

# ***Trends & Future CHALLENGES***

**2<sup>nd</sup> WORLD LEATHER CONGRESS**

**FONDAZIONE EDISON**

**MILAN, 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> World Leather Congress, organised by UNIC (Italian Tanners' Association), is scheduled to be held in Milan on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at the Fondazione Edison (Foro Bonaparte 31). This is an important event for an exchange of ideas among the companies and firms represented. Industrialists upstream and downstream of the supply chain, from tanners to producers of items in leather, producers of technology and chemicals, representatives from the institutions, from state and private organisations and academics will be called on to give their contribution for the future of the industry, with an analysis of the more sensitive issues.

Starting from the raw material, the raw hides and skins, from its availability and quality.

Forecasts are not very encouraging – production shows a structural decline given its link to that of meat. Latest figures show a very small growth in 2015 in the world production of meat, a low 1.3% which will lead to 319 million tonnes yet relating mainly to pork and poultry. Bovine and sheep show negligible increases and for sheep we await the rebuilding of flocks in Australia and New Zealand.

Another issue, which requires combined forces at supply chain level, is the question of specifications and the restriction in the use of certain chemicals requested by customers.

Innovation and technology centred on energy saving are radically altering tanneries which are increasingly sustainable. Delegates from the 37 member Countries of the International Council of Tanners are expected at the Congress. The Council was set up in 1926 and is currently headed by the Italian Rino Mastrotto whose company is headquartered in Trissino (VI) and is one of the top world tannery groups with a work force of over 500 people.

The Congress can be followed in live streaming on the website [worldleathercongress2015.com](http://worldleathercongress2015.com) and impressions shared on all the main networks.

Admission to the congress is free.

To register please go to the website and fill in the [form](#) or kindly send back the registration form attached.

*Milan, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015*

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**Milan, Tuesday 8 September 2015**

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PARTICIPATION IS FREE OF CHARGE

The session will start at 9.30 a.m. (Participant's registration at 9 a.m.) to end at 6 p.m.

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