

TI News

Around the world with The Textile Institute



Membership

Dear Members,

Welcome to 2006's first edition of textiles, the membership magazine of The Textile Institute. I would like to take this opportunity to wish members, patrons, section representatives and readers of the magazine a Happy New Year!

The Institute has been delighted with the feedback that we have received for the first issue of textiles. The evolution and quality of TI News largely depends on membership input from all. I should like to invite members to submit their news from all areas of textiles, clothing and footwear and from both industry and academia.

You may have noticed the developments taking place on the website, which will lead to a more interactive site. Over the past three years all views and suggestions for improvements to the TI website have been collected and an amalgamation of these is being put into place over the next few months. Suggestions have included a more user-friendly site, with easier to read, clear and up-to-date information and most importantly a secure website – security of the site was put into place in 2005.

It is paramount that the Institute is aware of how members perceive the Membership Package and the Institute itself. Please do inform me of any suggestions for improvements of not only membership services but the website as well. The Institute will update the package available to members, where possible, to meet demand.

To function efficiently, we need the full involvement of ALL members and in that context continuation of your membership of the Institute is very important.

I would like to thank all those involved with The Textile Institute in particular Section contacts, Committee members, volunteers and working groups, who provide invaluable support throughout the world to help raise the profile of The Textile Institute.

Best Wishes

Stephanie Powell
Membership Manager
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Double honour for Dr Rohana Kuruppu

CText FTI



Member of Council from Sri Lanka

Dr Rohana Upendra Kuruppu was the first Textile Technologist to be conferred National Honours by the President of Sri Lanka at the investiture of national honours held on 14th November 2005. He was recommended for this award, which is known as 'Lanka Thilaka', by The Textile Institute Sri Lanka Section for meritorious service rendered to Sri Lanka, particularly with respect to textile education.

On 28 November 2005, the Degree of Doctor of Technology (Honoris Causa) was conferred on Dr Kuruppu by the Open University of Sri Lanka for the outstanding contribution he had made to the textile

Dr Kuruppu studied textile technology at Derby Lonsdale College of Higher Education, UK (now Derby University), where he was awarded the Albert Thompson Memorial Prize for outstanding success in textile studies, and achieved the Licentiatehip of The Textile Institute and Full Technological Certificate in Weaving from City & Guilds of London Institute in 1978.

Subsequently he gained his Bachelor of Arts degree with Honours in Clothing Studies from Manchester Metropolitan University, UK, and then his MSc in Textiles from the University of Strathclyde, UK, where he was awarded the Cunningham Medal for excellent

performance in postgraduate studies in textiles in 1982. He became a Chartered Associate of The Textile Institute in 1987 and was awarded his Fellowship in 1997. He is currently the Managing Director of Brandix College of Clothing Technology, Ratmalana, Sri Lanka.

Dr Kuruppu has been an active member of The Textile Institute and in particular the Sri Lanka Section for many years. He is an immediate past Chairman of the Section and a valued member of Council.

We offer him our warmest congratulations on these two well-deserved honours.

Council Matters

Annual General Meetings

The 2006 Annual General Meeting of The Textile Institute will be held on Thursday, 11 May 2006 at 11.00h in the

**2nd Floor Board Room,
St James's Buildings,
Oxford Street,
Manchester,
M1 6FQ, UK.**

This meeting will be followed immediately by the 2006 Annual General Meeting of The Textile Institute Benevolent Society (at approximately 12 noon).

Copies of the Calling notices and agendas for both meetings are being circulated to all members with this issue of textiles. They may also be downloaded from the Members-only section of the Institute's website.

A meeting of Council will take place in the afternoon of 11 May 2006.

Events

Annual World Conference



World Conference Delegates head for Sri Lanka

The Textile Institute is delighted to announce that our next World Conference will be held in Sri Lanka in March 2007.

Much work has taken place over recent months between the TI and the local section in Sri Lanka to lay the foundations for this conference.

The theme for the conference will be 'From Concept to Consumer' and a call for papers is due to be issued shortly.

Sarah Tinsley, Events Manager for the TI, said recently "We are delighted to have reached an agreement with the local Sri Lankan Section to host our next World Conference in 2007. We hope that the theme of the conference, combined with Sri Lanka's strong Apparel industry will

encourage many more clothing and footwear specialists to present papers and attend the conference."

Sri Lanka has been chosen as the host country for the conference for a variety of reasons including its strong textiles and apparel industry, as well as its unique and diverse culture. A beautiful country which has something to offer everyone.

Further information including dates, themes and call for papers, along with further information about Sri Lanka as a destination, will be available on our website over the coming weeks and will feature in the next edition of textiles.

Please visit our website for further information

www.textileinst.org/eventspage.asp

TRIM

Global Manufacturing Conference

The Textile Institute was delighted to have a stand at the TRIM Conference that was held on the 22nd November 2005 at the American Intercontinental University in London, UK. This was a well attended conference with key industry contacts and many Company Patron Members of the Institute including Next Plc and Marks & Spencer Plc.

Conference sponsors were Avery Denison, Vilene, YKK, and Gunzetal.

Presentations were provided by John Smith, Chairman of Events for The Textile Institute, Avery Denison and YKK. A hot discussion topic was Supply Chain Management.

The Textile Institute was also delighted to see Mr Don West CText FTI Chairman of the Hong Kong Section at TRIM.

Carpet Study Tour China



Friday 31st March – Wednesday 5th April 2006

The tour is limited to approximately 15 people so please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information please visit the TI website on www.textileinstitute.org

Alternatively contact the Conference Secretariat:

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Recruitment Register 2006

Welcome once more to the Recruitment Register. Following the reintroduction of this feature in the last issue of textiles we have had a tremendous response from employers, agencies and prospective candidates alike. As the Recruitment Register became a FREE benefit for members from 1 January 2006 we hope to see the number of people using the register increase over the next quarter.

*"The TI recruitment service is a great way of being able to contact potential employees and I will certainly use the service again in the future."
Arevdour UK Design*

If you are an employer, agency or consultancy and you are interested in one of the candidates, you can request a copy of their CV/ Resume by e-mailing Danny Ghilotti at dghilotti@textileinst.org.uk quoting the reference number printed at the end of the candidate's advertisement. You will receive a copy of the Recruitment Register Guide and Terms of Business by e-mail which must be acknowledged before the CV/ Resume can be despatched to you!

Candidates listed below have joined the register since our last publication in December 2005. If you wish to view a full list of candidates please visit the web site at www.textileinstitute.org and follow the links for Recruitment then Recruitment Registry. You will also find copies of the Terms of Business and Guides available in this area of the web site.

New Candidates

Category: Management
Living in: Hinwil, Switzerland
Willing to move nationally: yes
Willing to move internationally: yes
Positions considered: Sales / Marketing Manager
Qualifications: CText ATI
Salary Scale: Negotiable
Personal Description: I have extensive experience in Sales and Marketing of textile Machinery in China, SE Asia and Southern African Countries
Ref: 535

Category: Management
Living in: Stockport, UK
Willing to move nationally: yes
Willing to move internationally: yes
Positions considered: Knitting Management
Qualifications: CText ATI
Salary Scale: £30,000
Personal Description: Highly experienced and competent weft knitting expert with a wide variety of technical and management skills achieved during 28 years in the industry. An inspirational leader qualified to degree level with an affinity for project management, problem solving and product engineering. A well travelled, effective communicator, self confident with a flexible attitude. Performs well under pressure and achieves results both independently and as part of a team.
Ref: 536

Category: Quality
Living in: Leeds, UK
Willing to move nationally: Yes
Willing to move internationally: Yes
Positions considered: Textile Technologist, Quality Manager, Quality Assurance Manager
Qualifications: MSC (Leeds) CTEXT ATI, PG Diploma
Salary Scale: Negotiable
Personal Description: Over 17 years of experience in the textile industry which include manufacture implementing, managing systems, processing and technical specs to various standards including ISO, BS. I am able to liaise with all levels of clients making sure that all deadlines and objectives are met to a high standard.
Ref: 537

If you require a listing in hard copy please contact Danny Ghilotti using the address, telephone or fax details printed at the front of this issue.

Category: Sales
Living in: Haveri, India
Willing to move nationally: Yes
Willing to move internationally: Yes
Positions considered: Merchandising, Sourcing
Qualifications: B TECH Textile Technology
Salary Scale: East \$1,500 - \$3,200 / West \$25,000 - \$35,000
Personal Description: I am a Technical Graduate B. Tech I am presently working as a merchandiser-Sourcing, with good knowledge of yarn, fabric and merchandising. I am interested to work in an organization which deals with different fields of textile like woven, knits which gives an opportunity to use my skills and knowledge to the best
Ref: 538

Category: Production
Living in: Cleveleys, UK
Willing to move nationally: Yes
Willing to move internationally: Yes
Positions considered: Technical Sales, Installation and commission work, Technologist
Qualifications: Engineering apprenticeship, Textile Technology Bolton Tech
Salary Scale: £35,000-£55,000
Personal Description: I am technically literate and at the forefront of new technology (manufacturing) seeking challenging work in the field of development and machinery design or technical sales.
Ref: 539

Category: Buying
Living in: Manchester, UK
Willing to move nationally: Yes
Willing to move internationally: Yes
Positions considered: Fashion Buyer
Qualifications: BSc Design Management for Fashion Retail, MSc Clothing Product Development (until 09/2006)
Salary Scale: £20,000 +
Personal Description: Hard working, reliable and confident. Good at coping with pressure in the work place and as comfortable working in a team as individually.
Ref: 540

Category: Technology
Living in: Lahore, Pakistan
Willing to move nationally: Yes
Willing to move internationally: Yes
Positions considered: Dyeing Master
Qualifications: Diploma in Dyeing and Technology
Salary Scale: East \$1,400+ / West \$18,000+
Personal Description: I am a hard working and dedicated person. I am experienced in Pre Treatment processing as well as Colour Mixing and Dyeing.
Ref: 541

Colour – the Secret Influence



Colour touches and influences every moment of every day of our lives, yet we give it very little thought. Colour affects our mental and physical wellbeing, our personal and professional image, as well as our spending habits.

As a colour enthusiast I was delighted to discover "An Introduction to Applied Colour Psychology". A course run over two days in December, during which the mysteries and power of colour were uncovered. Colour science was explained without a mathematical formula in sight. The properties and influences of colour in many aspects of life and business were described and insight was given into which colours were personally appropriate, colour relationships and methods to ensure colour scheme harmony. Gaining this understanding and enlightenment was made fun and not like learning at all, through many practical interactive exercises using colour swatches, materials and each other as case studies.

The course was attended by a diverse range of people: CAD designers, web designers, architects, interior designers, fabric designers, technical colour consultants and partners who were just interested in colour. Knowledge gained quickly built people's confidence to enjoy colour and the empowerment to use it to enrich their personal and professional lives.

Many attending were going on to take the next professional stages of colour courses. I would recommend this course as a must to attend for all buyers, designers or people with an interest in colour.

Andrea Mounford, the course tutor, a professional educationalist who studied psychology, developed this course working closely with the world renowned colour psychologist Angela Wright.

Contact: andrea@redtechnologies.co.uk

Janet Best
Technical Colour Consultant

Pakistan**Lahore Section plans Convocation**

The Lahore Section is building on its previous success by organising a second Convocation of The Textile Institute when Associateship (CText ATI) and Licentiate (LTI) certificates will be presented to members from Pakistan. Helen Yeowart, Professional Affairs Director, has been specially invited to represent the Institute's Headquarters. The guests will include the Textile Commissioner, Government of Pakistan, the Chairman, All Pakistan Textile Mills Association, and the Chairman, Allied Bank of Pakistan Limited. The main sponsors of the event are Arzoo Textile Mills, Ibrahim Fibres Limited, Associated Textile Consultants (Pvt) Limited & Noon International Ltd. The Convocation will be held at Avari Hotel, Lahore on Saturday, 25th March 2006. Participation will be by invitation only. Any members who would like to attend this event may contact any of the following office bearers of the Lahore Section:

Shafqat Amin, Chairman
(Tel: 042-5763292, 0300 8475004)

A. I. Ganaie, Vice Chairman
(Tel: 042-5201054/55, 0300 8477273)

M. Nusrat Ali Chishti, Hon Secretary
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A. A. Khan, Joint Secretary
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Sheikh Mansoor, Publicity Officer
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Abdul Latif, Careers Advisory Officer
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Since it will be Helen's first visit to Pakistan, the Lahore Section team is arranging a busy schedule for her, which will include a lively family gathering of the Section Committee, mill visits and, of course, sightseeing around Lahore.

A full report of the Convocation will appear in the next issue of textiles.

Southern Australia**National Student Award 2006**

The Textile Institute Southern Australia Section 'TISA' encourages excellence in vocational education by holding annual student awards. They are dedicated to encouraging personal development and growth to enable students to enhance their skills and knowledge for the benefit of the textile, clothing and footwear industry as a whole. The aim of the awards is to provide students with recognition for their academic and vocational achievements.

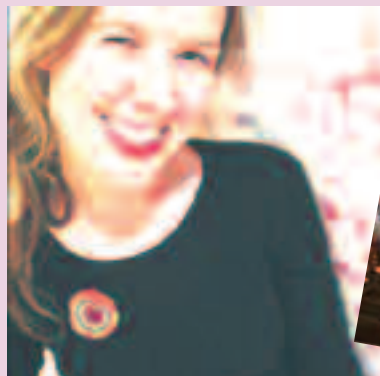
The International Fibre Centre was the major sponsor of the National Student of the Year Awards 2005, which were organised by the TISA Section. Mr Barry White CText FTI and CEO of IFC presented Nicolle Cavallaro a student from RMIT Brunswick with her certificate, a cash prize, the latest edition of Textile Terms and Definitions and



Mr Barry White CText FTI, CEO International Fibre Centre and Nicolle Cavallaro National Student of the Year 2005 Australia.

membership of the Southern Australia Section.

Guidelines and application forms for the National Student Awards 2006 will be sent to colleges throughout Australia mid-2006 and the deadline for nominations will be in early August 2006.

Student Design Awards 2005

Laura Holmes Brown, Grand Final Winner of the Student Design Awards 2005..



Laura Holmes Brown is the Grand Final Winner of the Student Design Awards for 2005 organised by the TISA Section

The theme of Laura's work is the Paris underground train network, known as the Metro, which is made up of 13 lines and over 300 stations and is the inspiration for this collection. For more information on the rationale and research for this collection please visit the TISA website

via the Section Page on the TI website
<http://www.textileinstitute.org/Sections.asp>

Service to Industry

Mr N L Emselle CText FTI received the TISA Section Service to Industry Award 2005 for his longstanding service to the textiles industry, The Textile Institute and in particular the TISA Section. Noel Emselle has served as Chair, Committee Member, and Treasurer for the TISA Section. The Textile Institute would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Noel on this award and personally thank him for his dedicated and valued support throughout his membership.

The Southern Australia Section held their AGM on 16th November 2005 and is delighted to announce that Les Mapstone has been elected as Chairman of the Section.

Other representatives of the Section for 2006 are:



Mr L Mapstone and Mr N L Emselle CText FTI

Vice Chairman

Mr M W Clifford CText ATI

Treasurer

Mr N L Emselle CText FTI

Committee – Management/Administrator
Ann Williams

Secretary

Angie Kent

London and South East Section

Wine Tasting

The London Section held a Christmas wine tasting event on 6th December 2005 at the London Office. The session, which was the third in the series of similar and increasingly popular events, was tutored by Keith Douglas, a well qualified expert in the subject. Although primarily a social event, it was also highly educational.

Members and guests were able to experience a quality of wine they might not normally imbibe – at GB£40 the half bottle for example! – and were able to ‘compare and contrast’ over a range of criteria. We should now be able to detect the presence of ‘noble rot’, and understand this is a necessary ingredient in the production of high quality dessert wines. And for those members who thought they really did not like sweet wines, this was quite a revelation.

Perhaps we should explore further the connection between the production of textiles and the production of wine, which are after all both long standing human activities. We have heard that some textile companies own their own vineyards, and it would be interesting to hear from members able to document any examples of this.

Bill Bohm, Manager London Office bill@bohmf.net

Roy Godden Lecture

The Textile Institute London and South East Section and the Society of Dyers and Colourists hosted The Roy Godden Lecture on Wednesday 11th January 2006. This event was held at the Royal College of Art London, and was generously sponsored by Freudenberg Interlinings. The lecture as always was a resounding success, with this year’s speaker being Dr Jane Harris on the topic: To Infinity and Beyond – Dress and Textiles Meets Toy Story Technology.

The Royal College of Art are Company Patron Members of the Institute. For information on the benefit of Company Patron Membership please visit: www.textileinstitute.org/Patron_Memb.asp

Bag & Accessory Design

A full report will be available in March on the talk given by Mr Steven Harkin on Bag & Accessory Design, which was held at the London College of Fashion on Tuesday 28th February 2005.

Steven is currently Senior Lecturer and Research Academic at the University of the Arts, Cordwainers College. Steven still maintains a strong professional practice and is known for creating products in unusual and experimental materials. He has worked both in the UK and abroad and has won many awards for his work.

Full details for both of the above Section events will be available online via the Section Page on the TI website www.textileinstitute.org/sections.asp

Greece

Mr P Papadopoulos CText ATI of Athens, Greece, has kindly offered his professional services to The Textile Institute in the promotion and development of the Institute in Greece.

The Hellenic Textile Association invited Mr Papadopoulos on behalf of the Institute to join in with the St Basil Day celebrations that were taking place. St Basil is of great importance to Greece, the Greek Orthodox faith and is usually celebrated on New Years Eve. Mr Nikolaos Heliopoulos, President of the Hellenic Textile Association celebrated St Basil Day on the 21st January by inviting representatives of the Greek textile industry to take part in the traditional serving of the Vasilopita cake.

For further information and to get involved with developments in Greece please contact Stephanie Powell, Membership Manager Email: spowell@textileinst.org.uk

PATRON MEMBER



Canesis Network Ltd evolved from WRONZ and Wools of New Zealand Ltd, which have built an international reputation over the past 40 years as a world-class provider of research, development and technology services.

Canesis Network Limited is an internationally focused technology service organisation, headquartered in Canterbury, New Zealand. Canesis supplies innovative research and development services, a broad range of technical services and is involved in the creation of new technology-based products.

They have been a Company Patron Member of The Textile Institute since January 1987 and since their joining, the TI has both enjoyed and benefited from a strong relationship with them. Canesis have raised the profile of the Institute in New Zealand and provided TIHQ with much support through sponsorship of The Journal of The Textile Institute and Textile Progress, both international and local events and non financial areas such as the promotion of The Textile Institute Chartered Professional Qualifications, project work and networking.

The New Zealand Section has been administered through Canesis Network Ltd now for many years and contact details of the main section contacts are given below.

Mr Errol Wood Honorary Secretary/Treasurer

Errol is Manager of Education, Information and Partnership Services at Canesis. He has a strong background in physics, textiles and R&D management. An experienced teacher, his current responsibilities include the management and delivery of a range of training programmes to industry and tertiary education sector clients. Contacted Errol at errol.wood@canesis.com

Dr Surinder K Tandon Chairman

Surinder has been a member of the scientific staff at WRONZ/Canesis since 1988, and is currently a Research Leader in the Textiles Division. Surinder's expertise is in the innovation and development of novel, functional woven and knitted fabrics for apparel, upholstery and blankets. He uses yarn and fabric structural mechanics and technology in conjunction with objective measurement techniques to develop new fit-for-purpose fabrics. He has introduced and transferred a number of yarn and fabric technologies to mills in New Zealand, India, China and other countries.

For more information on Canesis Network Limited please visit www.canesis.com

TI Forthcoming Section Events

Please view the TI website Section pages on www.textileinstitute.org/sections.asp for regular updates as the information below may be subject to change.

London and South East Section

Thursday 30th March 2006 Ismar Glasman Memorial Lecture

- Venue:** Waterside House,
35 North Wharf Road,
London, W2
- Time:** 6.30pm for 7.00pm.
- Cost:** TI/SDC members and students – free
LCF & Cordwainers students – free
Other students – GB£2.00
non members GB£5.00
- Speaker:** Mr Jim Keaton

Friday 21st April 2006 Innovation in Textiles and Fashion Joint TI/SDC event

- Venue:** Rootstein Hopkins Lecture Theatre, East Space,
London College of Fashion,
20 John St,
London, W1.
- Time:** 9.30am to 12.30pm
- Cost:** GB£5.00 for TI/SDC members,
non members GB£20.00
students – free (but must book with bill@bohmf.net)
- Speakers:** Ms Polly Leonard
– Editor of *Selvedge*
Mr Stewart Collie – Science Manager,
Canesis Ltd,
Ilkley, West Yorkshire, UK
Mr Brian McCarthy –
Director of Technitex

Mr Stewart Collie

Stewart Collie studied at the University of New South Wales, leading to the award of a BSc (Hons) in Textile Technology (Physics) in 1994. He has worked for Canesis (formerly the Wool Research Organisation of New Zealand) since

then. His research interests are knitwear and knitted fabric technology, thermophysiological comfort of apparel systems, and for the last six years, intelligent textiles.

He is currently seconded to Canesis Ltd in Ilkley, West Yorkshire, as Science Manager, overseeing a range of smart and electronic textile R&D projects within their Smart Textiles Innovation Centre (STIC). He is also acting as Technical Manager for SOFTswitch™, Canesis' commercially available textile switching and pressure sensing technology.

Canesis Ltd is the UK subsidiary of Canesis Network Ltd (CNL), a New Zealand - based textile-oriented research and development company, formerly the Wool Research Organisation of New Zealand (WRONZ). Globally CNL employs about 180 staff, with about 20 at the UK Laboratory, in Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

Canesis is actively involved in smart and electronic textile developments, including systems for sensing and actuating as well as textile-based electronic functionalities such as power/signal transmission, illumination and heating. Most of this work is carried out at Canesis UK.

Several years ago, Softswitch Limited was spun off from Canesis, and is actively commercialising a textile-based switching and pressure-sensing technology. The SOFTswitch™ technology was first used commercially by Burton Snowboards in their 'Amp' jacket, with a five-button Softswitch keypad incorporated into the sleeve to control an Apple iPod.

The Textile Institute has members based at Canesis Ltd UK and Canesis Network Ltd is a Company Patron Member of the Institute.

For information on the benefit of Company Patron Membership please visit:

www.textileinstitute.org/Patron_Memb.asp

Acknowledgment

In the previous issue of textiles, issue 3-4 2005 we omitted to credit Mr Stroud Cornock with the Parliamentary Lunch Photographs.

Thursday 18th May 2006 Smart Sportswear

- Venue:** Rootstein Hopkins
Lecture Theatre,
East Space,
London College of Fashion,
20 John St London W1.
- Time:** 6.30pm for 7.00pm.
- Cost:** TI/SDC members and students free, non members £5.00,
LCF Students free,
others GB£2.00
- Speaker:** Ms Jane McCann – Director,
Smart Clothes and Wearable
Technology at the University
of Wales, Newport.
- Jane will talk about the application of technical textiles with embedded electronics using innovative garment manufacturing methods.

Thursday 8th June 2006 London and South East Section AGM and Dinner

- Venue:** New Look London Office,
7th Floor, Portman House,
2 Portman St,
London, W1H 6DU.
- Time:** 6.30pm
- Speaker:** Mr Carl McPhail,
MD – Marketing,
Operations & International,
New Look
- Carl will talk about the developments at New Look which he has been responsible for including Menswear, Mim, the French stores and the conversion of Littlewoods sites to New Look stores.
- Dinner:** St. Christopher's Place,
Restaurant TBC – 8.30pm

Please contact bill@bohmf.net to reserve your place at the AGM & /or Dinner. Numbers are limited at New Look and we must have names beforehand for security reasons.

Obituaries



Charles M Bottomley

CText ATI, FRSA

My father was born on 8 January 1915 in Ripponden, and educated at Heath Grammar School in Halifax. He began his working life in 1931 at Baldwin and Walker Ltd, West Soft Mills, Halifax (branded hand knitting manufacturers).

His early days were spent learning general office routines such as invoicing and ledger work, from which he graduated eventually to stock and mill production control. His long

working days were followed on most evenings of the week by studies at Halifax Technical College. He passed examinations in French, book-keeping, and accountancy, while perusing his principal interest in textiles, where he received a First-class City and Guilds in worsted spinning, and later a First-class full Technological Certificate in worsted yarn manufacturing in 1933-1935. Amongst other prizes, he was awarded the Halifax and District Masters Spinners Federation Exhibitions in 1934 and in 1934/5, presented with the Halifax Textile Society Gold Medal (spinning).

The routine of work and studying would have left little time for relaxation, but he was fortunate in meeting his future wife Mary (who became his companion and support from their marriage in 1939 until her death in 1992) at Baldwin and Walkers, where, after also studying at the Halifax Technical College, she became head of the copy-typing and invoice department. A member of The Textile Institute since 1935, my father received his Charter in 1940 (25 years of age being the minimum). In 1937 he changed employers and began working for John Dewhirst and Co. Ltd., Valley Mills, Elland (worsted spinners), part of the George Ingham Group. He was a yarn-tester, efficiency-inspector, and production manager, until he was called upon in 1941 to see service overseas in the RAF in North Africa, Yugoslavia, and Italy, before returning to the Ingham Group in 1946. There he assisted in the establishment of a new and successful venture as Assistant Manager from 1946 to 1948, and Manager from 1948 to 1953, for John Dewhirst (Knitting Wools) Ltd., producers of knitting wools under the Willy Woolly trade mark.

During the evening he taught general textile technology and yarn testing at Halifax Technical College from 1946 to 1948, to follow on from his pre-war teaching sessions of textile chemistry from 1936 to 1939 and textile mechanics from 1940 to 1941. On leaving the George Ingham Group in 1953 he worked for a short time at Homefray and Co Ltd., Sowerby Bridge (carpet manufacturers), before being engaged as a technical writer by Prince, Smith and Stells, Keighley (textile machinery makers), where, amongst other assignments, he worked on the preparation of technical literature for the new Ruper Auto-leveller and the Ambler Super-draft spinning system. From Keighley he moved in 1959 to become assistant editor of the predominantly Lancashire-orientated 'Textile Recorder' in Manchester. He became a fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts Manufacturers and Commerce in 1960, and in 1961 was given the City and Guilds of London Insignia Award.

In early 1964 he returned to his roots when he joined the full time staff of the 'Wool Record' in Bradford as Technical Editor. His remit was wide, as in addition to covering all technical aspects of the woollen and worsted industries, he also edited a large number of specialised surveys and company brochures, together with regular textile machinery supplements.

This was a happy period in his life, when the drawing together of the working knowledge of a lifetime came to a fruitful conclusion. He travelled quite widely in Britain and Western Europe on mill visits and fact-finding missions, and to cover Trade Fairs. Unfortunately the pressures of work expanded and calls on his time increased until his health broke down and he was compelled to

retire in 1975. In retirement he enjoyed the quiet pursuits of a modest man who never sought the limelight. In recent years my brother and I had the privilege of nursing him through his last illness, which he bore with the same equanimity, stoicism, and good humour that carried him through his working life.

He died on 27 July 2005

Stanislaw Dysiewicz

CText ATI

Stanislaw Dysiewicz joined The Textile Institute in 1949, and his interest in its work over the years was greatly appreciated by all who knew him. He was awarded the Associateship of The Textile Institute (CText ATI) in 1955. He was also a Chartered Colourist of The Society of Dyers and Colourists

Professor Gordon R Wray

Gordon Wray's funeral took place on 30 August 2005 in the packed church of his home village of Rempstone after his death a few days previously following a serious illness. As one who had had the privilege of knowing Gordon from my student days until the present, I found myself nodding in assent on listening to his life story and his many achievements.

Gordon was born in Farnworth, Bolton, in 1928, and it was always obvious from his slight Lancashire twang that he was proud of his origins. He started his career as an apprentice in general mechanical engineering during the Second World War, but shortly after the war ended he was employed as a design draughtsman with Dobson & Barlow, who were one of a group of makers of textile machinery. This was to set the pattern of a working life associated with textile and related machinery.

He ended his career as Emeritus Professor in the Principles of Engineering Design and Director of the Engineering Design Institute at the Loughborough University of Technology, where he had spent the last forty years. Prior to that, he was one of my lecturers at the then Manchester College of Technology (later UMIST) where he subsequently obtained his Doctorate.

His list of academic qualifications and special awards is too long to even summarise – his shortened CV runs to 14 pages! But he was probably most proud of his achievement in becoming one of the first engineers to hold the pan-European qualification of Eur. Ing. in 1987, and also of becoming a Fellow of the Royal Society a year earlier.

He was a Fellow of The Textile Institute, a recipient of the Warner Memorial Medal, and served on many active committees.

A recurring theme in his research work was that of processing continuous filament yarns by means of air-jets, and in fact his supervision of my final year project as an undergraduate was a starting point for this work. But for many years he was also the champion of a new technique for the high-speed manufacture of unconventional pile fabrics, which was developed by his team at the University of Loughborough and later commercialised.

Each of us will remember Gordon for different aspects of his many-sided work. None of us can imagine how he found the time to accumulate all his qualifications and awards. But the most endearing side of Gordon was the fact that he always had time for each and every one of us. He was a remarkably caring person to everyone with whom he had contact, and this applied even more outside of work.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Kathie, and a son and daughter, who are both married. Being surrounded by his family during his last and very serious illness was the one thing that enabled him still to retain his ever-present sense of humour.

Professor Michael A Hann CText FTI

Gordon MacLeod Thomson CText ATI

Gordon MacLeod Thomson, former Senior Lecturer in the School of Textile Industries at the University of Leeds, died on 11 November 2005.

A graduate of the Glasgow School of Art, Gordon Thomson lectured briefly at the Scottish College of Textiles before spending three successful years as a Print Producer for the Viyella Group. He was appointed as a Lecturer at Leeds in May 1971, specialising in Textile Design, and was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1992.

Gordon Thomson was an excellent and enthusiastic teacher across a wide range of design topics. He had a keen artistic sense combined with an instinctive understanding and appreciation of commercial requirements. Under his guidance and direction, the subject of textile design flourished at Leeds, its graduates coming to be widely sought after for their technical prowess, creativity and professionalism. He supervised a number of research students, on topics ranging from Nigerian hand-made menswear to pattern symmetry and characterisation, and the influence of photography on textile design. He enjoyed a substantial reputation as a textile designer and for much of his time at Leeds continued to produce print designs for commercial use as textiles and wall coverings. He made crucial contributions to the presentation of a series of exhibitions of textile collections from the University's International Textiles Archive.

A personable and charming colleague, Gordon Thomson was prominent in other areas of University affairs. He was a long-standing member of the Board for Collegiate Academic Awards at the University of Leeds and Chair of its Art and Design Subject Panel. He was one of the crucial lynchpins of the University's relationship with its various associated and affiliated colleges. Over the years he gave much support to institutions such as Leeds College of Art and Design, Bretton Hall College, the College of Ripon and York St. John, and latterly Leeds Metropolitan University. His national reputation in the design world led to his appointment as external examiner for degree courses at a number of other institutions, and also as an examiner for The Textile Institute. He was always regarded as a good safe pair of hands, constructive in criticism and warm in praise. He served for many years as a member of the Association of Heads of Degree Courses in Fashion and Textile Design.

He took early retirement from his post in July 2000, after twenty-nine years' service to the University of Leeds. Subsequently, he was re-engaged as a Senior Fellow on a part-time basis for the next two years.

The funeral was held on Friday 18 November 2005, at Lawnswood Crematorium, in Leeds. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Macmillan Cancer Relief.

Gordon Thomson is survived by his wife, Heather, two daughters, Joanna and Emma, and son, Oliver.

D Keith Wilson CText FTI



Dr Teresa Hopkins CText ATI

Teresa Hopkins died on 10 November 2005, aged 62. Her interest in textiles resulted from her work as a laboratory technician at the Shirley Institute and at Courtaulds, Droylsden.

Once she had established her four children at school she studied textiles as a mature student at UMIST and obtained her BSc in Textile Technology in 1982.

She then carried out research on the interaction of liquids with fibre assemblies and obtained her MSc in 1984. Further research in the same area led to the award of her PhD in 1991.

Dr Hopkins was particularly good at designing and developing test methods and instruments. From her work, the existing European standard test for liquid strike-through properties of coverstock materials for sanitary products was developed.

Her work produced publications in the UK and USA, and she presented papers at conferences in Manchester and Barcelona.

Following her time at UMIST, she worked on research into new wound dressings for two years in industry at Lantor Ltd, Bolton, and served as a member of a national wound dressing committee.

She then returned to academic life, firstly to Huddersfield University, and then to Manchester University as project officer for an inter-university project on Computer-aided Learning of Textile Technology. This European-funded project was in the vanguard of e-learning. She completed modules on weaving and nonwovens at Huddersfield and then moved to UMIST where she almost single-handedly developed the software to integrate the modules produced at several British universities. These programs for the self-study of Textile Technology are still in use at UMIST and worldwide.

Those who worked with Dr Hopkins at UMIST remember her for her professional, meticulous, and imaginative work. She is sadly missed by her friends and colleagues for her cheerful, kind and calm nature. She was generous in sharing her knowledge and experience with many research students from all parts of the world who will remember her with gratitude.

R H Pearce CText ATI

Mr R H Pearce CText ATI joined The Textile Institute in 1947. He was awarded a CText ATI in 1949 and became a Life Member during his long service.

He was an active member of a number of TI committees and also of the Oldham Section from 1950 to 1955, where his contributions were highly valued.

Mr Pearce was a great supporter of not just The Textile Institute, but also of the staff and frequently wrote messages of support and praise that were very much appreciated by all at the Manchester Head Office.

TI News

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