

# The Wellness Collection

## *A Science Fashion Story*

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**The Wellness Collection** is a new interactive communication system for 're-cabling' fashion & textiles in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It conjures up *Multi-Sensorial Therapeutic Fabrics* based around the sense of smell - recognising that all senses will be involved in the enjoyment of clothing. This is a new development, taking inspiration from biology. It is ambitious, requiring state-of-the-art research information - such as micro drug delivery systems and biosensors - and will lead to revolutionary ways of displaying fragrances, medication and digital information in the next millennium.

The system acts as a new vehicle for designer perfumes. Fragrances can therefore be actively '*pulsed*' electronically through a micro cabling device system, 'mimicking' the body's circulation system, the senses and in particular - the scent glands in our bodies.

Traditional textiles concerns *passive* issues relating to colour and texture. This research concentrates on a more *active* approach, introducing the *living garment* as a **smart second skin**. The aim combines a number of contrasting areas from the Arts & Sciences, by giving us the opportunity to investigate new areas of the human condition. The *Science Fashion* approach may therefore seem very futuristic, but as technology reduces in size and is integrated within **invisible clothing** - *this is increasingly realistic*.

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