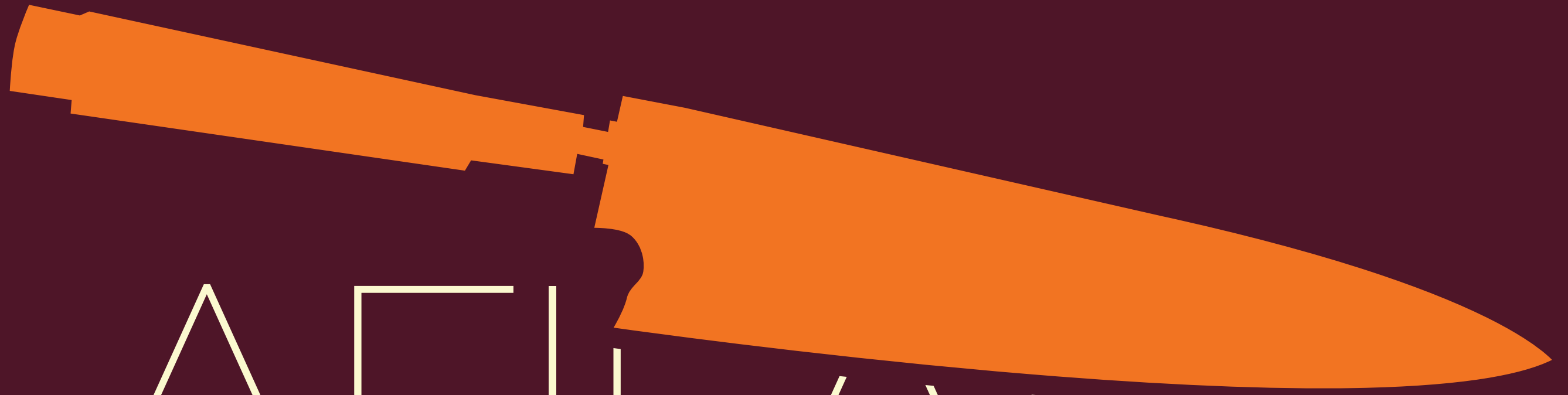


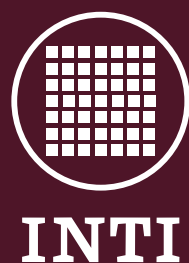
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# AFILADA

IV WORLD MEETING OF CUTLERY CAPITALS

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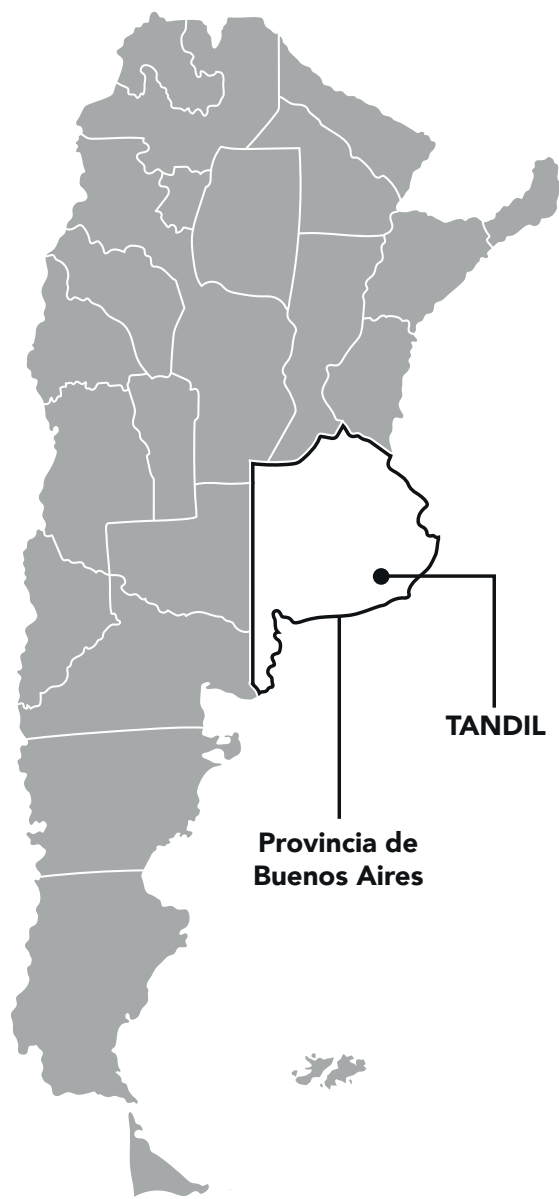
# TANDIL, WORLD CAPITAL OF CUTLERY

Tandil is located in the south-central part of the Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina and has a population of 150,000 people (National Census 2022) and an area of 4,935 km<sup>2</sup> that includes the urban centre and the surrounding rural towns such as Fulton, Gardey, María Ignacia Vela, Iraola, De La Canal, Azucena, Desvío Aguirre and La Pastora.

Today Tandil is a diverse and innovative intermediate city, which has a series of notable characteristics and attractions typical of a territory with high levels of quality of life. Its landscapes and green spaces, its gastronomy, its events and festivities and its wide tourist offer, position it as one of the Argentine cities with the highest influx of tourists. In turn, its diversified economic structure and its entrepreneurial ecosystem, added to the work of the University and the local scientific-technological system, placed Tandil as an innovative city and an important technological hub at the regional and national level.

During the III World Meeting in June 2022 in Albacete, Spain, Tandil was chosen to host its fourth edition due to the tradition of its cutlery industry. At the beginning of the 20th century, the knife-making activity emerged in Tandil,

linked to the appearance of foundries, steelworks and metallurgical factories. After the interruption of the import of European knives due to the Second World War, local factories were created where groups of enterprising men began to forge knives and other items, using the most ancient tempering techniques as well as a variety of iron and steel parts. Today, after so many years of experience, Tandil is distinguished by the production of its cutlery, whether forged or stamped steel, which can be found on a simple barbecue or in fields and festivals and have positioned the city as a national benchmark for Creole knives.



WHAT ARE THE WORLD  
MEETINGS OF CUTLERY CAPITALS?



The World Meeting of Cutlery Capitals is a biannual event whose objective is international cooperation between cities that have been linked to the cutlery industry throughout history in order to strengthen ties.

It is a large-scale event, which brings together mayors and city managers, associations, companies and institutions linked to cutlery from around the world.

During the World Meeting, a series of activities are carried out such as the Network Assembly, talks-workshops, seminars, business rounds and a cutlery exhibition with the participation of local, national and international companies. The first two World Meetings of the Capitals of Cutlery were held in Thiers (France) in 2016 and 2018, the third edition took place in Albacete (Spain) in 2022 and its fourth celebration will be in Tandil, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina, in October of this year.

This will be the first time that the World Meeting is held in South America.



# CUTLERY CITIES IN THE WORLD

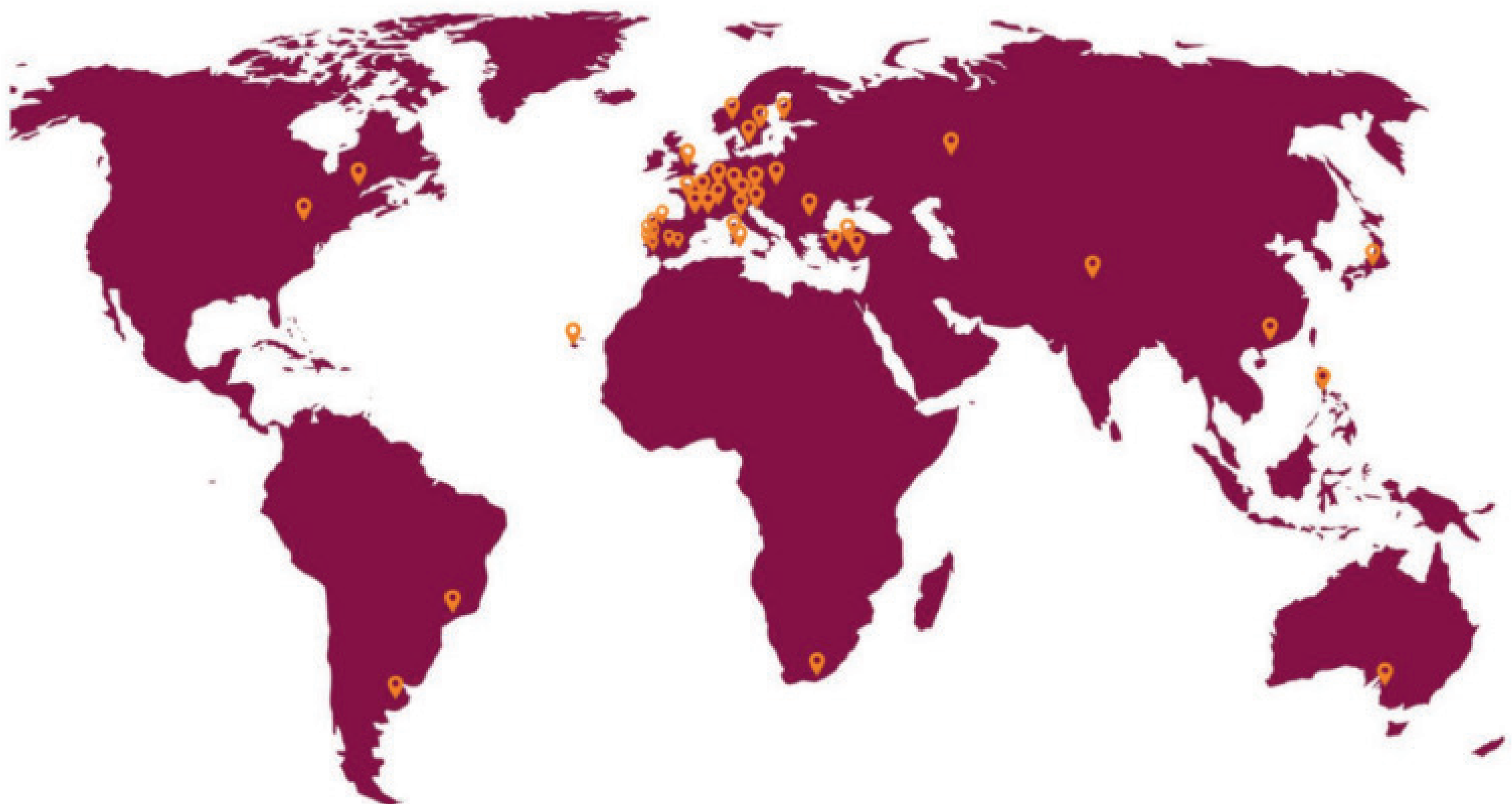
THE 28 CAPITAL CITIES OF CUTLERY ARE:

EUROPE: Thiers, Laguiole, Nogent y Córcega (France); Albacete, Taramundi, Santa Cruz de Mudela y Santa María de Guía (Spain); Solingen (Germany); Ybbsitz (Austria); Gembloux (Belgium); Gabrovo (Bulgaria); Copenhage (Denmark); Uusikaupunki (Finland); Waalre (Netherlands); Maniago, Scarperia e San Piero, Pattada, Premana, Arbus y Cerdeña (Italy); Elverum (Norway); Caldas da Rainha, Guimarães, Benedita, Alcobaca y Caldas das Taipas (Portugal); Sheffield (United Kingdom); Mikulasovice (Czech Republic); Eskilstuna (Sweden); Denizli, Bursa y Yatagán (Turkey); Zlatoust (Russia).

AMÉRICA: Tandil (Argentina); Sociedad Brasileña de Cuchilleros (San Pablo, Brazil); Montreal (Canada); American Bladesmith Society (United States);

ASIA: Yangjiang (China); Seki (Japan); Wazirabad (Pakistan); Batangas (Philliphines). Africa: Gremio de Fabricantes de Cuchillos de Emakhazeni (South Africa);

PACÍFICO: Onkaparinga (Australia);



# WHAT WERE THE MAIN RESULTS OF THE III WORLD MEETING IN ALBACETE?

- Constitution of the World Association of Cutlery Capitals, with the adherence and signature of the statute by the following capitals: Thiers (France); Albacete (Spain); Caldas da Rainha (Portugal); Tandil (Argentina); Ybbsitz (Austria).
- Cutlery Fair, with the participation of 70 exhibitors from 6 different countries.
- Business Convention, with 20-minute B2B meetings connecting international companies with purchasing managers.
- Exhibition of the World Cutlery Collection, which will be present in Tandil with around 200 pieces from the different cutlery cities of the world.



## WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE SCHEDULED FOR AFILADA MUNDIAL TANDIL 2024?

- **General Assembly of the Network:** In accordance with the statutes and bases of the creation of the World Association, the ordinary General Assembly will be held in Tandil where, firstly, the participating cities and delegations will be presented and, then, the venue for the next World Meeting will be selected.
- **Cutlery Exhibition:** Within the framework of the World Meeting, the third edition of the “Afilada Tandil” expo will be held, which will have national and international exhibitors on this occasion, in addition to companies from Tandil. Registration is open to have a stand/table.
- **Business rounds:** B2B meetings will be held between companies and commercial representatives.
- **Cooperation seminar:** within the framework of the cooperation project between Tandil and Thiers, local actors from both cities (Municipalities - University of Clermont Ferrand - National University of the Center of the Province of Buenos Aires - cutlery institutions and cutlers) will hold a research seminar to connect the cutlery of both regions in various lines of cooperation and action.
- **Workshops of cutlery value chain.**

## WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE IV WORLD MEETING?

- **FROM THE WORLD CUTLERY NETWORK:**
  - 1) New members and expansion of the working group on the formalization of the statutes and the World Association of Cutlery Capitals.
  - 2) Appointment of the next world capital and venue of the V Meeting.
- **FROM THE CUTLERY EXHIBITION AND BUSINESS ROUNDTABLES:**
  - 1) Carry out the 3rd edition of Afilada Tandil, with national and global presence.
  - 2) Promote local, national and international cutlery and generate interaction between exhibitors, companies and commercial representatives present.
- **FROM THE EXHIBITION OF THE WORLD CUTLERY EXHIBITION:**

Inaugurate in the Municipal Museum of Fine Arts of Tandil (MUMBAT), the world collection of cutlery that will remain in the Argentine city for 2 years until the next edition of the World Meeting.

# VENUE OF THE IV WORLD MEETING IN TANDIL



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## LOGISTICS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

TANDIL, AS THE CITY ORGANIZING THE EVENT, WILL COVER THE COSTS OF:

- Transfers from Ezeiza Airport, Buenos Aires, to Tandil and from Tandil to the airport on the way back.
- Internal transfers in the city of Tandil.
- 4 nights of accommodation for the participating foreign delegation.
- Meals during the days of the World Meeting.

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TANDIL 2024

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