PORTUGAL CONFERENCE IN PROGRESS!

An outline programme and potential speakers who would participate are currently being decided. In terms of the programme, the possibility of distributing the speeches throughout the morning and keeping the factory visits for the afternoon is being studied, with the aim of making the Conference more pleasant and avoiding a long session on the first day.

Regarding the speakers, the interest of large technology companies is being surveyed in order to advance the developments that will be presented at the FirmaSenss fair that will be held some months afterwards.

Similarly, the Executive Committee is studying grouping together the speeches in order of manufacturing and has nominated the following individuals as being responsible for each section:

- Design: Mr. Menin (I)
- Supply Management: Mr. Brossard (F)
- Cutting: Mr. Melo (P)
- Stitching: Mr. Perkins (UK)
- Laser: Mr. Schlamp (A)
- Distribution: Mr. Gantner (D)
- Mr. Papakostanion (Gr)

We intend the speeches to be made by users, which is preferable to them being given by suppliers or by technicians from the Institutes, and special attention will be given to SMEs, it being anticipated that they will make up the greatest part of those attending the Conference.

The number of languages for simultaneous translation will depend on the commitment of the participants. They could be: Portuguese, English, Spanish, French, German and Italian.

UITIC AWARD

Under the initiative of the Executive Committee, an Award will be established with our name to recognize, on an international scale, the work of people who contribute especially to the fame and technological development in the footwear industries, whether it be through their activity in the footwear sector itself or in their allied industries.

The Award will be given for an especially significant or current contribution to the Sector, or as an acknowledgement of work carried out over a long period of time.

The preparation of the bases on which the Award will be given are nearly complete. To begin with, three categories have been established:

- Technical
- Scientific
- Entrepreneurial

The nominees will be proposed by the members of UITIC who have the right to vote, and the presentation of the Awards will take place during the Official Dinner of the International Technical Shoe Conference.

As soon as the bases are available, they will be sent to all members so that they might make their proposals for the Awards to be presented in Portugal next year.

PEOPLE. CÉSAR ORGILÉS

This section of the newsletter will be dedicated to getting to know the people who make up this group of technicians which constitutes our profession and which forms part of UITIC either directly or through the associations, organisations or firms in which they work.

To begin with, we thought that this place ought to be taken by our President:

CESAR ORGILÉS
Born in 1951, Elda, Alicante. Married, two daughters.

Ph.D in Chemical Sciences. Diploma in "Business Planning and Administration" and in "Research Organisation and Management".

He began his working life in 1970, in a Tanning Factory. In 1971 he set up the INESCOP laboratories (Spanish Footwear and Allied Trade Institute), where he occupied several posts until 1978 when he was promoted to Director, the post which he still holds today.

He participated in the UITIC constitution as the Spanish representative and promoted the creation of the Spanish Association of Footwear Industry Technicians (AETIC). For several years he was Vice President of UITIC and in 1991, at the Conference in Munich, he was elected President, being re-elected at the last Conference.

In 1986 he promoted the constitution of the European Union of Research Institutes for the Shoe Industry (EURIS), whose Directors’ Committee he governs at the moment. Since 1988 he has been President of the Spanish Federation of Research Associations (FEDIN).

Between 1992 and 1994 he was the President of the Federation of European Industrial Cooperative Research Organisations (FEICRO).

Expert and participant in several European Union programmes: BRITE, CRAFT, VALUE, SPRINT, MEDSPA, COMET, FORCE, EUFORM, EUROMANAGEMENT.

Acclaimed for several pieces of research, author of three patents and of diverse articles and speeches at national and international level on collective research, technology in general, footwear and its raw materials, he has dedicated practically the whole of his professional career to the footwear sector.

NEW ACTIVITIES

A Directory of all UITIC members is being planned: Technical Associations, Institutes and personal persons.

This publication will enable people and organisations related to the sector to become familiar with us and also to get to know each other better.

So that this Directory may be prepared, all members will receive a form to complete with the necessary information. We hope that everyone’s collaboration will be punctual.

BRIEF NOTES

HONORARY MEMBERS

In accordance with the Statutes of UITIC, the Executive Committee has the power to name as Honorary Members those people who have distinguished themselves by their services to the Union or by their contributions to the technology of our industry.

The most recent Honorary Member is Magdelaine Janeriet, who, for quite a number of years assumed the position of General Secretary of UITIC, with an efficiency which was recognized by all of us who have worked with her.

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