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“FUTURE FOOTWEAR FACTORY” Creation of the Scientific Committee

The Council for Leather Exports (CLE) India will organize the 19th Congress of the UITIC (International Union of Shoe Industry Technicians) on February 3rd-5th 2016 in Chennai-India. Brands, footwear manufacturers and experts will join together to discuss the **Future of the Footwear Factory** as well as innovations in the footwear Industry. It is the first time that the UITIC Congress is being held in India, the second largest footwear manufacturing country in the world.

The Scientific Committee for the 19th International Technical Footwear Congress has been created. The Committee will consist of 7 scientific well-known figures representing the Footwear industry in the world.

Dr. BHABENDRA NATH DAS, CLRI (*Central Leather Research Institute*), India

Ms Sathyam SRIVASTAVA, FDDI (*Footwear Design & Development Institute*), India

Mr Leandro De MELO, CTCP (*Centro Tecnológico de Calçado de Portugal*), Portugal

Mr Sergio DULIO, ATOM Group, Italy

Mr Ricardo J. GUERRA SANCHEZ, CIATEC A.C (*Centro de Innovación Aplicada en Tecnologías Competitivas*), Mexico

Mr Enrique MONTIEL, INESCOP (*Instituto Español del Calzado y Conexas*), Spain

Ms Françoise NICOLAS, CTC, France and UITIC's General Secretary.

Françoise Nicolas is in charge of the Scientific Committee's coordination.

The Scientific Committee is now preparing the “Call for Papers” including spoken and visual presentations. The “Call for Papers” will start at the end of March 2015 with the end of July 2015 as a deadline.

ABOUT CLE

The Council for Leather Exports (CLE) is the single largest and Apex trade promotion organization of the strong and rapidly growing Indian leather & leather products industry.

CLE is committed towards the overall development of Indian leather sector and achieve higher export growth to enhance India's share in global leather trade.

CLE is functioning under the aegis of Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India. It is the notified Export Promotion organization for entire leather & leather products industry.

ABOUT UITIC

The International Union of Shoe Industry Technicians (UITIC), established in 1972, is an organization which aims at developing technical knowledge in the footwear industry, in particular by organizing international conferences on a regular basis and by taking the initiative in setting up information exchanges between its members, exclusively in the field of technology.

UITIC's main activity is to organize the most prestigious meeting of experts in the world, an International Technical Congress. This event tackles the latest technical problems or innovation in the footwear industry. Visits of footwear factories and related industries are organized.

UITIC's members are technicians from associations and research centers, private companies and footwear experts, coming from 27 countries.



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