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**PRESS RELEASE**

**21st UITIC**  
**International Footwear Congress**  
***will be postponed to 2022***

Initially, **UITIC**, the International Union of Shoe Industry Technicians, had planned to organize its 21st Congress in 2021, in China.

Due to the Covid 19, the Executive Committee Members of **UITIC** (1), in agreement with the host organisation, **CLIA** - China Leather Industry Association, represented by Li Yu Zhong its General Secretary, have taken the decision to have the 21st **UITIC** International Footwear Congress postponed to 2022.

« China is almost back to normal, but hosting an international congress could be difficult within 2021, due to the Covid 19 impact on transportation.

It is true that it has been a long time since the 20<sup>th</sup> Congress in Portugal in 2018, however the current situation imposes on us to have a very responsible and cautious organization and invites us to rethink all our processes”, declared Yves MORIN, President of **UITC**.

This congress will bring together experts and decision makers who all play an important role in the worldwide footwear business, such as brands, distributors and footwear manufacturers.

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**ABOUT UITIC:** The International Union of Shoe Industry Technicians (UITIC), established in 1972, is an organization which aims at developing innovation in the footwear sector, in particular by organizing international conferences on a regular basis and by taking the initiative in setting up information exchanges between its members coming from associations, research centers, private companies and footwear experts from 28 countries.  
<http://www.uitic.org>

**ABOUT CLIA:** China Leather Industry Association (CLIA), established in 1998, comprises 1,300 members. China Leather Industry Association is a national organization and serves for whole China leather industry. The China Leather Industry Association covered the sectors of fur and leather making, footwear, leather garment, handbag, leather products, chemicals, leather and footwear machinery as well as related institutions, research institutes and colleges. The aim of the association is to actively provide services for the government departments and membership institutions as well as leather industry, to promote the developing of the leather industry while abide by the state constitution, laws, regulations and policies and to observe the social ethics.

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