

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

2012 update on international shoe standards

Standardisation is a strategic necessity for businesses, as it guarantees the right conditions for fair access to the market. But its technical and economic impact is considerable for businesses. CTC, a member of the French AFTIC association, has put together a summary of the progress made in terms of standards in 2012. Here is an update for the shoe industry.

FASHION

Safety remains a priority for the CEN TC 309, with the appearance of two new testing methods for DMF and organotins (XP CEN ISO/TS 16186 and XP CEN ISO/TS 16179) and the release of two technical reports, one on a list

of critical substances potentially present in the shoe industry (FD CEN ISO/TR 16178), the other on potential substances in annex XIV of REACH specifically for shoes (FD CEN/TR 16417). It is worth noting a number of changes made to physical testing methods: resistance to cracking, thermal insulation.

SAFETY SHOE

The review of the EN ISO 20346 standard continues, as it is still used in some member states. The publication of the EN ISO 20344, 20345 and 20347 standards has had consequences for the market, particularly for anti-perforation insoles.

The ISO 13287:2012 standard on slip resistance was published at the end of 2012, with a few res-

trictions. The EN 15090 standard on footwear for firefighters came out in April 2012.



INESCOP: An award-winning for new clean-leather tanning process

The European Commission has awarded INESCOP a prize for promoting a new leather-tanning technique, which reduces the impact on the environment. Technological innovation within the tanning industry was what inspired INESCOP to start researching new sustainable tanning methods, whilst providing quality materials suitable for footwear. INESCOP is working to offer new tanning techniques, which help tanneries improve their processes, without compromising on quality when it comes to the final product. This is achieved through oxazolidine tanning, an innovative technique that produces a high-quality material for use in the

footwear, upholstery, and leather goods industries, whilst also being more environmentally friendly. With the implementation of this technique in tanneries, it is possible to reduce the environmental impact considerably, both during the leather tanning process, and also at the end of the material's lifecycle, whether in the form of leather waste from factories, or when leather products (shoes, handbags, etc.) are disposed of by the consumer after use. The tests carried out in the INESCOP laboratories on oxazolidine-tanned leather demonstrate that this leather complies with the requirements set out by the European Eco-label for footwear,

as well as with the recommended standards for footwear manufacturing, adding unquestionable value to be taken into account by manufacturers keen to comply with the strictest environmental requirements established by the EU. So far, a number of different footwear brands have produced several shoe samples using this leather. That is how INESCOP embarked on the European LIFE+ project "OXATAN - Environmentally-friendly oxazolidine-tanned leather", whose aim is to demonstrate the existence of an alternative to traditional, Chromium salt-based tanning procedures, using oxazolidine, as well as improving the

environmental repercussions of the processes used by the leather industry. The European Commission has now recognised the work that INESCOP has undertaken and the OXATAN project was selected as one of the Best of the Best European projects at the LIFE-Environment Programme Awards 2012. The awards ceremony took place on 5th June during Green Week in Brussels.

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Press conference for the UITIC Congress

On 26 March during the APLF fair, the UITIC's President Yves MORIN, the CLIA's Chairman Su CHAOYING, the CEO of the Sehope Group – the event's exclusive sponsor, Liu SUILONG, and the UITIC's General Secretary, Françoise NICOLAS, introduced the 18th Congress and those involved to the trade press.

Françoise NICOLAS introduced the UITIC, founded in 1972 with a presence in 27 countries around the world, thus covering 90% of the world's shoe production. Drawing on the benefits of working as a network, the UITIC offers a range of information sources including its website and newsletter, which is sent out twice a year. The UITIC organises an international trade show every other year, presenting the latest innovations in the shoe world.

Su CHAOYING continued, talking about the 18th UITIC Congress. Enjoying a fantastic location at the Pearl River Delta, the host city, Guangzhou ("Canton") is China's 3rd largest city, and the capital of the Guangdong province (with nearly 12.8 million inhabitants). This region is also China's leading shoe manufacturer. The theme of the event, corporate social responsibility, is also very important. The CLIA's Chairman reminded everyone of the main deadlines for the event. He finished by inviting participants to explore the exciting, fascinating region, with Dongguan and Hong Kong not far away.



Liu SUILONG introduced the Sehope Group, the official partner of the 18th UITIC Congress. This investor supports the "Guangzhou Global Shoes City" programme. Sehope is working on the development of an integrated centre for the shoe industry, bringing together every part of the value chain and offering a wide range of services, from manufacturing the components of a shoe and creating models, through to R&D, distribution, display and e-commerce.

Yves MORIN brought the press conference to a close by talking about corporate social responsibility. Corporate social responsibility was first highlighted in 1953 by the American economist Howard BOWEN, who invited businessmen to reconsider shared interests, and businesses not to focus exclusively on profit, but

also on their social responsibility, and to incorporate economic, environmental and social issues into their planning, not forgetting health and wellbeing. He continued with the concept of the company's "stakeholders", who first need to be identified before their impact is assessed. Corporate social responsibility is more of a new approach to management than a concept, and it needs to be incorporated into a company's strategy. Both its industrial and commercial strategy. A vital part of the company's whole value chain, it must respect local legislation and comply with international regulations and frames of reference. To finish, Yves MORIN discussed the most successful benchmark in terms of social responsibility at the moment, the ISO 26000 standard.

Success for the call for papers!

With 66 abstracts received, we are proud to announce the success of our call for papers for the upcoming 18th UITIC Congress! 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.

PROGRAM

- **Wednesday 13 November:** registration, press conference and welcome cocktail in the evening
 - **Thursday 14 November:** visit of 2 factories in Guangzhou (footwear, suppliers) in the morning, then Sehope Group project presentation and lunch offered by the exclusive sponsor, visit of 2 factories in Dongguan (footwear, machinery) in the afternoon. Diner on Pearl river in the evening
 - **Friday 15 November:** congress (session 1 "Product Innovation", session 2 "Process Innovation" and session 3 "Working conditions and human resources"), Official Gala Diner in the evening with two ceremonies (Sehope presentation, UITIC awards)
 - **Saturday 16 November:** congress (session 4 "Consumers and Customers", session 5 "Business practices and CSR Implementation"), closure ceremony – official speeches, lunch buffet
- Last information on the program will be published on the congress's official website <http://uitic-congress.chinaleather.org>.

PARTNERS

- Sehope Group Exclusive sponsor,
- China Leather Web Media Partner. Ars Arpel, Modapelle, Indian leather, Leather age, China Leather and Hui Cong Web are the newly added media partners.
- APLF fair Marketing partner
- CTC Technical partner

REGISTRATION FEES

- Payment before 13 September: 2.800 RMB/person (1.500 RMB for accompanying persons)
- Payment after 13 September: 3.200 RMB/person (1.800 RMB for accompanying persons)

MEMBERS INFORMATION

In memory of Marie-Claude Gazarossian

It is with deep sadness that the AFTIC, the French Association of Shoe Industry Technicians, and CTC have to announce that Marie-Claude GAZAROSSIAN passed away on 29 May, at the age of 58, after surgical operation. The news is incredibly upsetting and unexpected.

Marie-Claude was the Assistant General Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the AFTIC, as well as Personnel Assistant to Yves MORIN, Managing Director of CTC and Chairman of the UITIC. She was also the Assistant General Secretary of the AFICTIC, the French Association of Chemical Engineers and Technicians of the Leather Industry and the French representation of the IULTCS. Marie-Claude played a vital part in the French leather industry,



acting as the crucial link between AFTIC, UITIC, CTC, businesses, professional federations, community groups and institutional and political partners.

After completing her secretarial studies, Marie-Claude joined CTC on 1 July 1975 as a shorthand typist, but in no time at all her personal qualities, her remarkable discretion and her proactive approach meant that she was soon PA to the managing directors of CTC. So in January 1987, she started working with Jean Deleplanque, then with Marc Folaquier and lastly, with Yves Morin, since January 2008.

Over the course of her long career, her understanding of the leather and footwear industry and its key players, her memory of the CTC company and culture and her perceptive take on relevant events and ideas contributed enormously to the decisions made by her bosses. As well as her work at CTC, she also contributed to the develop-

ment of the professional associations, the AFICTIC and AFTIC, dedicated to tanning and tawing technicians and the shoe industry. A cornerstone of the company, she always managed to offer her commitment, her energy her excellent organisational abilities and her fantastic interpersonal skills to the benefit of the whole industry.

On a more personal note, anyone who ever met her will remember her as a discrete, humble, kind and considerate person who always managed to combine integrity with good humour.

The AFTIC, CTC and her colleagues share in the loss of her family and loved ones, and would like to offer their sincere condolences.

CALZATECNIA 2013 XXXVth International Congress on Technology in the Footwear Industry

CALZATECNIA 2013

Modern enterprises should be prepared to continue fulfilling their customers' expectations and needs. The results are usually increased orders volumes with models strongly subjected to changing fashions. In these cases, manufacturing processes should be flexible. For this reason, the core subject for the XXXV edition of CALZATECNIA (5 October 2013 in Poliforum, León) will be FLEXIBLE PROCESSES IN THE FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY; well-known experts will share their knowledge about the following supplementary subjects:

- Workforce with flexible skills.
- Using technology and systems in flexible manufacturing processes.
- Collaborative strategies.

RICARDO GUERRA, NEW CIATEC DIRECTOR



Dr Ricardo GUERRA has been appointed as new General Director to replace Luís TORRE-BLANCA. He studied chemical engineering at Puebla University and continued his Master degree at University of Las Americas.

He holds a PhD in Earth and Environmental Sciences at "Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse" in France and worked at CRITT of "Institut National des Sciences Appliquées-INSa" de Toulouse. He worked in several companies as Research Development Engineer in environmental area and was in charge of the design and supervision of several water treatment plants.

In Mexico since 2003, he began at CIATEC as a Researcher in environmental and industrial security protection and manages more than 20 technological and innovation projects linked to the industry, government and public and private organisms.

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Fees:

- Associations: €65 per group of 100 members / €195 maximum
- Individuals & Technical Centres: €25

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General Meeting of the AFTIC and visit to REPETTO

The regional "West" and "South-West" sections of the AFTIC held their general meeting on 18 April in Périgueux, in the presence of around fifty participants. The trip to Vietnam and Indonesia in November 2012, involving around twenty participants, looking at different technologies, was discussed. Participants were then given a presentation by the Industrial Director of Repetto, Paul Gilles. After that, the UITIC's



chairman Yves Morin talked about the upcoming UITIC event. The evening ended with a pleasant dinner. During the morning of Saturday 19 April, 62 participants headed to Excideuil for a tour of Repetto's factory and its famous ballet pump, point shoes and ballerinas, with the opportunity to find out more about the "stitch and return" process, which has made Repetto famous.

Awards ceremony for the 2013 "Talon de Cristal" competition



On 13 and 14 May the Tunisian National Leather and Shoe Centre (CNCC) announced the results of its Euro-Mediterranean design competition, "Talon de Cristal - Créatif 2013" (Crystal Heels - Design 2013) the theme of which was "Essential, Simple and Functional". The panel of judges, made up of Tunisian and international experts and journalists, awarded 4 prizes to winners chosen from the 73 entries, mainly from training centres dedicated to leather and shoes or fashion and art colleges. New for this year was the "Special Jury" prize for one of the colleges taking part in the competition.

• 1st prize went to Hanène AJABI - Institut Supérieur des Beaux-Arts de Tunis. The prize

was a trip to the Lineapelle, SIMAC and Tanning Tech shows - donated by ASSOMAC
• 2nd prize went to Yosra CHOUCHANE - Institut Supérieur des Arts et Métiers de Mahdia. The prize was a collection of documents and a year's subscription to a number of fashion magazines - donated by CTC

• 3rd prize went to Samia DEB-BICHI - Institut Supérieur des Arts et Métiers de Mahdia. The prize was 1000 Dinars and a week's internship in the fashion department - donated by CNCC
• 4th prize went to Besma KHIRA - Centre Sectoriel de Formation en Cuir et chaussure, Tazarka. The prize was a long weekend at a hotel in Tunisia - donated by the FNCC

• The Special Jury prize was awarded to the Centre Sectoriel de Formation en Habillement

Mohamed ALI de Sfax. The prize was one licence for SIPECO CAD software - donated by INESCOP. This competition is organised in collaboration with the National Federation of Leather and Shoes, and in partnership with its French (CTC), Italian (ASSOMAC) and Spanish (INESCOP) counterparts. The prizes were awarded by

Mrs Wided BOUCHAMAOU, Chairwoman of the Tunisian Union for Industry, Trade and Craft (UTICA). A technical seminar on "analysis and testing laboratories, vehicles for growth and innovation" was also held during the event.

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AFTIC: a new journey of technological discovery in Zhejiang



After its trip to the Guangzhou area in China in April 2009, the AFTIC is due to visit the Zhejiang region, to the southeast of Shanghai,

an area that's passionate about fashion. This trip will be combined with the AFTIC delegation's attendance of the 18th UITIC Congress.

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