

The worldwide professional network for people associated with

•fibres & fabrics •clothing & footwear

•interior & technical textiles



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The Textile Institute has made the following distinguished Awards and Citations:

Receiving Companion Membership

Instituted in 1956 and limited to 50 living members. Council may grant the status of Companion Member of the Institute to any member who has attained the age of 40 and who has, in the opinion of the Council, substantially advanced the general interests of the textile industry.

William Bohm CText FTI

William began his career at Cambridge and graduated with both a BA and an MA in history.

After 20 years of management in the clothing industry Bill joined the London College of Fashion, in 1977 as Head of Department of Clothing Technology, a position he held for the following 13 years. Continuing in education Bill then turned his attention to Europe and in 1993 presented a report on Higher Educational Provision for fashion and clothing in Central and Easter Europe.

Bill has demonstrated his commitment to the industry by being either a member of, or chairing a variety of industry associations. During the past 10 years Bill has continued to work tirelessly for The Textile Institute supporting sections at home in the UK and internationally, most recently Bill has seen the need for secondary school teachers to be a part of a supportive network and has instigated the Schools Special Interest Group.

During a career spanning 50 years Bill has encouraged others to a deeper knowledge of and a wider association within the clothing industry. Through his professional work with universities and colleges and more recently through personal contact with schools and colleges, he has provided forums for closer contact with industry and each other through The Textile Institute.

Charles Wilson CText FTI

Charles Wilson has contributed greatly to industry with major input into:

The development of the exclusive Speedo LZR woven fabric and garment for the Beijing Olympics 2008; the finalisation of successful seam bonding utilising ultrasonic welding technology to enable the worlds first seamless bonded swimsuit; the development of chlorine resistant swimwear when the market was dominated by nylon elastane fabrics; several years of development work with leading knitting companies to create a non elastane stretch material consisting of polyester variants (Endurance) giving a chlorine resistant material which now forms a major part of the Speedo brand and is widely sought after within Europe impacting the whole of the swimwear industry.

He also enabled Speedo to be the first swim company to promote a whole garment that performed and was certified to the Oekotex 100 Standard. This continues today for the main range products.

He had a major role in the setting up of swimwear manufacturing and establishing Speedo quality standards in the 1990s within the Asia Pacific region and advancing the knowledge base of Asian suppliers to produce quality swimwear products which has impacted in higher manufacturing standards and many facets of which have now become an industry standard in Asia.

He introduced the extension and modulus testing of materials as a pre requisite for consistent fitting and sizing from master patterns and ultimately led to being a critical quality standard for swimwear materials QC.

He also introduced colour measurement technology into the supply chain as part of the QA process now widely accepted as a standard practice.

The Textile Institute, incorporated in England by a Royal Charter granted in 1925, is governed democratically by and on behalf of individual members throughout the world, registered as a charity and recognised as a non-profit association under the laws of many countries.

The personal creativity and knowledge advancement continues today heading towards London 2012 and spans a life time of work for over 42 years with the same company.

Alejandro Dandolo

Alejandro, has served over 45 years in the textile industry, and has used this great depth of experience in numerous senior management positions and greatly influenced the carpet industry in Argentina and internationally. He graduated from the University Gesamthochschule Wuppertal, Germany in 1965 with a degree in Textile Engineering. He began his career at Industrial Textile Dragui then to a family business Dandolo Y Primi.

In his current role with Kalapakian Hnos Argentina Alejandro is responsible for, manufacturing, product development and technical management.

His knowledge of fibre properties, dyeing, yarn and carpet manufacturing processes make him a great credit to the textile industry, resulting in establishing a very strong and versatile carpet manufacturing facility in Argentina that is truly world class.

Alejandro is a key member of the Carpet Committee for the National Industrial Technology Institute of Argentina, a prestigious position within the Argentine textile industry.

Alejandro is totally committed to textiles. He has a passion for carpets and revels in technical issues and new challenges. Alejandro also has helped to train those that are disadvantaged in the town of La Rioja in Argentina. He turned, extremely poor and uneducated but very good hearted and hard working people into amazing carpet weavers.

One of his proposers for this award stated 'He had showed, that the limitations of technology, were far higher than anybody ever thought of before. And this is worth a mention. I believe that any principal of a company like me; would love to have an Alejandro on his team. It makes things easier; he flies, he creates; and we just have to put things together to make it happen. But all of the above is not his most outstanding characteristic. He above all; is very humble; and sensitive and caring for other human beings; who deserves every recognition; but will never seek it'.

Honorary Fellowship

First awarded in 1928 and the highest honour within the Institute's gift for creativity and the advancement of knowledge achieved by an individual as a result of ingenuity and application over many years. It covers all occupational areas of the Institute's work including science, technology, marketing and management.

Professor Ron Postle CText FTI BSc AAIP

Ron Postle was educated at the University of New South Wales where he received BSc first class honors and was a university medalist. Later he completed a PhD in Textile Engineering from the University of Leeds. He is a Senior Fulbright Scholar in mechanical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Docteur Honoris Causa from the University of Haute Alsace, France and recipient of the Stanley Backer Founders Award of The Fiber Society.

While holding a personal chair in textile physics at the University of New South Wales, Ron published over 400 research papers and books many in the Journal of The Textile Institute. Professor Postle has supervised numerous PhD and postdoctoral research fellows. Many of Ron's textile physics students now hold professorships themselves and two have become President of The Textile Institute, Garth Carnaby and Professor Xiaoming Tao.

He currently holds seven Visiting Professorships appointments at universities in Australia, Britain, France and China.

Dr William Oxenham CText ATI BSc

Dr William Oxenham is the Abel C. Lineberger Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Programs in the College of Textiles at North Carolina State University. As a recognized scholar he has over 200 publications in the research areas of fibres, yarn, and textile technology. He has promoted the development of distance learning courses in textiles.

His professional career began when graduating with a BSc in textile physics from the University of Leeds and then a PhD.

William is a Chartered Associate member of The Textile Institute and has served on the Institutes council and received the Section Service Award for his distinguished service to his local Section. In 1996 he was awarded the Warner Memorial medal for his outstanding record of research in textile science and technology.

He is an outstanding professor at North Carolina State University College of Textiles. He teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in yarn production, processes and properties. As Associate Dean for Academic Programs he has promoted distance education with the Textile Off-Campus Program.