

Crispin to host second footwear technology forum in Milan

Following the success of the first Footwear Technology Forum in Milan last year, Crispin is to run a second event at the Hotel Principe di Savoia in Milan on 14th and 15th October this year. Full details are on www.footwear-events.com and Delegates can book for this year's FTF at http://bit.ly/1LgM9Qd

Confirmed speakers include Giuseppe Donanzan, CEO of Prisma TECH and Matteo Pasca, CEO of Ars Sutoria School. Topics in this year's programme include 3D Printing, New Technologies, Manufacture & Retail and Digital Sign Off. All speakers involved with FTF are from organisations that are developing novel and innovative technology for either footwear design or manufacture.

The Forum will again provide an opportunity for designers and manufacturers of all types of footwear to learn about new technology that will improve their businesses. It will focus on current and emerging technology that will help companies to develop more innovative designs, reduce costs and introduce new products to market more quickly.

The programme is still being developed but topics already scheduled to be covered include materials and equipment for 3D printing of footwear, rendering technologies to allow superior visualisation of new designs before they are manufactured, novel methods for the design and production of lasts, and developments in more sustainable materials.

The Forum will be held alongside the Ortho Technology Forum, which is to take place at the same venue on 13th and 14th October. The OTF covers a similar range of developments in the design and manufacture of custom orthotic insoles and in the production of orthopaedic footwear.

With consumer demand moving ever closer to fully-customised shoes, the two events will bring together the production and clinical communities, to initiate discussion on how existing and emerging technologies from both sectors can be used for the mutual benefit of designers, manufacturers and customers.

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