

TI News

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Letter to Members

Dear Members,

Welcome to TI News Issue 2, 2006!

The Textile Institute is thrilled by the positive response that has been received from members for the first issue of **textiles**.

Members are generally pleased with the improved communication from HQ relating to Events, Section News, Book Sales and other services that are available through TI News, email and the TI website.

Future developments will include a regular email newsletter to update members on the benefits of membership that are constantly evolving and developing throughout the year.

There has been an increased interest in Company Patron Membership of The Textile Institute from both industry and academia in 2006. There are many benefits of membership for Patrons, in addition to those received by individuals.

All Patron members have the option of publicising their organisation profile in **textiles**, which is distributed to a 4000 plus readership. This profile, together with the organisation logo, contact details, web link and news will also be illustrated on the Institute website.

Last year Patron pages were amongst the top three visited on the TI website, which receive over 25,000 visits a month. This has continued in 2006.

As part of the Patron membership service, The Textile Institute will both advertise and endorse conferences, events and study tours on behalf of the Patron to help gain exposure for their event. This is through various media available to the TI including **textiles**, the TI website and emailing the membership database and TI contacts.



Patron members have the exclusive rights to use the TI Patron logo.

For more information on Patron membership please contact me on the email address below and I will be happy to answer any questions and send out a short presentation which outlines the benefits of Patron membership.

On behalf of the Chairman of Council, I would like to welcome the organisations listed below who have joined as Company Patron Members of The Textile Institute since the beginning of 2006:
Korea Textile Inspection & Testing Institute, Korea,
University of Management and Technology, Pakistan,
International Technology Links Limited, UK; and
Leicester College, UK.

Best Wishes

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Annual General Meeting

The 96th Annual General Meeting of The Textile Institute was held on Thursday, 11 May 2006 in the Boardroom of St James's Buildings, Oxford Street, Manchester, UK. Routine business included the adoption of the Annual Report of Council, which had been circulated to all members with the last issue of **textiles**, and the audited accounts for 2005, which are now available on the Institute's website.

The following members were elected to serve on Council for a three-year period: Dr S K Chaudhuri, Mr S Colbeck, Dr K L Gandhi, Prof A R Horrocks, Mr R Innes.

Prof Mervyn Davies was appointed to serve as Chairman of Council for the next two years.

Both the President, Mr Gerry Mauretti, and the new Chairman paid tribute to the retiring Chairman, Prof Richard Horrocks, who had served for an extended period of three years. During that time he had been an exceptional leader and made an invaluable contribution to the strategic and operational development of the Institute. Prof Horrocks was awarded Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his outstanding service. On behalf of the Board and Council, the President presented him with a framed certificate and a TI shield to commemorate his years in office. In addition, he was presented with a personal gift by Rebecca Unsworth, Information Manager, on behalf of the staff in appreciation of his inspiring leadership and support.

The full Minutes of the AGM are available on the Institute's website.



Left to right, Mr Gerry Mauretti, Prof Richard Horrocks, Prof Mervyn Davies

Annual General Meeting of The Textile Institute Benevolent Society

The 52nd Annual General Meeting of the Benevolent Society was held immediately after the Institute's AGM.

The Minutes of this meeting are also available on the Institute's website.

Awards recognise achievement in the Textile Industry

The Worshipful Company of Weavers presented its Textile Industry Awards 2006 on Tuesday, 21 February at the Saddlers' Hall. Mr. John Hodges, Chairman of the Company's Textile Committee gave a short address and the awards were presented by Mr. Walter Sondhelm, who was recently made an Honorary Freeman of the Company in recognition of his valuable advice and assistance in assessing applications for its Textile Industry and Textile Technology Awards.

The Weavers' Company Silver Medal and Prize is its top honour, presented in recognition of an outstanding individual contribution to the UK Textile Industry. In 2006, the Silver Medal has been awarded to Mr. David Tooth, Chairman and Chief Executive of Silk Industries Limited for his contribution to textile management. After graduating in philosophy at the University of Sussex, a subject he describes as particularly well suited to a career in textiles, David Tooth joined Vanners Silks, in 1972. In 1989 he led the company through the management buy-out that secured its independence and later to a Stock Market flotation as Silk Industries PLC, with himself as Group Chairman. In November 2003 the company reverted to private ownership as Silk Industries Limited and Mr. Tooth became Chairman and Chief Executive.

David Tooth has a strong belief that Design is central to keeping a flourishing textile industry in the UK, especially in East Anglia where he is based, and has encouraged his company to work closely with local schools and with several textile degree courses, particularly in constructed design. He has held executive positions within the International Silk Association and is Chairman of the Silk Association of Great Britain.

Both Mr. Hodges (1997) and Mr. Sondhelm (1992) are also former Silver Medal winners.

The Young Designer of the Year 2006 is Mrs. Rebecca Brogden, a Designer with the Hield Furnishings division of Hield Brothers. Her first design was launched at Chelsea Harbour in autumn 2005. Hield's furnishing designs run not just for one season but for many years and Rebecca's success has helped to guarantee not only

her future but also the future of the Company. She gained a BA (Hons) Design for Interior Textiles, during which time her interest in woven textiles led her to become a live exhibit in an exhibition of the textile history of Barnard Castle, practising weaving on a 1800s loom. Rebecca has a strong creative instinct; she also enjoys hand weaving, painting, embroidery, knitting, sewing, and making her own home furnishings.

Weavers' Company Scholarships

The Stuart Hollander Memorial Scholarship was established to commemorate the life and work of Stuart Hollander CBE, a Liveryman of the Company, who played a significant part in the UK textile industry. This award is presented when there is an outstandingly talented candidate amongst the winners of the Company's Textile Scholarships.

The Stuart Hollander Scholarship provides an additional cash award in conjunction with a bespoke short programme of study in a different but related discipline. In 2006 the Stuart Hollander Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Miss Anna Zakis, an MA student at the Royal College of Art.

Anna had previously studied at Falmouth College of Art, where she gained First Class Honours in Textile Design and chose technical textiles for her dissertation, as she believes that this and environmental concerns will influence the future of the industry. Her tutor's reference describes Anna as an intelligent, creative thinker and designer. It also pays tribute to her work ethic and considers that she will be a "fantastic asset to the textile industry of Britain".



Left to Right: Ms. Dairine Nethercott, Employer, Young Designer of the Year 2006; Mrs. Rebecca Brogden, Young Designer of the Year 2006, Mr. Walter Sondhelm, Hon. Liveryman, The Weavers' Company, Miss Anna Zakis, Stuart Hollander Scholarship winner; Mr. David Tooth, Weavers' Company Silver Medal 2006, Mr. Giles Ridley, Upper Bailiff, The Weavers' Company.

PATRON MEMBER PROFILE



The Weavers' Company is the oldest recorded City Livery Company. It is mentioned in the Pipe Roll of 1130 and its earliest Charter (still in the Company's possession), granted to it by King Henry II in 1155, refers to the Guild as being in existence in the time of his grandfather, King Henry I. By this Charter, the Company gained the monopoly of its craft, rights of supervision ensuring a high standard of workmanship, power to punish infractions of its privileges, and full control of its members.

The wealth, and hence the maritime and political power, of England from the fourteenth to the seventeenth century was based largely on the textile industry. This was mainly centred on and controlled from London by the Guilds governing its production, manufacturing and marketing.

The introduction of the Flemish weavers under Edward III caused difficulties for two centuries and there was bitter rivalry between the Company and the alien Guilds. Finally, in 1497, they agreed to unite, partly owing to the rivalry they were experiencing from country weavers. But these quarrels had weakened the hold of the parent Company over its branches, and to this period belongs the incorporation of the Mercers (1393) the Drapers (1361), and others as separate Companies.

The Company continued to be associated chiefly with silk textiles and the same battle was fought over the immigration of the Huguenot weavers in the 17th and 18th centuries as with the earlier Flemish Weavers until they too became a source of strength instead of strife to the Company.

With the Industrial Revolution the Weavers' Company (in common with almost all of the other City Companies) gradually lost the active control of its trade, but it has always remained in touch with it and today many members of the Company are in one way or another closely connected with the textile industry.

In the 21st century, the Weavers' Company's Textile Education Fund, a registered charity, provides support to colleges and universities that teach textile-related subjects, scholarships for textile students, and awards to encourage and honour exceptional achievement at all levels of the UK textile industry.

PATRON MEMBER PROFILE



INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
LINKS LIMITED

International Technology Links Limited has been formed to develop websites aimed at promoting technology within specified areas. Two websites are currently nearing completion and a third is being planned. The two websites nearing completion are:-

www.Textgroup.com and
www.Researchskillsearch.com

[Textgroup.com](http://www.Textgroup.com) is the website of The Textile Institute Information Technology Special Interest Group and its purpose is to help textile companies worldwide to purchase and implement computer systems of various kinds.

The [Researchskillsearch.com](http://www.Researchskillsearch.com) website is aimed at stimulating the industrial support for research. It will hold a database of research organisations and their skills together with a database of completed research projects. This website is to form the operating basis for a new Textile Institute Special Interest Group covering research.

The third website currently being planned will cover electronic commerce. This is a rapidly growing and evolving area with significant potential for the worldwide textile industry. As new generations of e-commerce systems are developed so the potential for the textile industry is expected to rise. There is already, however, considerable scope for confusion since there already has been many different types of e-commerce system. A major aim of the website is to remove the confusion so that companies buy the e-commerce system which meets their objectives.

For more information please contact Mike Roberts on mike.mra@provider.co.uk

Professional Qualifications

Congratulations to the following members who have been awarded qualifications since the start of 2006.

Fellowship and Chartered Membership (CText FTI)

Mr Malcolm Campbell
Commercial Director
The Woolmark Company
Ilkley, UK

Dr Stephen John Russell
Senior Lecturer (Textile Engineering)
The University of Leeds
Leeds, UK

Mr Martin Thomas Wilkinson
James Dewhurst Ltd
Accrington, UK

Licentiatehip (LTI)

Dr Yonca Erdas
Textile Technical Specialist
Unilever Research & Development
Bebington, UK

Mr Suraj Kumara Fonseka
Quality Assurance Executive
Mas Linea Aqua (Pvt) Ltd
Rathmalana, Sri Lanka

Miss Coral Ann Laidlar
Head of Technology
The Heath Technology College
Runcorn, UK

Mr Herath Adikari Mudiyansele Pushpakumara Nawarathna
Fabric Technician
Omega Line Ltd
Ibbagamuwa, Sri Lanka

Mr Azmat Tufail
Head of Digital Textiles
Nexus School of Fashion
Lahore, Pakistan

Ms Lu Wang
Merchandiser
Texconi Ltd
Warrington, UK

Associateship & Chartered Membership (CText ATI)

Mr Gulzar Ahmad
Senior General Manager
Three Stars Hosiery Mills
(Pvt) Ltd
Multan, Pakistan

Mr Chan Mo Ping
Director
Euro Joint Industrial Ltd
Kowloon, Hong Kong

Ms Ho Fung Chu
Teacher
Caritas St Paul Secondary School
Hong Kong

Mr Lau Ching Tak
Assistant Lecturer
The Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education
Kwai Chung, Hong Kong

Mr Zeeshan Khatri
Associate/ Consultant
GS Industries
Karachi, Pakistan

Mr Billy Temperton Skidmore
Textile Design Consultant
Bill Skidmore Design
Rotherham, UK

Mrs Hilary Tuckwell
Technologist
John Lewis, Middlesex, UK

Mr Gerhardus Petrus Wolmarans
Technical Manager
Gemtex PTY Ltd
Krugersdorp, South Africa

Ms Wong Mei Wa
Design Director
Image & Design Development
Kowloon, Hong Kong

Mr Desmond Anthony Young
Process Efficiency Leader
Milliken Woollen Speciality Products
Everlands Cam Dursley, UK

Productivity and Innovation

The University of Management and Technology and The Textile Institute are pleased to jointly sponsor the International Conference on Textile and Clothing 2006, Productivity and Innovation in Lahore, Pakistan, November 13-15, 2006.

With an ever increasing competition in the field of textiles coupled with the challenges of WTO and its impact of the world textile trade, enhanced productivity and innovation seems to be the only way forward. This conference will offer an excellent opportunity for highlighting the current research and the latest trends of technology development along with the most recent business applications in the area of textile and clothing, geared towards combating the emerging competitive market.

This conference also aims to provide a forum for the academic and industrial researchers to share and benefit from their mutual experiences.

For the full Call for Papers, important dates and guidelines for authors please visit <http://www.textileinstitute.org/EventsPage.asp> or contact the UMT directly on Textile.Conference@umt.edu.pk



New Chairman of Council

Mervyn Davies gained his textile education at the Nottingham Polytechnic, later



to be known as Trent University. He then spent five years in the knitwear industry

with Vedonis Ltd. in Nottingham before joining Marks and Spencer in 1970 as a knitwear technologist. Over the next 33 years he became the Knitwear Business Specialist, principally involved with quality, product innovation and sourcing issues, and particularly developing a special relationship with manufacturers throughout the production chain around the world.

Since retiring in 2003 he has maintained a commercial interest in the textile industry through his own company and dedicated his time to The Textile Institute.

He is a CText FTI and an Honorary Visiting Professor at the University of Manchester.

A more detailed biography is available on the Institute's website.

Newly Accredited Courses

We are delighted to report that the following courses have been accredited:

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong
Accredited for ATI:
BA (Hons) Intimate Apparel

Universiti Teknologi Mara, Selangor, Malaysia
Re-accredited for LTI:
Diploma in Textile Technology

Events

The Textile Institute Carpet Study Tour to China 2006

The Textile Institute Carpet Study Tour, which took place at the end of March, was a great success. The participants visited factories in Shandong



Province after having attended China Floor and Domotex China in Shanghai.

After flying into Qingdao and staying overnight, the tour party was ready for the first day of factory visits to the Dongsheng Group. The visit was hosted by Mr Wang Ting Long, General Manager and Mr Liu HanQing Assistant Manager.

Sunday was a day of travel from Rizhao to Weihai and sightseeing of the Olympic 2008 water sport facilities. The arrival in Weihai – a city with beautiful sandy beaches and small coves - hid the industrial nature of the metropolis,

which was focused on work rather than leisure.

A tour of Shanhua Group factories took place, hosted by Mr Liu XinHui, who is not only President of the Shanhua Group but also Chairman of the Chinese Carpet Manufacturers Association.

The last day was spent in the Haima Group factories, hosted by President Wang Zhanqi and Vice President Madam Zhang Bo.

I should like to thank all participants, many of whom went out of their way to express their thanks to the organisers and to The Textile Institute staff. Appreciation is also expressed to the local mayors, Mayor Mao Ji Chun from Rizhao and Mayor Dong Jin You from



Weihai, who honoured us with their presence at dinners hosted by Dongsheng and Shanhua Groups respectively.



I should also like to thank Jingyi Zhou (Michelle) for her co-ordination of Chinese facilities and Qinghong Xiu (Grace) for her Chinese factory liaison.

We have been requested to run the tour again, so if you are interested, do let me know now. We have also been requested to run other tours and events, so again please send me your ideas.

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Who should attend?

Anyone who is involved in textiles, clothing and footwear or related industries. This will include manufacturers, designers, engineers, marketers, academics, students, dyers, finishers, weavers, colorists, producers, technologists, distributors, in addition to anyone who is interested in the future development of the textile industry world wide.

When is it being held?

The Conference will take place between the 1st and 3rd March 2007.

What is the theme for the conference?

The theme for the Conference is the Consumer which has attracted a great deal of interest from speakers around the world and the Organising Committee is working hard on the technical programme, details will be available on the website soon.

Why should you attend?

The Conference will bring together acknowledged experts from around the world who will discuss topics in a wide range of disciplines.

The Conference will attract both industrialists and academics and presents an excellent opportunity for networking with colleagues from around the globe who share similar challenges and goals.

Where is it being held?

At the newly refurbished Cinnamon Grand Hotel, Colombo - one of Sri Lanka's finest venues.

A number of pre and post conference tours will be available for delegates to explore Sri Lanka; details are available on the website.

Can I Sponsor the Conference?

Yes. A number of sponsorship packages are available. If your Company would be interested in learning more, please contact Sarah Tinsley at The Textile Institute's external events office on +44 (0)1257 477035.

When can I register to attend the conference?

Now! Delegate and speaker registration information is available on the website.

Where can I get further information?

Further information about the Conference and how to register is available by visiting the website:
www.tiwc2007.com

Pakistan

Lahore Section Convocation

The Lahore Section's second Convocation was held on 25th March 2006 at the prestigious Avari Hotel. The event, which had been organised by the Section Committee to celebrate the professional values of The Textile Institute by presenting certificates to newly qualified members from Pakistan, was very well attended. Particular guests included Mr. Shafqat Ellahi Sheikh (CEO – Nagina Group) Chairman of APTMA (All Pakistan Textile Mills Association) Punjab Zone, Mr. Azhar Majeed Sheikh, CEO Arzoo Textile Mills (Office Bearer from the Pakistan Textile Processing Association), Mr. Naeem Mukhtar Sheikh, Chairman Allied Bank of Pakistan & CEO Ibrahim Fibres Group, and other dignitaries from Government and Industry, as well as textile educationalists. The TI HQ was represented by Ms Helen Yeowart, Professional Affairs Director.

The opening address was given by Mr Shafqat Amin, Chairman of the Lahore Section, who welcomed everyone and referred to the benefits of the TI and, in particular, its qualifications to the textile industries in Pakistan. The keynote address was given by Helen Yeowart, who outlined briefly the original aims and objectives of the Institute and described the ways in which it had developed - and was continuing to develop - to meet the changing needs of its members in the 21st century. She spoke in particular about the importance of textile education and the relevance of the Institute's Chartered qualifications to the competitive global marketplace. Mr Shafqat Ellahi Sheikh, Chairman of the Punjab Zone of All Pakistan Textile Mills Association, spoke about the Pakistan Textile Industry and its importance in the economy of Pakistan. The final guest

speaker was Mr Azhar Majeed Sheikh, CEO of Arzoo Textile Mills Ltd, who spoke about the performance of textile fabrics and the export of products such as bed linen and garments from Pakistan to the USA and Europe.

Associateship certificates were presented to Mr Mohammad Naeem Mukhtar, Mr Ghulam Muhammad Qureshi, Mr Hammad Akbar Khan, Mr Qamar Zia, Mr Mubashir Ahmad (*in absentia*), Mr Ghulam Mustafa Malik, Mr Ahmad Raza Mian, Mr Mohsin Javaid Bokhari (*in absentia*), Mr Gulzar Ahmad, Mr Abdul Latif and Mr Zeeshan Khatri (*in absentia*). Licentiateship certificates were presented to Mr Khurram Zaman (*in absentia*) and Mr Azmat Tufail.

Special awards, in the form of attractive glass shields, were presented to the main guests.

Finally, Mr Abid Iqbal Ganaie, Vice Chairman of the Lahore Section, proposed a vote of thanks to the participants and brought the ceremony to a close.

The event was sponsored by Arzoo Textile Mills Ltd, Associated Textile Consultants, Ibrahim Fibres Ltd, Noon International, Qaiser Brothers, Tata Group of Industries and Tekstil Traders. The organisers would like to express their thanks and appreciation to all the sponsors for their support.



Mr Mohammad Naeem Mukhtar receiving his ATI certificate from Ms Helen Yeowart, with Mr Shafqat Amin and Mr M N A Chishti



Mr Ghulam Mustafa Malik being presented with his ATI certificate by Mr Shafqat Ellahi Sheikh, with Mr A I Ganaie



Mr Ghulam Muhammad Qureshi receiving his certificate from Mr Azhar Majeed Sheikh, with Mr Ganaie and Mr Chishti



Recipients with guests and Section Committee members. Seated 1 to r Mr Ghulam Mustafa Malik, Mr Shafqat Amin, Mr Mohammad Naeem Mukhtar, Mr Shafqat Ellahi Sheikh, Mr Azhar Majeed Sheikh, Ms Helen Yeowart, Mr A I Ganaie, Mr M N A Chishti, Mr Sadiq H Rabbani. Standing 1 to r Mr Ahmad Raza Mian, Mr Gulzar Ahmad, Mr Ghulam Muhammad Qureshi, Mr Abdul Latif, Mr Qamar Zia, Mr Hammad Akbar Khan, Mr Azmat Tufail.

North India

The Textile Institute would like to welcome Mr Alope Goyal, Chairman and Treasurer of the NISTI and Managing Director of Alope Fibrecare Pvt Ltd and Dr Sanjay Gupta, CText FTI, Honorary Secretary of NISTI and Professor of Fashion & Textile at the National Institute of Fashion Technology.

Section activities and contact details can be found on www.textileinstitute.org/NorthIndia.asp

New South Wales

Mr R A F Foulds CText ATI MPhil has officially resigned as Assistant Hon. Secretary of the NSW Section. Roger has been a member of the Institute since 1956, received his CText ATI in 1979 and was also awarded Section Service Award.

On behalf of the Chairman of Council, the Institute would like to thank Roger for his valued support and work for the NSW Section.

The Institute and NSW Section are delighted to welcome on board as a new

member and Honorary Secretary of the section, Ms Christine Grant of Dazzling Fancy Dress. Christine can be contacted on chris@dazzlingfancydress.com.au or via the website on www.dazzlingfancydress.com.au

Switzerland

The 27th AGM and the 57th Meeting of The Textile Institute Swiss Section took place on 25th of January 2006. Full minutes of the meeting can be found on www.textileinstitute.org/SwissSection.asp

Visit to Pakistan - A Personal Report

I was delighted to receive the invitation from the Lahore Section to be their guest at the Convocation ceremony and to spend a few days meeting Institute members and visiting various organisations with textile connections. This was to be my first visit to Pakistan and I was looking forward to it very much.

I arrived on Friday, 24 March and from my first meeting with Mr Ganaie (Vice Chairman of the Section) and Mr Chishti (Hon Secretary), who greeted me at the airport with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, until my departure in the early hours of Tuesday, 28 March, I was the recipient of the most generous hospitality and friendliness. I had been warned in advance that the schedule would be hectic and this was certainly true! However, I would not have missed any part of it.

My first formal engagement was a meeting with the Section Committee members, which took place at the picturesque Village Restaurant. After various general discussions, I was presented with an engraved silver plate as a memento of my visit.



Village Restaurant



Lahore Section Committee - Seated l to r Mr Ashraf Mirza, Mr M N A Chishti, Mr Shafqat Amin, Ms Helen Yeoward, Mr A I Ganaie, Mr M Aslam. Standing l to r Mr Najam ul Islam, Mr Abdul Latif, Mr Ghulam Mustafa Malik, Mr A A Khan, Mr Manohar Talreja, Mr Hammad Akbar Khan, Mr Sadiq Rabbani, Mr Mansoor Sheikh

Later that evening, I attended a wonderful Dinner hosted by Mr Shafqat Amin (Section Chairman) and his charming wife at the Gulberg Kabana Restaurant. This was described as a

'family gathering' and proved to be just that – attended not only by the local members, but also their wives and children. This was, I discovered, a regular event, enabling everyone to get to know one another and building a firm bond of friendship between all the families.

The next day started early with a visit to the Lahore Textile and General Mills with Mr Amin and Mr Chishti, who is the Executive Director, Technical. I was taken on a very interesting and educational tour, covering the whole spinning process - and I had certainly never before seen any mill housed in such a building!



Lahore Textile and General Mills

After this, the Convocation ceremony – described previously – was an impressive occasion and it was pleasing to see that some of the traditions of the original international Convocations were still being upheld.

In the evening we attended another Dinner, hosted by the Chairman of the University of Management and Technology and attended by both Section members and University staff.



Badshahi Mosque

Sunday was not a day of rest, but a very busy and enjoyable day of sightseeing around Lahore – under the guidance of Mr Ganaie and his two

delightful nieces. Our tour included the extensive Lahore Fort, the Badshahi Mosque (one of the world's largest mosques), the winding streets of the Old City and the superb Lahore Museum with its 20 galleries and eclectic collections, not to mention a traditional fabric shop and a modern shopping mall.

On the final day, we had another early start for the drive to Faisalabad along an excellent three-lane motorway (in complete contrast to what I am sure my hosts will not mind my describing as the traffic chaos in the centre of Lahore!) Here we visited the National Textile University, where I had the opportunity to see the excellent facilities available and meet both staff and students to discuss the benefits of TI membership and, in particular, accreditation of courses. Their degree of BSc in Textile Engineering has been accredited for ATI for a number of years and re-accreditation is now being sought.

Then back to Lahore for a visit to the University of Management and Technology, one of our newest Company Patron Members, which is also submitting courses for accreditation. (See also page 26 for details of its forthcoming Conference, co-badged with the TI.)

In the evening we witnessed the impressive Flag Changing Ceremony at the Pakistan/India Wahga border, which is only 30 minutes drive from the city. This was a most memorable event, with much public enthusiasm and fervour on the both sides.

The final official visit of my trip was to the Allied College of Textile Management and Administration, Lahore, which offers degree programmes in Textiles & Management and Textiles & Fashion, together with various Diploma courses. I was welcomed by the Chairman, Mr Riaz ul Haq, and given a guided tour by Ms Amara and other members of staff. The evening was completed by dinner at a local restaurant, hosted by the College.

I returned home with a kaleidoscope of memories – but my most lasting impressions were the warmth and friendliness of everyone I met and the esteem in which The Textile Institute is held. I should like to offer the Lahore Section Committee my deepest thanks and appreciation for their hospitality and generosity.

Helen Yeoward,
Professional Affairs Director

London and South East

Ismar Glasman Memorial Lecture

The Ismar Glasman Memorial Lecture held at the Royal College of Art, London was well attended by both TI and SDC members. The lecture was introduced last year, in memory of Ismar Glasman who spent his life working in retail, dedicated to the pursuit of excellence and colour. The speaker was Mr Jim Keaton, formally Head of I.C.I. Dyestuffs. Jim had a wealth of experience to share on innovation in dyeing. He is currently Vice-president of the University of Liverpool.

Innovation Seminar

The Innovation Seminar held at the London College of Fashion, London was a resounding success and there has been much positive feedback from both members and speakers.

The first speaker of the Innovation Seminar Ms Polly Leonard of *Selvedge Magazine* who also announced a special offer to members of the Institute. See Special Offer Information.

New Member of the Institute Mr Brian McCarthy, Director of Technitex www.technitex.org gave an excellent presentation on the present state of nanotechnology in textiles and the place of textiles in the London Olympics. A full report of the final speaker, Mr Stewart Collie Science Manager Canesis Ltd and Technical Manager of Softswitch Ltd can be found in Issue 1 of textiles 2006.

Bag & Accessory Design



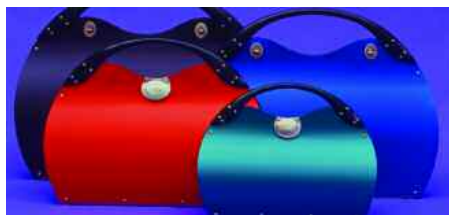
Urban Commuter

A Bag and Accessory Design talk was held on Tuesday 28th February at the London College of Fashion. The speaker Steven Harkin is currently Senior Lecturer and Research Academic at the University of the Arts, Cordwainers College.

Steven originally worked as an engineer by day and with leather as a hobby. Self taught through experimentation, he discovered that the bags he made had a market. Coming to Europe he worked in Italy where the light and colour reminded

him of his native Australia and gave him the inspiration to develop prototypes of his own style of leather goods.

In a country renowned for design Stevens sculptural forms fall outside the normal concept of designer handbags. As he says, he is an industrial designer, and not involved in the fashion process. This has led him to experiment with many differing materials from metal to industrial rubber, and even Formica. His designs are unique objects d'art and extremely covetable. Guests felt they were very privileged to see his sample range at the London College of Fashion.



Dot Family

Yorkshire

The Yorkshire Section, under the Chairmanship of Sir James F Hill Bart OBE had a successful AGM, which was held on 21st February at The Bradford Club. The AGM was followed by the PP Townsend Lecture with speaker Professor Tom Cassidy, Head of School of Textiles and Design at the University of Leeds. Sirdar Plc fully sponsored the PP Townsend Lecture.

For full minutes of the meeting, go to: www.textileinstitute.org/Yorks.asp

Manchester & Cheshire

The Manchester and Cheshire Section is delighted to announce that Mr Malcolm Campbell CText FTI of IWS will be the guest speaker on Thursday 28th September. The title of the talk will be 'A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing', the venue is to be confirmed.

The Section is also inviting the student readership to write an article of no more than 250 words for the next issue of textiles. They are particularly interested to hear from students of their experiences throughout the world in their chosen field of textiles, clothing or footwear. Articles are to be sent to Dr Kim Gandhi CText FTI BSc Tech, Chair of the Manchester and Cheshire Section.

Kim Gandhi is also welcoming questions from students with particular industry or professional questions.

Kim Gandhi can be contacted on kim.gandhi@virgin.net

TI Forthcoming Section Events

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

Selvedge

Selvedge one-year subscription offer for Textile Institute members - 30% off the cover price if you subscribe before 31 July 2006.

Directed towards an international audience, *Selvedge* covers fine textiles in every context with illustrated features on fine art, fashion, interiors, ethnographic textiles, important collections, travel and shopping. The latest book reviews, exhibitions and comprehensive listings feature in every issue. The magazine provides a wide-ranging, unbiased and critical overview of the textile world.

The *Selvedge* readership is composed of all those who claim textiles as their first love, not simply makers and academics. They include professional artists, textile students, collectors, fashion and interior designers, museum curators and gallery owners. *Selvedge* is also aimed at an audience beyond those with an established interest in textiles.



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Obituaries

Henry Adam MBE, CText FTI, FBIM, F.I.E.X

Henry Adam died peacefully at home on 2 April 2006, aged 84.

Born and brought up in Poland, he had just begun his studies at medical school when Germany invaded the country and he was arrested and taken into custody. He escaped and returned home, only to be captured by the Russians and deported to a Siberian labour camp.

Like many war heroes, Henry was reluctant to talk about the next seven years. Fortunately, because of his ability to learn new languages, he was assigned to a work camp's stores; being able to drive the truck to collect mail and provisions, he was able to keep warm for part of the day, and by pilfering very small quantities of grain and potatoes he was able to supplement the very meagre food rations. When Russia joined the war, the Polish prisoners were sent to Iraq to form the 2nd Polish Tank Regiment, part of the British 8th Army, where many died in training due to the vast temperature change. After many North Africa battles, they crossed into Italy and his luck ran out during the battle for Monte Cassino. He spent the rest of the war recovering in a military hospital in Bologna, where he stayed to continue his medical training.

As he was a captain in the British Army and later promoted to major, he was ordered to go to England for demobilisation. He stayed on here, and became a student at Nottingham & District Technical College, gaining a Higher Diploma in Textiles in 1947.

Shortly afterwards he and his first wife Jane became the first married couple to gain their ATIs at the same time. Specialising in knitwear manufacture, he worked for Celanese, Pretty Polly, then in 1967 became the Assistant Managing Director of William Cotton. It was there that Henry became a good supporter of the Midlands Section, serving on the Committee until a few years ago. He presented a number of fashion shows for the TI Knitting Group demonstrating new technologies, patterning and colour schemes from Cotton's Design Centre.

He formed his own company, Eastern Europe Promotions, specialising in handling the sales and promotion of many well known knitting-machine builders in the Eastern Block countries.

Henry Adam presented the Chairman's Jewel and Bars to be worn by The Textile Institute Midland Section Chairman when representing the section, a memorable occasion being during the William Lee Quartercentenary Celebrations in 1989 that included the TI World Conference being held in Nottingham.

His funeral was held at St Mary's Church, Old Woodhouse, on 11 April 2006, and the service was led by the Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Great Britain and the Secretary General of the Lutheran Council in Great Britain. Past members of the TI Board and the Midlands Section Chairman and Members represented The Textile Institute. Donations at the retiring collection were made in aid of the Polish Schools in Lwow.

Henry Adam led a full and eventful life and was recognised as one of the textile industry's characters. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his second wife, Marlies, daughter Angela, and son Richard.

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Duncan Hattersley Smith

With the death of Duncan Hattersley Smith on Friday 6 January 2006, the last link to the well-known Keighley firm of loom manufacturers George Hattersley & Sons has ended.

George Hattersley & Sons were the oldest firm of loom-makers in the world, sold looms worldwide, and were one of the major employers in Keighley. The Company was founded in 1789 by Richard Hattersley. The transition from nuts and bolts to the textile industry came in 1834 when George Hattersley, Richard's son, built the very first power loom. This loom met its end at Nab Wood en route to Hattersley's first customer in Bradford, where it was smashed by a group of Luddites (handloom weavers fearful of their future livelihood). The company soon manufactured a replacement and successfully delivered it to their customer. Soon after this, Hattersleys went into full time production of these revolutionary looms. In the 1960s the textile industry in Britain declined and despite efforts to keep solvent the Company finally ceased trading in 1984.

Duncan was the son of the Managing Director, Richard Hattersley Smith, and headed the Design and Development team. He also organised the Apprenticeship Training Scheme, which resulted in many youngsters receiving a thorough and comprehensive training in Mechanical Engineering, and also the opportunity of studying at Keighley Technical

College to achieve the academic qualifications required.

During his long career in textile machinery manufacture, Duncan was heavily involved in all its aspects, including Design, Development, Production, Sales and, in later years, Consultancy. His first love was Weaving Machines but he was also involved with a diverse range of other textile machinery.

The Apprenticeship Training Scheme involved the organisation and planning of apprentice training through 18 different production departments, and day release at Keighley Technical College spread over the 5 to 6 years of the apprenticeship. At one time there were 25 apprentices in the system so the organisation required careful planning, which Duncan did most successfully.

Duncan joined Macarts in the early 1970s and, during his first year, he was part of the technical sales team for a range of textile machinery. He specialised in various shuttleless high-speed weaving machinery of continental manufacture. He had a widespread knowledge of the textile manufacturers in this country and brought a lot of business to Macarts.

In all, 40 Macart Rapier Weaving Machines were made, mostly after Duncan had left the Company in May 1977 to pursue a new career, with his wife Jennifer, as hoteliers in Killecrankie, Scotland. But without his impetus the ongoing development at Macarts slowed considerably and no more were made or sold.

After running the Killecrankie Hotel with Jennifer for 12 very successful years, Duncan and Jennifer retired to a new home, designed by Duncan, in the oak wood overlooking the grounds of the hotel. They spent 17 very happy retirement years together walking their much-loved gold cocker spaniels in the hills, gardening, and enjoying their grand-daughters. Duncan is survived by Jennifer, his daughter Emma, and stepchildren, Sammy, John and Mandy.

Duncan Hattersley Smith CText FTI joined The Textile Institute in 1961. He was a truly active and supportive member of the Institute being a member of both the Weaving Group Committee and the Machinery Group Committee. Mr Smith was awarded the CText FTI in 1968.

George Armitage Briggs

George Briggs died on 3 February 2006, aged 72, after a prolonged battle against cancer, fought with immense courage and dignity.

Born in Clayton, Bradford, George attended Giggleswick School, after which he studied cloth manufacture at Bradford Technical College from 1951 to 1954. National Service followed in the RAOC where he became a commissioned officer.

After his release from the Army, he was employed by Courtaulds Ltd in September 1956 as a textile trainee. The following year he transferred to the newly-formed Courtelle Division in Coventry as Assistant to the Development Manager, based in the Acetate and Synthetic Fibres Laboratory. Eight years later he moved to Export Sales as Assistant to the Manager and rose to become Export Director in 1968. He relocated to Bradford in 1970 and two years later to Courtaulds Verkauf GmbH in Düsseldorf, Germany.

In April 1974 he left Courtaulds and joined Plasticisers Ltd in Bradford, as Sales Manager, Polypropylene Staple Fibre. Five years later there was another move, this time to Priest Lindley. In March 1998 he undertook part-time yarn consultancy appointments, variously with New South Mills Ltd and Regency Spinning Ltd.

Full-time retirement started in February 2004, enabling him to enjoy more fully gardening, golf and the 41 Club.

George is survived by his wife, Carol, two daughters, son-in-law, and a one year old grand-daughter.

His funeral took place at Rawdon Crematorium, Leeds, and was attended by a large gathering of family, friends and former colleagues representing his several employments, a fitting tribute to the high degree of affection and respect in which he was held.

Howard Briggs (brother)

Mr W Brooks CText ATI

Mr W Brooks CText ATI joined The Textile Institute in 1934 and his interest in its work over the years has been greatly appreciated by all that knew him. He was very proud of his membership and awarded the Associateship of The Textile Institute in 1936 and continued to be an active and supportive member of the Institute. William Brooks was married for 62 years to his wife Alice who sadly died in March 2001.

James Herbert Shaw CBE, DL (1901 - 2005)

"Jim" Shaw, as he was always known, was born in Shipley on 4 January 1901. He was educated at Bradford Grammar School, and played cricket for Saltaire Cricket Club and Rugby Union for Lidget Green, Bradford.

With his father Herbert, his brother George, and Thomas Hey, he founded the wool merchanting and top-making business of Thomas Hey & Shaw Ltd in 1923. Sadly, his father died at the age of 51 the following year, and the firm struggled to survive during the difficult time of the 1920s.

Before the British Wool Marketing Board was founded, wool was sold directly by the farmers to merchants, and for years Jim toured the East Riding and Lincolnshire making deals. He would buy wool in stones (14lbs) in Yorkshire and in tods (28lbs) in Lincolnshire, and sell it in Bradford. Some of the clips he bought were not the best prepared, and the firm was sometimes referred to by competitors as "Hey and Straw"! In the 1950s the company became a member of the West Riding Woollen and Worsted Mills Ltd group, of which he was a director.

In the 1960s he became "Mr Wool" of Bradford, when Bradford was still a large player in the world trade. With his brother George taking care of the detailed running of the business, he held every position of responsibility within the textile industry, from President of The Wool Federation and Chairman of The Wool Textile Delegation, to Special Member of the British Wool Marketing Board and Chairman of the Wool Exchange. Away from the wool trade, he chaired the appeal for Bradford Cathedral, and laid the foundation stone for the new South Wing in 1956. He was also a Justice of the Peace, a Deputy Lieutenant for Yorkshire, received the CBE in 1969, and in 1970 was given the freedom of the City of Bradford.

After retirement he was active as President of the Bradford & Bingley Building Society, and Chairman of the Governors of Bradford Grammar School.

He married Barbara Walker in 1933 and they had two sons and a daughter. His wife pre-deceased him in 1986 but he managed to continue to live on his own in Bingley until he was within a month of his 100th birthday, when he was moved to the Troutbeck Nursing Home in Ilkley.

Mention Jim Shaw's name to anyone who attended dinners in the 1950s to 1970s and they would straightaway say "What a marvellous after-dinner speaker he was". His motto was "the old ones are still the best".

In addition to his success in business, Jim Shaw was a keen golfer, gardener and racegoer, and an ardent supporter of all things Yorkshire, particularly its County Cricket Team. He was keenly interested in the fortunes of Bradford, which he regarded, only half-jokingly, as the "centre of the world". Above all, he was devoted to his family, of which he was the much-loved and respected patriarch. He was a natural optimist with a generous share of common sense, which he deployed with wit and wisdom. He viewed his extreme old age with some wonderment, but faced it with immense dignity, good humour and thankfulness right to the end.

Mr S R Cockett CText FTI MSc Tech FRIC

Mr S R Cockett CText FTI MSc Tech FRIC joined The Textile Institute in 1949 at the age of 32 and remained a valued and supportive member of the Institute until his death at the age of 90. He was awarded a Fellowship to The Textile Institute in 1955.

Mr Cockett, is noted in membership records as being seconded from the Chemical Warfare Station in 1940 to the Wool Industries Research Association where he was engaged in devising gas resistant clothing. Through his work the production of clothing giving protection against war gases, could have been put into immediate production on a large scale had the need arisen. He left WIR to go to Bradford Dyers' Association, where he was largely responsible for the introduction of silicone finishes into textiles.

Mr Cockett is survived by his wife, Jean, son, Keith, and granddaughters, Sally and Hazel and a great grandson Jonathan.

Dr KRF Cockett (son of the deceased) has allowed the obituary to include his email address if further detail is requested.
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Mr K J Rak CText ATI

Mr K J Rak CText ATI joined The Textile Institute in 1951 at the age of 33. He was awarded the CText ATI in 1955 and awarded Life membership in 1997.

Mr K J Rak was born in Poland in 1918. He served in the Polish army as a young officer. On release from a POW camp he came to Britain in 1946. He studied textiles at Nottingham and District Technical College and eventually settled in Dundee where he worked from 1953 at Jute Industries. His favourite book was the Magic of Jute.

Janina Forte (daughter) and The Textile Institute.

Mr M P Clay CText ATI

The death of Michael Clay on the evening of the 4th of March 2006 left many in the textile world stunned. The funeral held in Halifax on Friday, the 10th of March 2006 was attended by a great number of textile figures both from the UK and overseas together with his family and friends.

Michael had a only a couple of years earlier retired from Allertex, the textile machinery agency of which he had been a joint founder in 1977. With his premature death at the age of 64, he leaves behind his wife Monika and three children, Stephen, Martin and Anneliese.

Michael was born into a textile family and it was only natural that he should, following his school years, join the family business of Clay & Horsfall, worsted spinners in Sowerby Bridge. It was there that I first met Michael along with his father, Philip Clay, who survives Michael, to discuss their textile machinery requirements. Following their purchase of Schlafhorst and Barmag Two-for-One twisting machinery, I came to know Michael extremely well and it was a never failing cause of amazement to me how rapidly he absorbed technical knowledge and data not only from a theoretical point of view but "hands on."

Unfortunately the changes in the textile industry did not leave Clay & Horsfall unscathed. Clay & Horsfall having become a member of the Tulketh Group subsequently closed and Michael was left looking for employment. Knowing his enthusiasm and capability he joined me as part of the B. L. Engineering team where he remained until Allertex was formed. Having been a worsted spinner during the early part of his life it did not take him long to become an acknowledged expert in weaving technology. In those early days he represented the French company, SACM, who manufactured the MAV loom. Michael not only learnt the theory but could run those machines as well as any weaver and in many cases, better. He went on overlooker and weaver training courses so he knew the machines inside out, a factor that played a great part in us subsequently being appointed the Agents for Dornier.

Michael was also one of those rare characters who could balance the commitments of a busy career with a fulfilled family life. His great love of trains led him to adventures in many parts of the world on some famous railways. He had many interests apart from textiles. He was an expert in the old mill engines that powered the industry following the Industrial Revolution, and also led to his part time activity with the Leeds University Archives cataloguing hundreds of unidentified photographs with unerring accuracy. Michael was also a great lover of the tranquillity of the canal system having commissioned and built his own narrow boat for sailing the canals of Britain with Monika and family as crew. He even considered at the last ITMA exhibition in Birmingham to make the journey there using the canal system that was until he calculated it would take him 3 weeks to arrive at the venue!

Michael leaves a void at the Halifax Textile Society where he was a past President remaining on the committee until his death.

Michael was a lifelong supporter of The Textile Institute playing an active part especially in terms of the TI Weaving Group. He was also on the Committee of the Yorkshire & District Section of the Institute and awarded his CText ATI in 1966.

His loss is very deeply felt within the company, as well as the wider community.

Mr P B F Whitaker CText FTI CompTI BSc, Director of Allertex Ltd.