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UITIC Communication



Mr Yves Morin,
President of UITIC

We have already informed the members about the work on our new graphic identity in our previous newsletter. The UITIC has upgraded its logo to improve its identification and to symbolize its current development. We present to you the main messages and values this new logo wants to communicate.

The dynamic stars suggest the "International". With regard to colours, "brown" is closed to our leather history. "Blue" is a link to Europe,

the origin area of UITIC, but in a modern way, symbolizing the opening to new countries. The name of our union in English is here to help a better promotion.

In addition, we have worked on a "UITIC brochure" to present the activities of UITIC. It can already be downloaded by our members and distributed. The booklet is composed of four parts:

- a presentation of our missions and members,
- our principal activities (International Technical Conference, visit of footwear factories, UITIC News)
- governance of the UITIC and its executive committee,
- a registration sheet.

We hope that this new communication will work positively for the development of your activities.



New UITIC logo



UITIC graphic charter



UITIC presentation leaflet

News from members

Do you want to promote your activity? Do you have some reports to post about your association or country? Please be free to announce it on UITIC News and send us your article!

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MEMBERS INFORMATION

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Presentation of IBTeC membership

A world reference in scientific research since 1972, the Brazilian Institute of Technology for Leather, Footwear and Devices - IBTeC searches technological solutions aimed at comfort, characterization and development of materials and engineering processes and production. Concentrating the most complete complex of laboratories of the leather and footwear segment, it has rating systems for chemical, physical and mechanical, biomechanical and analysis of restricted substances.

Located in Vale dos Sinos / RS, a region that is characterized by being the center of the intelligence of Brazilian footwear, IBTeC has a team of professionals including postdoctoral students, doctors, teachers and technicians to develop solutions of technological innovation for the leather and footwear system. The strategic management of



Mr Yves Morin, President of UITIC - Ms. Marli Aumondi, Institutional and Marketing Director of IBTeC - Mr Cesar Orgiles, Former President of UITIC - Mr Rui Guerreiro, President of IBTeC.

IBTeC comprises the President and 15 Vice-Presidents - who are the presidents of all the organizations representing the sector: ABCEA, ABIACAV, ABICALÇADOS, ABLAC, ABRAEQ, ACI-NH;CB;EV, AICSUL, ASSINTECAL, CICB e ABRAVEST.

Strategic Challenges of IBTeC

- Lead the provision of technological innovation in materials and components;
- Act in the elimination of

technical obstacles to exports of footwear;

- Support the implementation of the TIB (basic industrial technology) as a tool for market access;
- Provide innovative solutions in an accessible way - particularly for small and medium-sized companies.

- Maintain infrastructure technology and innovation - human and laboratory resources;
- Innovate with sustainability, ensuring the continued growth of the Institute
- Search national and international recognition in the provision of services and technological innovation.

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Dr Volkan Candar as IULTCS new president



In the biennial change of leadership roles at the IULTCS, Dr. Volkan Candar of Turkey has now taken over as President of the International Union. Prof. Bi Shi of China steps down, but remains on the Executive Committee in the advisory position of Past-President. Patricia Casey of

Argentina is the newly appointed Vice President.

In his welcoming remarks, Dr. Candar states that, over the years, he has gained a vast appreciation for the significant contributions of the IULTCS and the important functions it fulfils within the leather sector. He points towards the important role the IULTCS can play in helping to develop a "vision" for the leather sector, working with other international organizations towards a common purpose. However, he emphasizes the political and commercial neutrality of the International Union and focuses attention on its core purpose, which is to encourage

the technology and science of leather on a worldwide basis. Volkan encourages all members of the global leather sector to participate in the important regional technical conferences that will take place in Uruguay in October and Taiwan in November of this year. The next Global Congress is slated for the last week of May, 2013, in Istanbul, Turkey.



More information on these congresses and the activities of the IULTCS is available on the website: www.iultcs.org

Death of Roeland Smets



The Footwear Industry is very sad to hear of the death of Roeland Smets at the age of

69. An influential participant at European level, he spent twenty years of his life defending the interests of shoemakers as the chief executive officer of the European Confederation of the Footwear Industry.

Throughout his career, he dedicated himself to providing support and guidance to companies. He held various posts in many organizations.

He was President of the Belgian Federation of Footwear Manufacturers (FEBIC), the General Director of the European Confederation of the Footwear Industry (CEC), the Secretary of the European Confederation of the Shoe Retailers Associations (CEDDEC) and of the Belgian Research Center for the Tanning and Footwear Industries (CRC-CLO). He also was the founder and organizer of the "World Footwear Congress".

IUTIC joins all the professionals of the Footwear Industry to express its deepest condolences to his family and relatives.

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SAVE THE DATE !

18th UITIC FOOTWEAR CONGRESS



After the consultation of the different dossiers by the Executive Committee for the organisation of the UITIC Congress in 2013, the dossier presented by CLIA (China Leather Industry Association) has been selected.

Yves Morin, the president, met with the leader of CLIA

in Hong Kong on 29 March 2012, in order to define the cooperation arrangements between UITIC and CLIA.

The 18th UITIC Footwear Congress will be held in **China on November 2013**, in the province of Guangdong. The dates and venue will be communicated later.

Call for paper CALZATECNIA 2012



XXXIV International Conference on Technology in the Footwear industry



The CIATEC invites business-people, technicians and academics, to share their experiences regarding selected topics during the XXXIV International Conference on Technology in the Footwear Industry "CALZATECNIA 2012", which will have the following theme: **reliable management in the Footwear Industry**. This event will take place in Leon, Guanajuato - Mexico, on 6 October 2012.

The theme "Reliable Management" is a call to companies to perform their specific activities as an art, in other words, to make right things today in order to make money tomorrow. Therefore, every manager must ask himself: What things does this company do really well? What company practice stands out above the rest of the industry? How do our skills add value? What kind of customers do we do added value for? How many of our workers have the skills necessary to move our company forward? How difficult it is for competitors to copy our products and services? The answers to these questions define the distinctive competence of each company.

The International Conference CALZATECNIA invites interested persons to present papers and case studies on the following themes:

- Operations management
- Workforce management
- Quality management

Those interested in presenting a paper at the Congress should

send a summary to calzatecnia@ciatec.mx, before the **deadline for abstracts submission: 18 May 2012**.

The requirements are:

- summary in Word or pdf format with
- Title of the work
- Author's full name
- Institution (if any)
- A brief resume of the author(s)
- Summary of 300 words maximum
- The abstracts and full papers can be written in English or Spanish

A Technical Committee will evaluate the summaries received according to relevance, quality and innovation and determine presentation methods (lecture, conference or poster technological focus). The results of the selection of papers will be published on the Calzatecnia Conference web site and each speaker will be notified individually. Accepted papers will be published in the Proceedings of Congress with ISBN registration, which will be delivered to the attendees, and further will be disseminated to the public by the Calzatecnia Conference Website.

More information on www.calzatecnia.com.mx

8th Forum for Leather Industries

Carrefour des industries... du cuir



AFTIC (the French Association of Footwear Industries) and AFICTIC (the French Association of Engineers and Technicians of Leather Industries) organize the 8th Forum for Leather Industries on 7th and 8th June 2012 in Nantes (La Chapelle sur Erdre).

The event will be organized around two round tables:

1. Forecast of the leather industry
2. Innovation in the leather industry



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Dissemination Event for Fit4U Project



The evolution of the processes of economic and social globalization creates major challenges with the worldwide economy on the manufacturing sectors directed towards the consumers. They ask personalized, comfortable, sure, healthy, accessible and durable products more and more.

FIT4U (Framework of Integrated Technologies for User Centred Products) is a Collaborative Research Project funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme which gathers companies, research centres and federations coming from all Europe.

FIT4U project aims at responding to the growing demand for consumer oriented product personalization by conceiving an Engineering Framework, meant as the set of tools and manufacturing technologies necessary to consumer centred product and process design and innovation in safety and sport footwear and accessories, and more particularly gloves.

The results available and technologies were presented to more than twenty participants at the time of a meeting arranged by the AFTIC on last February 8th in Paris. The programme of the event treated of the presentation of the FIT4U results in two parts: Technologies for product personalization in the shop and Technologies for product/process

personalisation in the factory.

Technologies for product personalization in the shop:

- *Consumer virtual profile and acquisition.* Innovative software tool which integrates all the user information relevant for the definition, creation and selection of consumer driven footwear, deriving them from a database and from a novel biomechanical sensor network.

- *Solutions for emulating shoe perception.* Integrated device, during the shopping process, to characterize the user-footwear biomechanical interaction, through the acquisition of dynamical interaction (pressures, accelerations and forces) between user and footwear during the development of different activities like walking, running.

- *Advanced CAD for shoe design customization.* Haptic wearable device capable of emulating the sensations and the impressions derived in the try on process of a shoe. Software functionalities able to perform the automatic adaptation and consumer based design of a shoe and of a glove.

Technologies for product/process personalisation in the factory:

- *New tools for footbed design.* Software tool, underpinning custom footbeds production, capable on automatically interpolating information from baropodometry, PU moulding and consumer, to achieve a totally customized footbed profile.

- *Rapid production machine for*

lasts and components. Low cost machine, to be used for customized production of lasts and or /for prototyping in a design department, based on a new approach from a mechanical, process and control point of view.

- *Advanced textile based insert for anti-protrusion.* Innovative textiles for upper (external, internal part) providing a set of properties and functionalities contemporarily, today not available, in a high performing context like safety and sport application, targeting medium low cost range.

- *Functional modularity in sole production.* Unique midsole component, valid and performing on several heterogeneous possible shoes typologies in different segments (sport, safety), which can be customized in the outsole to provide specific segment dependant features.

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www.fit4u.eu



2012 Membership fees

Paying your membership is important to ensure the quality of UITIC activities.

From now on, you can pay your membership fees for 2012.

Please send it to the Treasurer :
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by using the UITIC form at
www.uitic.org

Fees:

- Technician Association:
> 100 members: 65 €
100 to 200 members: 130 €
> 200 members: 195 €
- Technical Centre, Private Company & Individual: 25 €

Updated news from UITIC web site

Be sure to be informed, check the last news on our web site www.uitic.org. Members' information, Executive Committee presentation, press releases, archive of past congresses, get in touch!

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