

## ***Towards Portugal in 2018!***

On the margin of the 19<sup>th</sup> International Technical Footwear Congress of UITIC (International Union of Shoe Industry Technicians) held in Chennai, India, in February 2016, the members of the UITIC had their General Assembly. We are pleased to announce that a new Executive Committee has been put in place with the following members:

President : Yves Morin, France  
Vice-President: Leandro de Melo, Portugal  
Treasurer: Miguel Angel Martinez, Spain  
General Secretary: Françoise Nicolas, France

**Members:**

Sergio Dulio, Italy - Ricardo Guerra Sanchez, Mexico - V.B. Parvatikar, India - Andreas Tepest, Germany - Uwe Thamm, Germany - Abdessatar Toumi, Tunisia - William Wong, Hong Kong - Li Yuzhong, China.

During the General Assembly, the Executive Committee voted unanimously for the next organizing country of its congress.

**UITIC is proud to announce that its 20<sup>th</sup> Congress will take place in Portugal in Spring 2018.**

It will be organized with both the support of CTCP, the Portuguese Footwear Technological Centre and APICAPPS, the Portuguese Footwear, Components and Leather Goods Manufacturers' Association (APICCAPS). Date, local and theme of the Congress will be announced later.

**We look forward to seeing you in 2018 for  
the 20<sup>th</sup> UITIC International Technical Footwear Congress in Portugal!**

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### **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.

### **ABOUT CTCP**

CTCP is a non-profit private organization founded in 1986 with the incorporation of a footwear quality control laboratory created in 1981. CTCP was created by Component and Leather Goods Manufacturers Association (APICCAPS) and two Governmental Institutes of the Portuguese Ministry of Economy (IAPMEI and INETI).

### **ABOUT APICAPPS**

The Portuguese Footwear, Components, Leather Goods Manufacturers' Association - is a nation-wide association based in Porto, founded in 1975 and representing the Footwear, Footwear components, Leather industry. The organization aims to promote the development of the sectors it represents and those of its 700 members.