



News Release from the IULTCS

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ERRETRE and Leather Naturally Support the IULTCS Young Leather Scientist Grant Programme 2021

The Executive Committee of the IULTCS is pleased to announce the 2021 grants to be awarded to three young scientists, under the age of 35, for research projects in the categories: Leather Research, Machinery / Equipment and Sustainability to be conducted at a recognized institution in 2021.

Italy based leather technology provider and machinery manufacturer, ERRETRE S.p.a., confirmed support of the 2021 YLSG programme of IULTCS in the category Machinery/Equipment. The grant is to encourage young leather students and scientists to run a leather research project in the areas of development of machines for leather processing, automation, chemical/physical analysis and environmental equipment. Mr Adriano Peruzzi from Erretre remarks: "Our company supports leather education and we strongly believe our sector needs young motivated people to implement innovation and face the challenges the industry is face during the coming years. Erretre is again proud to award one young scientist for the work on a remarkable research project on Machinery/Equipment and for the contribution to the leather industry."

"Leather Naturally is proud to sponsor the Professor Mike Redwood Sustainability/Environment grant for another two years" said Egbert Dikkers, Chairperson. "With Leather Naturally' focus on providing education to designers, brands and consumers, it was a logical step to sponsor this award and honour our founder Professor Mike Redwood." Who is quoted as saying: "I wrote my first sustainability report in 1993 and those companies who have embraced the subject positively since then have all benefited from the solid science-based foundation it establishes when fighting competitive materials on environmental grounds. To pursue sustainability as an ongoing objective stimulates the leather industry to be dynamic and innovative. I am immensely honoured to be named in this grant and hope that it will allow candidates to feel free to challenge the industry with creative and unexpected ideas".

2021 will be the seventh year of the grant, and IULTCS will provide the monetary sponsorship for a single sum of €1,500 grant to Basic Research; ERRETRE will sponsor the €1,000 grant for Machinery / Equipment and Leather Naturally the €1,000 sponsorship for the Professor Mike Redwood grant on Sustainability/Environmental.

Michael Meyer, Chairman of the International Union of Research Commission (IUR) of IULTCS and Research Director at Freiberg (Germany) based FILK Leather Institute expressing his appreciation of the engagement: "We very much value the contribution of ERRETRE and Leather Naturally to our YLSG programme. It is a vital instrument to encourage young leather scientists to acquire awareness and become more connected to the established research community of our industry. We have seen the programme growing stronger over the past years. Last year's edition brought up numerous, ambitious applications to step forward with innovative ideas and sustainable technologies."



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Application submission for the 2021 YLSG programme will open in September and Luis Zugno, President of IULTCS, asks young research talents of the industry to file courageous project ideas.

Details of the eligibility requirements are available on the IULTCS website (<http://www.iultcs.org/research-iur.php>).

The IULTCS requests that readers of this announcement forward the information to those institutions and individuals who could benefit from the award.

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