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Professor Jess Power CText FTI continues as Chair of The Textile Institute Council.

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Professor Jess Power continues as Chair of The Textile Institute Council for her fourth consecutive year.

Professor Power has a distinguished career spanning textiles, technical textiles, fashion, education and research. Previously Professor of Learning and Teaching and Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor for Learning and Teaching Enhancement at the University of Salford, she has led initiatives focused on academic innovation, collaboration and enhancing the student experience.

A Fellow of The Textile Institute, Professor Power has been a member of the Institute since 1993 and has previously served as Honorary Secretary and as an elected Council member. Her extensive experience and commitment to the textile sector have supported the Institute's strategic development, including the implementation of its current strategy launched in 2024. Through her continued contribution, Professor Power is helping to strengthen the Institute's ambition to connect professionals, encourage innovation and develop future talent across the global textile community.

Speaking about her continued appointment as Chair of The Textile Institute Council, Professor Power said: "To be appointed Chair of The Textile Institute for a 4th term is an enormous privilege. The organisation has a remarkable global legacy and heritage. I am very much look forward to working with the Honorary Officers, Standing Committees, Sections, Special Interest Groups and Council to serve our international fashion and textiles community in the advancement of innovation, sustainability, and professional standards across the globe."

Professor Power will be supported by the following Honorary Officers:

Vice Chair: Professor Rohana Kuruppu CText FTI

Honorary Secretary: Dr Jane Wood CText FTI

Honorary Treasurer: Professor Pammi Sinha CText FTI

Vice President: Jason Kent CText FTI

Immediate Past World President: Prof Malgorzata Zimniewska CText FTI

The Textile Institute also recognises the continued leadership of Charles Wood CText FTI as World President, following his appointment during the Institute's Royal Charter centenary year in 2025.

Charles Wood is Chair of Baltex, a leading textile manufacturer specialising in innovative knitted textile solutions. With extensive experience across the textile industry, Charles brings valuable knowledge, industry insight and international connections to the role. As World President, Charles represents The Textile Institute globally, supporting engagement with members, industry partners and textile communities around the world. Through international visits, collaboration and member engagement, he continues to strengthen the Institute's global network and promote the importance of the textile profession.

The Institute looks forward to working with Charles throughout his term as World President as it continues to build on its heritage, strengthen its global community, grow engagement with members, particularly Corporate Members, expand its international reach, and support the next generation of textile professionals.

The Council looks forward to continuing to support members worldwide, strengthening professional development opportunities, growing engagement with industry and academia, and delivering the Institute's mission of promoting professionalism across the textile, clothing and footwear industries.

Notes to editors:

With International Headquarters in Manchester, UK, The Textile Institute is a unique organisation in textiles, clothing and footwear. Founded in 1910 the Institute was incorporated in England by a Royal Charter granted in 1925 and is a registered charity. The Institute has individual and corporate members in up to 60 countries; membership covers all sectors and all disciplines in textiles, clothing and footwear. Individual members can also gain internationally recognised qualifications including, LTI (Licentiates); CText ATI (Associates) and CText FTI (Fellows). The Textile Institute has members in all sectors of fibre-based industries worldwide. Special Interest Groups provide a focus for members in different sectors, with many organising conferences, study tours and other events in their subject area.

The current World President is Mr Charles Wood CText FTI.

More information about The Textile Institute is available on the website www.textileinstitute.org

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