CIAPECTE XXV anniversay

This section is aimed at getting to know better the people and institutions that make up our profession. UTTIC members are usually associations, but can also be companies, individuals and technical centres, as are the institutions in our member in Mexico.

This year CIAPECTE will reach its 25th year in business, during which they have provided nearly 600 thousand technological services to 18,500 companies in the leather-footwear and production line of the following products: Technological Consultancy, Process and Product Certification, Physical, Chemical and Metrology Tests, Research and Development Projects, Training and Fashion Research, and Product Development.

The "Centro de Investigaci—ny Asesor’s Tecnol—gicol" (CIATEC) is part of the most important Research Centres system in Mexico (SEP-CNCAYT System) which is coordinated by the National Council of Science and Technology.

The town of Leon, Guanajuato, is nationally known as the capital of the Leather and Footwear, the reason for which CIATEC was founded in 1976. Its aim is to develop regional industries in the Leather, Footwear and Auxiliary sector by providing them with the technological support necessary to increase technological competitiveness in the production chain.

As a key element to sector development, CIATEC aims to participate in the National Footwear and Tanning Industry by being the promoter of research and technological development projects which contribute to the globalisation of its markets and their sustainable growth.

The success of CIATEC is based on the close contact of the institution staff with businessmen and industrialists, where opportunity areas for each client can be detected and a service in accordance with their needs can thus be offered which allows results to be obtained which satisfy their development.

CIATEC has supported the growth of its highly skilled human infrastructure as well as its first-class machinery and systems, thus making it one of the most important research centres on a worldwide scale. CIATEC has technological units in Mexico City and Guadalajara, and abroad there are subsidiary offices in Lima, Peru, Quito and Ecuador.

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UIIT NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Certainly, UTTIC activities keep appealing to the technicians of our profession from all over the world and there are more and more members joining our organisation. During the last months, the International Union of Shoe Industry Technicians has extended its borders welcoming new members.

Two technological institutes from India have recently joined our organisation, FDDI (Footwear Design and Development Institute) and CLIRI (Central Leather Research Institute). Other new members include an institute from Romania, ICPI (National Research and Development Institute for Textile and Leather), LEFASO V N (the Vietnamese Leather and Footwear Association) and the company CS3MD International Ltd. from the UK.

UUITIC HAS ITS WEB SITE

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UITIC has entered the world of new Information Technologies and already has its own web page linked to the page specially created for the Congress 2002 (http://uitic2002.bimso.hu). Visitors to the site www.uitic.org will be able to familiarise themselves with UITIC’s structure, members and functioning, as well as being updated with the latest events and news related to this Association. Both sites will continue offering updated information concerning preparations for Congress and activities, giving the opportunity to access this information to those interested in participating in the said activities or becoming UITIC members.

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