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18th UITIC Congress: Success for the call for papers!

With 66 abstracts received, the International Union of Shoe Industry Technicians (UITIC) is proud to announce the **success of its call for papers for the upcoming 18th UITIC Congress** in Guangzhou (China), from 13 to 16 November 2013.

During this international event organised by the China Leather Industry Association (CLIA), the 400 attendees – footwear manufacturers and experts – will discuss topics including "**Social Responsibility: a challenge for the footwear industry**" and innovation in the footwear market.

These abstracts have been sent by renowned **experts from 11 leading countries in the footwear market**: China, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Italy, Mexico, Portugal, Romania, Spain, the United Kingdom. This augurs very well for the event!

The next stage involves the Scientific Committee making the final selection of the final selection of oral presentations (**27 speakers**) and posters.
The results will be announced on 1 July.

Composition of the Scientific committee:

Michele CANTELLA - SIMAC (Italy), Leandro DE MELO – CTCP (Portugal), Enrique MONTIEL - INESCOP (Spain), ***Françoise NICOLAS / President of the Scientific Committee – CTC (France)****, Ferenc SCHMEL - International Footwear industry expert (Hungary), Prof. Martyn SHORTEN - Biomechanica (USA), Luis TORREBLANCA - CIATEC (Mexico), Thamm UWE - International Shoe Competence Center (Germany), Li YUZHONG - CLIA (China)*

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