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## ▲ The International Apparel Federation Building Bridges in the Apparel Chain

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## The dream of our founders



- founded in 1976 in Williamsburg (USA), after four years of negotiations between the US, European and Japanese associations
- by Joachim Hofman (AEIH/ Europe), Komataro Kondo (JAIC/ Japan) and Thomas Roboz (AAMA/ USA)
- to promote the common business interests and encourage best practice and support for apparel manufacturers world wide.



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## IAF's history



- Main focus: exchange of information on market developments
- IAF statistics
- IAF Yearbook
- 23 annual World Apparel Conventions
- Structure: General Assembly, Council, Executive Committee, Officers and Committees (Technical and Education)
- Presidency changes every year
- secretariat in Amsterdam (NEVEC), Berlin (DOB Verband), London (BCIA) and Zeist (MODINT) successively



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## IAF Mission Statement



- IAF mission is to develop business contacts which foster dialogue and knowledge exchange between individuals active in the world apparel value chain:
- for the betterment of business practices
- for the promotion of the international image of the apparel business
- for the encouragement of innovation and new ways of thinking
- for the growth of apparel trade worldwide
- for the improvement of social, health and safety, and environmental conditions relating to the apparel chain worldwide, and
- for the advancement of apparel related education and training



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## New IAF structure



- IAF's scope broadened to embrace the entire apparel chain
- not only suppliers but also retailers
- individual companies can become a member in addition to national associations
- one member one vote principle



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## IAF's membership represents 49 countries



- Australia
- Austria
- Bangladesh
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Bulgaria
- Cambodia
- China
- Colombia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Italy
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Macao SAR
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Scotland
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- USA
- Vietnam



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## IAF's Education Members



- Amsterdam Fashion Institute
- Hong Kong Polytechnic
- ENSAIT
- Heriot Watt University
- University of South Australia
- IFFTI
- Stenden University
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Polimoda Firenze
- SITAM-AB
- Mod' Spe, Paris
- Institute of Apparel Management (India)



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## IAF Committees



- Technical Committee works on RFID, nanotechnology, sizing systems, 3D body scanning, intergration
- Education Committee: IAF Student Award, dialogue between the Industry and Universities, Technical Schools
- Global Social Environmental Responsibility: homogenising disparate CS standards, promoting CSR & enviromental responsibilty among members

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- **Cultural Committee: bringing together all textile & fashion related museums, institutes & collections**



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## Art & Cultural committee



- creativity in design (building bridges between creativity and commerce). The artistic/creative aspect of fashion is now more important than ever.
- Directory of Textile & Apparel Museums
- International Calendar of Textile / Apparel related Exhibitions
- Links between Museums, Institutes and Universities
- Foster cooperation between corporate members and institutes/museums