

## Lamebo celebrates 50 years

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Left: Mehmet Sepici with Gabriella Bocca at Simac Tanning Tech

Splitting machine blade specialist, Lamebo is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019 after the Company was founded in Northern Italy by Enrico and Rita Bocca in 1969.

The company is still a family owned business employing 21 people at its headquarters in Leini near Turin in Northern Italy. Production is all "Made in Italy" and it is a market leader in manufacturing splitting knives for leather with exports to over 90 countries. Around half of its production is for direct exports whereas the other 50% is sold to Italian machinery manufacturers directly as well as domestic tanners. The blades are often re-exported in new tannery machinery as they are found in most leading splitting machines.

The current company Sales Director and daughter of the founders is Gabriella Marchioni Bocca, who is also the current President of the Italian Association of Footwear, Leather Goods and Tannery Machinery Manufacturers (Assomac), and runs the business on the daily basis with her husband.

Lamebo invited customers and guests to its stand at the Simac Tanning Tech in Milan in February to celebrate the 50-year milestone. During the fair, Gabriella Bocca was presented with two leather embossed plaques marking the anniversary with one presented by Mehmet Sepici, CEO of Turkish tanners, Sepiciler.

Lamebo produces three types of splitting knives, each with a different finish, using European made steel. Following customer feedback, Lamebo offers a diverse range which includes its Lamebo Platinum, Lamebo Extra and Lamebo Silver splitting blades to fulfil all requirements for both quality and budget.