



News Release from the IULTCS

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IULTCS Welcomes New Members

The IULTCS is pleased to announce that COMESA/LLPI is now a Member of the IULTCS and the Netherlands has also recently joined the International Union as an Associate Member.

Under the leadership of Prof. Mwinyikione Mwinyihija - Executive Director of the Leather and Leather Products Institute (LLPI) based in Addis Ababa and a strong promotor and supporter of the leather industry in COMESA countries – the LLPI has now joined the IULTCS as full members. COMESA countries represented by the LLPI include Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia. With continued growth of leather manufacturing in the Central and Southern Africa regions, it is important that the voice of this region be heard in global technical discussions and that they make a contribution towards the technical direction taken by industry.

The Netherlands also continues its history of positive contributions to the leather industry and Dirick von Behr of the company Smit & Zoon will represent this sector at the International Union level.

Dr. Tegtmeier said in welcoming these organizations “*On behalf of the Executive Committee I am pleased to welcome these new members and look forward to their active participation in IULTCS activities*”. The next meeting of the IULTCS Executive will be during the APLF in Hong Kong on 30th March.



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Prof. Mwinyikione Mwinyihija is a well-known contributor at leather industry events worldwide

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