



ANCI

ANCI which will organise the next UITIC Congress, is the National Association of Italian Footwear Manufacturers and has about 1,000 associate members which represent 70% of the entire Italian footwear production.

Apart from wanting to promote products "Made in Italy" some of its aims are:

- To protect the general interests of the footwear industry.
- To be responsible for union interests in the industry.
- To encourage the development of professional training.
- To organise and promote debates, studies and other forms of co-operation.
- To encourage research in raw material source markets and outlet markets
- To promote and co-ordinate projects connected with footwear fashion.
- To heighten awareness and promote consumer recognition of Italian footwear.
- To provide assistance to Members.
- To conduct research into problems connected with technology, finance, customs, social contributions, etc.
- To work in association with national and foreign organisations which have similar objectives.

Some of the most important services promoted by ANCI are:

1. MICAM MODACALZATURA - a twice yearly footwear fashion

exhibition.

2. Promoting and taking part in foreign trade fairs and exhibitions.
3. Professional training to establish new courses in the footwear field.
4. "Colours and Fashion" a twice yearly fashion list.
5. CIMAC - The Centro Italiano Materiali di Applicazione Calzaturiera which works in the field of scientific research.
6. An annual economic statistical report and technical, managerial and organizational books

Two companies carry out the aforementioned services:

ANCI Servizi Srl and FICI. The former is structured so as to tailor services to carry out each point discussed.

ANCI is divided into the General Assembly, Directive Council, President, Presidential Committee, Director and Executive Board.

President:	M. Pizzuti
Chairmen:	A. Chelini
	D. Rossetti
	A. Gobbo
	R. Piazzolla
Director:	L. Soana

PEOPLE

Dr. Wilhelm Fischer, the winner of the technical award at the Oporto Congress in 1996 for his great contribution to the footwear sector is portrayed below.

In 1958 Dr. Fischer started work as a rubber products specialist at the Footwear Research and Testing Institute (PFI) in Pirmasens, Germany. In 1962, he became Scientific Manager and later, in 1966, Director of the Institute. By this time he was a specialist in leather manufacturing and quality control, believing that the footwear and leather manufacturing processes had to become more and more advanced with higher quality products, which often demand a higher quality than the raw product is able to provide.

Dr. Fischer has offered his specialised knowledge to many national and international associations. He was a member of the VGCT management and also spent 4 years on the IULTCS Executive Committee. Through his various roles (management member of the International Footwear Association, representative of the International Commission of Physical Leather Testing, and Director of DIN; Leather and Shoe Adhesives



Dr. Wilhelm Fischer

Committee), he promoted the close co-operation between international associations and technical institutes.

Dr. Fischer officially retired from PFI in 1989, but continued to advise them for a further year. Until retirement he attended all UITIC Congresses, often contributing as a lecturer.

CONFERENCES

11TH CONGRESS OF THE LEATHER AND SHOE INDUSTRY ON 7-9 OCTOBER 1998 IN BUDAPEST (HUNGARY)

The Hungarian Scientific Society of the Leather, Shoe and Allied Industries will hold its 11th Congress from 7 to 9 October 1998 in Budapest, Hungary.

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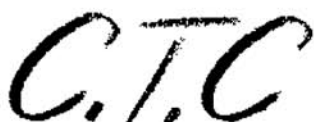
EUROFOOTWEAR CONFERENCE Bordeaux (France), 8-9 October 1998

This Congress intends to be a place for exchanges between shoes manufacturers, equipment makers for the profession, researchers, technical centres....

Organised by FNICF (Fédération Nationale de l'Industrie de la Chaussure de France) and ADEPA (Agence de la Productique).

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AND THE BUSINESS WORLD

1,000 companies, which are mainly medium-sized in the fields of footwear, leathers and leather goods, come to CTC looking for answers to their questions and solutions to their technical problems. Too small to acquire their own technological expertise, in a rapidly evolving world, or having decided to subcontract that which is not at the heart of their trade, these companies, their suppliers and distributors, maintain lasting and useful relations with CTC.

CTC is a forum for everybody. It is a source of technological and legal information where everybody can find the answers they need.

Its 75 employees constantly monitor what is needed of them, analysing problems in the laboratory and giving answers to the workshops.

They offer a wide range of services like consultancy, research, control and analysis, training and information, in the fields of manufacturing, product quality and environment.

In 1996, CTC had 928 trainees at its training sessions, 698 visitors to its premises and had 543 participants in

its seminars and Technical Committees.

1,182 customers commissioned 681 external operations and requested 200 documents and 4,250 laboratory analyses.

When its Engineers and Technicians do not have an immediate solution to a problem they look for an answer outside their company or set-up research projects.

These projects are set up in agreement with the Technical Committees and may use the competences of research made by French and European Universities.

Although the vast majority of research is of an applied, practical nature, CTC is also preparing its future by involving

itself in a wide variety of projects such as waste treatment, electronic data exchange and teleexpertise.

In 1996, CTC became international by the opening of a subsidiary in Hong-Kong.

In 1997, CTC received AFAQ certification according to ISO 9001 for all its activities: research analyses, consultancy and training.

Although it originally dealt only with leather, in response to customer demand, it deals with both textile and polymer finished products. Its knowledge enables it to analyse every product in relation to its use and price. The growth of its services which are sold to its customers prove that the quality of its answers meet the customer requirements.



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