

Southern Australia Section

Design Competition : Elite Awards recognising excellence – The future TCF industry

The annual Textile Institute Southern Australia Section (TISA) design competition is for full time fashion students across Australia. It provides students with the opportunity to participate in an exciting competition that brings together industry partners and potential employees - the future of the TCF industry.

The TISA Awards showcase finalists from across the educational sectors Australia-wide and provide unique recruitment and promotional opportunities.

TISA is the only professional organisation in the textile, clothing and footwear industry that provides this unique opportunity for Australian fashion and textiles students to study overseas at the prestigious Paris American Academy (PAA).

The TISA Awards have been running for the past two decades and the outcomes of the competition, for both students and the Australian industry continue to exceed the expectations of the Awards brief. Education and training facilities Australia wide acknowledge, through their continued participation and student support of the Awards, the importance of the further training and education opportunity the Awards provide. Award winners and finalists have carved out successful careers launched from their TISA Awards recognition and their PAA Paris experience.

The 2011 TISA Awards Showcase presentation took place on 27 October at Functions on Chapel. It was a spectacular evening which included a cocktail party; display and fashion showing of design competition entrants, art work and garments; and an awards presentation.

Congratulations to the 2011 finalist and awards nominees.

All the award nominees were officially supported by their educational institutes; were considered in the first round of judging; invited to present their work at the awards



Sylvia Walsh President TISA Textile Institute Southern Australia Section and Fashion Teacher, Design and Social Context, RMIT University, the winner Georgia Havekotte and Joseph Merola CEO of IFI (major sponsor). Photo courtesy of James Boston publishing.

showcase; and are eligible for a range of audience voted, and industry sector chosen awards.

Congratulations to Georgia Havekotte of RMIT University, the winner of the 2011 grand prize. This prestigious award consists of four weeks tuition and accommodation at the Paris American Academy in Paris, France. Thanks to the grand prize sponsor IFC & PAA.



2011 winner Georgia Havekotte and her models. Photo courtesy of James Boston publishing.