

Professional Experience

Alberta Textile Care Association

Executive Secretary - appointed December 2005

Trade association for drycleaners and launderers in Alberta Canada. Responsible for usual trade association matters including regulations and legislation particularly consumer affairs, health, safety and environment. Includes liaison with all North American textile care industry trade associations.

CINET

Director – appointed June 2004

A trade association for drycleaning and laundering trade associations based internationally but with particular emphasis on those within Europe. The organisation co-ordinates actions from national organisations in all areas associated with the textile care industry. My particular areas of expertise are care labelling and health, safety and environmental issues. Currently, represents CINET via NORMAPME on ISO TC38/SC2/WG12 Care Labelling using Symbols.

International Drycleaners Congress

Executive Director - appointed June 2004

A professional organisation for individual drycleaners world wide providing information and services to enable drycleaners to meet the challenges of the future, whether these are technological or legislative, through ethical business practice.

Fabric Care Research Association (FCRA), UK

Chief Executive Officer (MD) 1988 – 2001

Deputy Director 1983 – 1988

Executive Officer 1967 - 1983

Organisation providing full technical and management support to a membership consisting of launderers, drycleaners, textile renters and suppliers to the industry. Specific responsibilities included:

- **Production and implementation of a technical investigative research programme including milestones and target dates.**
- **Monitoring the performance of individual technical service departments.**
- **Providing a wide range of technical and informative publications and reports for use both internally and externally.**
- **Providing a ‘hands-on’ input into projects and consultancy services where special expertise on health, safety and environmental matters; energy and resource auditing; and quality control/assessment skills were required.**
- **Marketing and promoting the benefits of membership of the Association and the services/products offered.**
- **Liaising/negotiating with government departments at both national and European level on behalf of the industry. These were in diverse areas and covered education and training; health and safety; environment; employment; consumer affairs; international, European and national standards; energy; and trade.**
- **Liaison/collaboration with similar associations/organisations worldwide e.g. IFI, USA; Hohenstein, Germany; AJLDA, Japan etc.**
- **Presentations on industry topics at international and national conferences, seminars and workshops as well as mini-presentations as part of industry training courses.**

Achievements

For almost 40 years in the Industry has been involved in many projects all of which have resulted in savings to the Industry. Some more notable areas are shown below:

- **Co-operative projects with European partners in developing and maintaining Standards covering drycleaning processes, textile care labelling, machinery design and construction.**

- **Development of National Vocational Qualifications for the laundering / drycleaning industries to enable the application of appropriate benchmarks and development of a well-trained workforce.**
- **Modifications to the original proposed legislation for the control of emissions from volatile organic compounds ensured that all drycleaners are able to remain in business at relatively low cost.**
- **An industry well practised in health, safety and environmental matters ensures conformity to the regulations. As new legislation is continually being introduced, this work is ongoing and I am directly involved in both Europe and North America**

Memberships

- Fellow and Honorary Life Member of the Guild of Cleaners and Launderers.
- International Drycleaning Congress
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing.
- Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Launderers.
- Member and former President of the International Technical Committee for Textile Care.
- Freeman of the City of London.

Industry Activities

International Committee for Drycleaning (CINET) 1988 – to date. Served on the General Assembly, Care Labelling Commission and Health, Safety and Environmental Commission, in the latter case frequently taking the Chair. Appointed to the Board of Directors in 2004.

International Technical Committee for Textile Care (ICTC) 1988 – to date. Formed from a merger in 1999 of the International Scientific and Technical Committee for Laundering (ISTCL) and the International Drycleaning Research Committee (IDRC). IDRC Vice President (1991-1993) and President (1993-1996) as well as a member of ISTCL.

Home Laundering Consultative Committee 1985 – 2001. Served on the General and Management Committees in order to provide an input on professional laundering and drycleaning matters. **Through this Committee was nominated as an expert to the National Shadow Group and International Standards Committee for Textile Care Labelling.**

Industry Committee for Health, Safety and Environment 1982 – 2001. A participating member of this Committee; also served on numerous working parties particularly the Solvents WP and was nominated as a representative to many working groups liaising with government departments.

Textile Care and Rental Industry Committee for Education 1970 – 1999. This body was responsible for monitoring education and training requirements of the Industry, liaising with government departments and seeking resources for implementation. Took responsibility for training design, which was then delegated to FCRA as a training provider.

National Fire Protection Association (USA) 2004 – to date. Member of Committee 32 responsible for health and safety regulations in retail drycleaning and laundries.