com/mm5/merchant.mv)

## TT&D

Textile Terms and Definitions (TT&D) is the industry essential authoritative collection of textile terms and definitions. Available now on-line covering all aspects of the textile, clothing and footwear. The digital medium makes the publication portable and allows the panel of experts to revise and update terms continually. Subscription packages are available at [www.ttandd.org](http://www.ttandd.org).

# Professional Qualifications

## Individual Qualifications

Since 1926 The Textile Institute has conferred professional qualifications to Individual Members. Members can apply by filling in an application form which is assessed by a committee of peers.

**Licentiate**ship is awarded to those with a good level of knowledge in one specialist area and a general awareness of textiles and related industries. The holder of this qualification can use the post nominal letters LTI.

**Associateship** is a chartered professional qualification awarded to those with specialism in one area of textiles, clothing and footwear and a broad general knowledge of textiles and related industries. The holder of this qualification can use the post nominal letters CText ATI.

**Fellowship** is the highest level professional qualification awarded by The Textile Institute. Conferred to those who fulfil the requirements of CText ATI but have also made a major personal creative contribution. The holder of this qualification can use the post nominal letters CText FTI.

In 2016 the scope of the individual qualifications was reassessed to ensure that all disciplines in the textile industry are fully represented.

## Accreditation

The TI accredits a wide range of courses worldwide to both Licentiate and Associateship level. Students graduating from these courses are able to apply after a shorter period of postgraduate work experience.

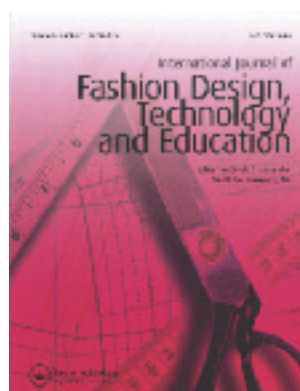
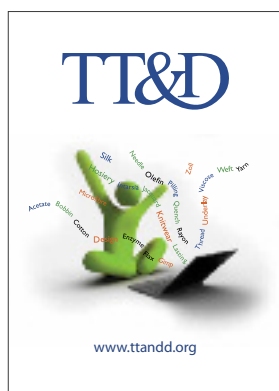
The courses are peer assessed and qualifying courses are able to demonstrate programme quality and excellence of provision.

Along with the individual qualifications the accreditation has also been revised to explicitly open up the range of courses being taught in textile related disciplines worldwide. New application forms have been created to make the application process more streamlined and user friendly.

## Approval

The TI approves a number of courses globally through its approval scheme. Designed for in-house training, short courses, on-line delivery and programmes not otherwise eligible for validation via the accreditation route.

Submission is by application form and each course is assessed individually to ensure that the training offered is of the highest standard and supports the continual professional development of those working in textiles, clothing and footwear.





## Foundation

At the end of 2012 the Trustees of The Textile Institute launched a Foundation appeal to raise much needed funds to secure the long-term future of the Institute.

The appeal ran through to 2015 and the Institute was overwhelmed by the positive response.

One of the first major projects was undertaken to upgrade the IT system, to bring both the hardware and software up to date and enhance performance with a new cloud based server. The whole system was installed by late autumn 2013.

The current project will see the redesign of The Textile Institute website [www.textileinstitute.org](http://www.textileinstitute.org) all phases 1-3 will be complete by spring 2017.

A number of fund raising measures were introduced in 2015 and it is hoped that in 2017 the Foundation Fund team will continue to receive donations, and get involved in new and exciting projects for the benefit of members worldwide.

Members are welcome and encouraged to come forward with ideas and proposals which will continue in funds being raised.

Our thanks go to the following members who have generously donated to the appeal.

### Benefactors

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| Sir NB Smith CBE CText FTI | The Textile Institute Lahore Section |

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|                                |                                  |                                      |
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The Textile Institute has members in all sectors of fibre-based industries worldwide. Special Interest Groups 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.

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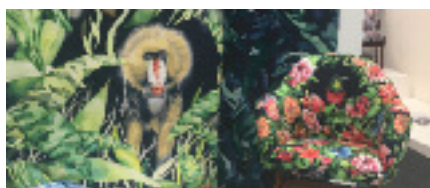
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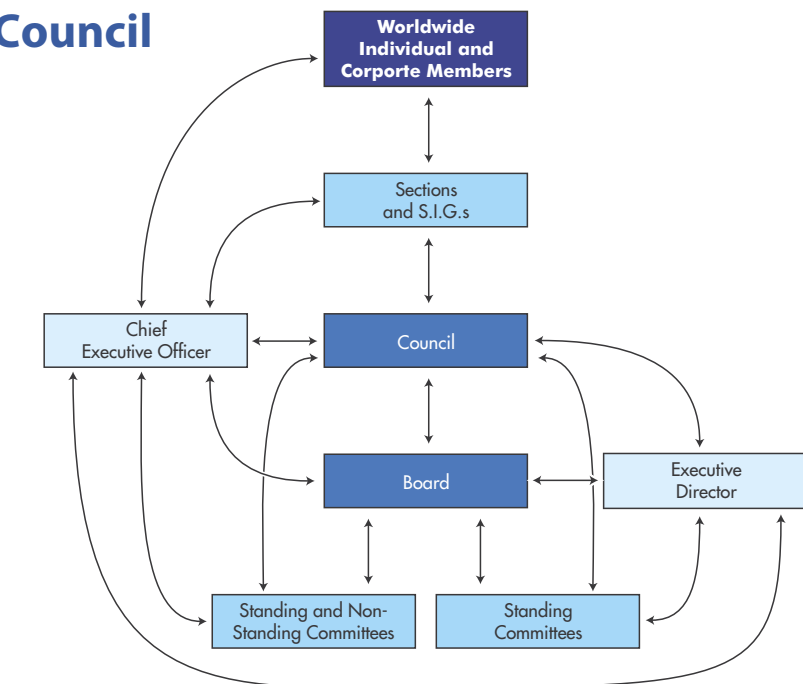
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