

MEMBERS INFORMATION

UITIC and IULTCS meeting



UITIC and IULTCS, the International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists Societies, organized a meeting at the same time as the main fairs.

During Moda Shanghai, on 4th September, UITIC Executive Committee held a working meeting. The agenda focused on coordinating the organization of the 18th UITIC Congress with CLIA, preparing the next communication materials and exchanging on different topics about current affairs.

The Executive Committee of the IULTCS met on 20th September during Le Cuir À Paris. The work

concentrated on the monitoring and progress reports of the next international IULTCS congress in Istanbul from 29-31 May 2013 and regional conferences to come. A large part focused on the activity reports of the IULTCS Commissions on test method, environment, training, research and communication.

Yves MORIN, the President of UITIC, attended the meeting, thus allowing exchanges with the President of IULTCS Volkan CANDAR.

www.uitic.org
www.iultcs.org

Welcome to Point of Shoes!

Twice a year, in spring and in fall, ISC Germany is organised at Pirmasens the Point of Shoes (PoS), an International Fair for Fashion, Materials and Production.

PoS is the venue for fashion materials and components, as well as for technologies and services for the footwear and leather industries.

Every two years, Point of Shoes includes a machinery show. Next

Point of Shoes 2013 show dates:
21-22 March and 17-18 September.

www.point-of-shoes.com



French AFTIC Trip in Vietnam & Indonesia



Since 2009, the French Association of the Technicians of the Footwear Industries (AFTIC) has organized several study trips for its members: first in China in which 24 people took part, then in Brazil, with 34 participants and finally in India, with 28 participants. These three voyages enabled the members to better understand the technical, organizational and commercial characteristics of these large footwear producing countries, by visiting factories and meeting many industrial and institutional

contacts. To continue these study trips, the AFTIC wished to visit a particularly dynamic production zone in the sector of Footwear manufacturing, Vietnam and Indonesia. 18 people representing 17 companies took part in this mission, from 16th November to 24th November. This voyage integrated visits of manufacturers and suppliers (tannery, forms, soles, heels, etc.) in the areas of Saigon and Jakarta.

www.ctc.fr/aftic

UITIC Awards

UITIC has created a special award, which recognises, the work of people who have particularly contributed to the technological development of the footwear industry, on an international scale, whether it be for their activities in the actual footwear sector or in the related industries. As the Awards will be presented during the next Congress to be held in Guangzhou in November, 2013, the call for UITIC Award nominations is open.

The Awards will be given for a particularly significant contribution in the sector, either in the present or the past, or as recognition of the overall work carried out over a long period of time, in the following three categories:

- Technical
- Scientific
- Managerial



You are kindly request to submit your proposals to the General Secretary's office, including (on no more than a page) the candidate's CV and the reasons for nomination. Please send it by email, before the end of May 2013, to the address:

uitic@uitic.org.

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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Success for the 8th Leather Industries Forum



Carrefour des industries du cuir



The 8th Leather Industries Forum, held on 8th June near Nantes (France) and organized by both AFTIC and AFICTIC, its homologous for the tanning sector, was a success with an audience of more than 120 participants.

The event began with a presentation by Yves MORIN, CEO of CTC Groupe, of the French leather industries: 8,000 companies, 70,000 employees and a turnover of more than €15 billion. After a communication of the prediction of the French market in 2020 and several scenarios, the debate started on the relevant theme "Forecast and Innovation in the Leather Industry". The first round table "Tomorrow, Which Skins? Which Qualities? What Future?", proposed speeches of companies

directors and experts. The discussion was enriched with figures and technical opinions about the availability of leather, quality, the link between breeding and finished product manufacturing, meat consumption, sustainable development, "synthetic leather", etc. The second round table "Leather Industries, How to Innovate?" focused on the different ways to develop innovation, manage creation or risks and gain new markets.

To finish, the discussion broadened the debate on Corporate Social Responsibility.

The next event will be proposed in 2014.

www.carrefourdesindustriesdu-cuir.com

ISC, competence in Footwear and Leather



The International Shoe Competence Center, or ISC Germany, is a training and research centre for leather and footwear. Based in Germany, ISC Germany is a subsidiary of PFI, the internationally acclaimed Test and Research Institute Pirmasens.

ISC Germany is a central point of contact for all matters relating to footwear production, footwear, leather goods, leather apparel, as well as the materials and the machines needed to manufacture these products, and also marketing and sales. ISC Germany's service offer comprises technical training courses tailored to the specific needs of each customer, consulting, R&D as well as pre-shipment and inline inspection of goods. ISC Germany's network allows manufacturer to access

to a large body of expertise: ISC Germany brings project partners together, provides innovative solutions and helps business to gain a knowledge-based competitive advantage. ISC Germany is a non-profit limited liability company.

TRAINING & FURTHER EDUCATION

ISC Germany offers a high-quality training and further education programme with an emphasis on problem solving for the international footwear industry and trade. On request, ISC Germany develops seminars tailored to the individual requirements of its customers. We impart practice-oriented specialist knowledge in subjects such as:

- Footwear engineering
- Materials science
- Law

- Logistics
- New technologies
- Marketing

The courses can be held in German or English and are thus open to international participants. Since our training offer focuses primarily on everyday practice, ISC Germany has a fully operational state-of-the-art production facility, serving for training purposes, for sample production, and for production trials using new methods.

RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Research and development is another core area of our activities. Projects include method development and improvement as well as studies on open questions of fundamental research. In particular we are devoted to topics such as biomechanics, orthopaedics, and



production techniques.

A major focus of research activity at ISC Germany is described by the keyword "interdisciplinary technology transfer", which is concerned with the systematic search for, and testing of, techniques used in other sectors of industry to establish their suitability for use in footwear production.

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

SAVE THE DATE!

18th UITIC International Technical Footwear Congress draft program



The 18th International Technical Footwear Congress of the UITIC will be held in China on 13-16 November 2013 in Guangzhou. UITIC has entrusted the organization to the China Leather Industry Association (CLIA).

Footwear manufacturers and experts will discuss "Social Responsibility: a challenge for the footwear industry".

DRAFT PROGRAM

The footwear market is facing global changes and the last years have seen a growing interest from markets and especially consumers, media and stakeholders for Corporate Social Responsibility. CSR might be a process of innovation based on social and environmental regards and could be a cost-effective opportunity for the sustainable development of the footwear industries.

The session's themes of the Congress draft program are:

- **Product Innovation and Environment**
- **Process Innovation and Environment**
- **Consumers and customers**
- **Working conditions**
- **Business practices**

These sessions will take place throughout the congress as follows:

- **Wednesday 13 November**
 - > Registration & welcome cocktail (evening)
- **Thursday 14 November**
 - > Visit of factories in Dongguan
- **Friday 15 November**
 - > Congress
 - > Official Diner
- **Saturday 16 November**
 - > Congress (morning)

Optional visits of footwear and components manufacturers will be organised. On Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, tourist activities in the areas of The Pearl River Delta will be possible, to discover Guangzhou, Capital of South China, Dongguan, Worldwide Capital of footwear industry and Hong Kong, Asian Capital for trade and shopping.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The Scientific Committee Members for the 18th International Technical Footwear Congress are:

- **Michele CANTELLA** (Italy), michele.cantella@atom.it. SIMAC.
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- **Enrique MONTIEL** (Spain), emontiel@inescop.es. INESCOP.
- **Françoise NICOLAS** (France), fnicolas@ctcgroupe.com. CTC, Scientific Committee coordination

CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS

The call for paper is currently open. Those interested in submitting an abstract for the congress should send a proposal summary before the 15th April 2013 to the organizer: uitic@chinaleather.org.

CLIA and UITIC propose two categories of presentations:

- Oral presentation, 20 min speech with questions.
- Visual presentation, with poster exhibited during all the congress and work presentation during the breaks.

IMPORTANT DATES

15 April 2013:

Abstract Submission

15 May 2013:

*Notification of Abstract
Review results*

1 October 2013:

Full paper submission deadline

- **Ferenc SCHMEL** (Hungary), fschmel@gmail.com. International Footwear industry expert.
- **Prof. Martyn SHORTEN** (USA), martyn.shorten@biomechanica.com. Biomechanica.
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- **Li YUZHONG** (China), lyzh@chinaleather.org. CLIA.

More than 20 international speakers, experts in their fields are scheduled. A simultaneous translation service in several languages will be proposed. Detailed information about registration and hotels will soon be available on a dedicated website.

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The UNIDO Leather Panel take a position on Leather Carbon Footprint



The 18th UNIDO Leather and Leather Products Panel meeting began on 1st September in Shanghai. Technical information was presented and Life Cycle Analysis – Carbon Footprint (LCA/CF) was one of the important topics during the meeting.



The 18th Session of the UNIDO Leather Panel (Shanghai, 1-5 September 2012), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, was a major event for the leather industry. Hosted by UNIDO and CLIA, around 65 experts and delegates

were present.

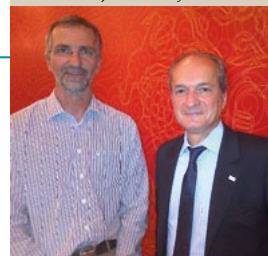
They come from several organizations like the International Council of Hides, Skins and Leather Traders Associations (ICHSLTA), the International Council of Tanners (ICT), the IULTCS the Confederation of National Associations of tanners and Dressers of the European Community (COTANCE) and Yves Morin, President, as UITIC representative.

AN IMPORTANT SETTING FOR FUTURE

This event addressed the important issue of the Life Cycle Analysis – Carbon Footprint (LCA/CF) methodologies that should allow the leather industry to get a fair and accurate calculation of the carbon/water footprint of Leather. A technical report on this topic was tabled by UNIDO to get the feedback from the Leather Panel and finalising the work.

The participants clearly expressed their view that the “system boundaries” of the leather value chain start at the slaughterhouse with the generation of the hide or skin as a by-product free from the environmental burden of meat and milk production, the actual drivers of their production, i.e., animals are essentially raised and kept for meat, milk or wool and not for their hides and skins. The key point was the important issue on the calculation of the Carbon Footprint that would empower the leather sector to have the opportunity to defend itself from being dragged into an unsustainable position and to argue with the right methodological tools for the environmentally sound choice of leather, notably against artificial substitutes. The final UNIDO report was presented during the Lineapelle fair in Bologna on 10th October.

Mr Yves Morin, President of UITIC,
Mr Yvan Kral, UNIDO Project Coordinator



A COMMUNITY OF EXPERTS

Plenty of topics were discussed during this session, with an ambitious agenda: update of the production statistics of leather and the leather articles in China, importance of skin traceability, E-learning in footwear industry – Design and pattern making course (by Ferenc SCHMEL, UITIC member), discussion on the leather value chain or improving calf skin quality (by Yves MORIN, UITIC President).

The next conference should be taken place in 2014 and treat the set of themes of salt in particular.

www.unido.org

INESCOP



INESCOP, the Technological Institute for Footwear and Related Industries, participated to the Science Week celebration, by proposing several events to the general public, students and children. On 12th and 13th November, INESCOP proposed two seminars.

In the first one, “problem of sizing in online shopping”, the

difficulties posed by sizing with footwear shopping were analysed, especially in the case of online shopping in which, according to INESCOP studies, two out of each three pairs of shoes sold are returned. Two fundamental reasons:

- the unique anatomy of each foot,
- the sizing scale used which is based on the last sole length and which doesn't take the length of the customer's foot into account.

On this problem, and with the objective of reducing returns in online shopping, INESCOP suggested possible improvements, such as those used in the USA, to offer different widths of each shoe size, therefore changing the

traditional sizing formula, which is not complicated, or that manufacturers mark the foot length and ball girth on the shoe, apart from the reference sizes (European, UK, American, Japanese, etc.). Furthermore, and due to the lack of information that exists surrounding harmful substances present in daily use items, such as footwear, INESCOP explained which substances are the main ones to control and also provided some recent examples of shoes that present a health risk to humans. This was the theme of the second talk: “Are our shoes safe?”.

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2013 Membership fees

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

From now on, you can pay your membership fees for 2013.

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 €