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PRESS RELEASE

Next 21stUITIC Footwear Congress will take place in China in 2021

China Leather Industry Association (CLIA), has been selected by the **UITIC** Executive Committee to be in charge of organizing the 21st Congress in China in 2021, on behalf of the **UITIC** (International Union of Shoe Industry Technicians). This will be the second **UITIC** Congress in China after the 18th Congress held in 2013 in Dongguan and Guangzhou.

Since 1972, **UITIC Congress** is the most prestigious meeting of footwear experts in the world acting as the "Think Tank" for the sector. This Congress will bring together decision makers who all play an important role in the worldwide footwear business, such as brands, retailers and footwear manufacturers. This is the best place for leaders to discover the latest innovations and at the same time to build strong relationships within the footwear industry network.

The Congress is organized around two sessions, the first day, visits of footwear companies and related industries are planned, then followed during 1,5 days, by about 30 speeches, presentations and talks.

A Scientific Committee will be in charge of selecting innovative contributions from speakers coming from footwear institutes, footwear experts and R&D departments in the companies.

Yves MORIN, President of UITIC since 2010, declared: "During the last congress in 2018 in Porto (Portugal) results were beyond all expectations, we have joined together more than 540 delegates from 33 countries. I hope that the footwear professionals will catch this unique opportunity to come back to China and discover how this leading country is preparing the future of the footwear sector". The city and month of the Congress are to be confirmed.

ABOUT UITIC: The International Union of Shoe Industry Technicians (UITIC), established in 1972, is an organization which aims at developing innovation in the footwear sector, in particular by organizing international conferences on a regular basis and by taking the initiative in setting up information exchanges between its members coming from associations, research centers, private companies and footwear experts from 28 countries.
<http://www.porto2018.uitic.org>

ABOUT CLIA: China Leather Industry Association (CLIA), established in 1998, comprises 1,300 members. China Leather Industry Association is a national organization and serves for whole China leather industry. The China Leather Industry Association covered the sectors of fur and leather making, footwear, leather garment, handbag, leather products, chemicals, leather and footwear machinery as well as related institutions, research institutes and colleges. The aim of the association is to actively provide services for the government departments and membership institutions as well as leather industry, to promote the developing of the leather industry while abide by the state constitution, laws, regulations and policies and to observe the social ethics.
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