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**Minutes of the IULTCS IUT Commission Meeting
19 September 2006 at 14.30
Villepinte Exhibition Centre, Paris**

Attendees

Prof Geoff Attenburrow (Chair)
Mr Volkan Candar
Mr Marc Folachier
Dr Heinz-Peter Germann
Mr Elton Hurlow
Prof Lluís Olle Otero
Mr Doug Taylor
Mr John Williams

Apologies

Mr Jean-Paul Gallet
Mr Mauro Magnaguagno
Dr Rita Puig
Dr Murat Tozan

Prof Attenburrow welcomed members to the first meeting of the IUT Commission.

Background to the formation of IUT.

Mr Marc Folachier, President of the IULTCS, explained that because of the neutral and non-political nature of the IULTCS it was the right organization to bring together those who are associated with all key activities which support the development, manufacture, design and marketing of leather and leather articles. The formation of such a group, which will be known as the International Leather Forum, will allow the exchange ideas on how to best develop the successful commercial exploitation of leather. The decision to widen the scope of the IULTCS in this way was taken by the Executive Committee Meeting at the II Eurocongress in Istanbul and it has become known as the Istanbul Initiative. Key to this initiative is the formation of two new Commissions IUT and IUR to deal with training and research issues respectively. IUT and IUR will form key parts of IUF and will support its success.

Discussion and Definition of the Aims of IUT

It was agreed that the aims of the IUT should be as follows:

- To form a network of Schools/Colleges/Universities who are involved in training/education in leather technology and related areas.
- To compare and benchmark the various programmes on offer.

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- To better understand what type of training of human resource is needed to achieve the successful commercial exploitation of leather.
- To formulate new cooperative developments between training providers
- To promote the exchange of students/teachers between institutions

Review of training offered in Member's Home Countries

Mr Hurlow indicated that in the United States ALCA ran a distance learning programme for tannery workers and shoe company employees.

Mr Candar explained that Ege University in Izmir, Turkey had a Department of Leather Technology which was part of the Engineering Faculty. There were also two Fachoschules offering leather courses.

Mr Folachier said that ITECH Institute in Lyon, France offered leather technology training within a four year Applied Engineering Degree. The first three years of the course were of a general nature whilst the fourth year involved specialization in leather.

Professor Otero (through his translator) indicated that the Leather Technology School at the College of Industrial Engineering of Iguelada, Spain offered a Diploma in Chemical Engineering which included Leather Technology and Management. The School also supported students studying for higher degrees by doing leather research.

Dr Germann described the courses offered by LGR in Reutlingen, Germany. These include a five month compact course in Leather Technology (delivered in English) and a two year professional tanner course.

Prof Attenburrow gave an overview of courses at the British School of Leather Technology, University of Northampton, England. These included the three year BSc degree in Leather Technology, the one year BTEC qualification (Degree foundation year), the one year Leathersellers Certificate and the one year MSc Leather Technology. The School also offered PhD degrees by research.

The Way Forward

It was concluded at the end of the meeting that the immediate priorities were a) to continue to develop the network of training institutions and b) to develop improved understanding of training needs by preparing and utilizing a questionnaire to be sent to a cross section of personnel working in or associated with the leather and leather goods supply chain who are concerned with/about personnel selection and training.

Next Meeting

The next IUT meeting will be in the morning of Wednesday 20 June 2007 at the JW Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC, USA (just prior to start of the XXIX IULTCS Congress). Full details will be circulated nearer the time.

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