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20th UITIC International Technical Footwear Congress

APICCAPS, the Portuguese Footwear, Components, Leather Goods Manufacturers' Association, and **CTCP**, the Portuguese Footwear Technological Centre, will organize the 20th Congress of the **UITIC** (International Union of Shoe Industry Technicians) in Porto, Portugal.

Several visits of footwear factories and related industries are planned on the first day 16th May, before the Congress on 17th and 18th May, 2018.

A Scientific Committee is in charge of collecting contributions from around 50 speakers on main topic **“From Fashion to Factory: A New Technological Age”**.

This congress will bring together experts and decision makers who all play an important role in the worldwide footwear business, such as brands, retailers, footwear manufacturers.

Since 1972, **UITIC Congress** which is the most prestigious meeting of experts in the world, is acting as a biennial “Think Tank” for the footwear industry and is a very good opportunity for leaders to discover the latest innovations and at the same time to build strong relationships within this unique footwear industry network.

The last congress proceeded in February 2016 in Chennai (India) joined together more than 568 delegates from 28 countries to work on “Future Footwear Factory”.

ABOUT UITIC: The International Union of Shoe Industry Technicians (UITIC), established in 1972, is an organization which aims at developing technical knowledge in the footwear industry, 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.

ABOUT APICCAPS: Portuguese Footwear, Components, Leather Goods Manufacturers' Association, is a nation-wide association based in Porto, founded in 1975 and representing the following business sectors: Footwear industry, Footwear components industry, Leather goods industry (bags, wallets, gloves, belts, etc.), Equipment for the above mentioned sectors.