

LIFE LINES

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R. Karthikeyan, see JALCA 102 (12), 2007

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N.K.Chandra Babu, see JALCA 100, 243, 2005

P. K. Sahgal, see JALCA 101, 51, 2006

Cheng-Kung Liu, see JALCA 94, 158, 1999

Nicholas P. Latona, see JALCA 96, 401, 2001

Valery F. Godinez-Azcuaga, see JALCA 100, 438, 2005

Richard D. Finlayson, see JALCA 100, 438, 2005

Marjorie Hanson, see JALCA 100, 438, 2005

J. Cot, see JALCA 94, 58, 1999

A. Marsal, see JALCA 97, 294, 2002

A. Manich, see JALCA 93, 233, 1998

P. Celma, see JALCA 98, 279, 2003

F. Fernandez-Hervas, see JALCA 101, 27, 2007

J. Cot-Gores received his Chemical Engineering degree in an affiliation with the University Ramon Llull, Barcelona, Spain. He is now completing an Industrial Engineering degree at the same University specializing in automotive, electronics, construction and mechanics. He recently formed an new association between this University and the C.S.I.C (Spanish National research Council).

Gu Hainbin is a doctor candidate of Leather Chemistry and Engineering Department, Sichuan University. He received Bachelor's degree in 2000 from the Leather Engineering

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Chen Wuyong is Professor and Dean of Department of Leather Engineering and Biomass, Sichuan University, China, He received a B.Eng. of Leather Engineering in 1977 and M. Eng. of Leather Chemistry and Engineering from Chendu University of Science and Technology. Since 1977, he has been working in Chendu University of Science and Technology (now it is Sichuan University). He was a visiting scholar of Sussex University, UK from 1994 to 1995 and then a visiting scientist of USDA/ARS/ERRE USA with Dr. Eleanor M. Brown from 1998 to 1999. Professor Chen is interested in the tanning chemistry and the clean technology of leather-making. He has made a lot of achievements and published more than 80 academic papers in China Leather, Leather Chemistry and Engineering, JSLTC and JALCA on these subjects.

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Hao Xia, no information available.

Eke Bayramoglu, see JALCA 101, 66, 2006. The author received the Kasım Hilmi Utku Award by DETEK for the June 23, 2007 presentation at the XXIX Congress.

Ayfleğul Korgan graduated from the University of Ege, Department of Leather Engineering in 2006. She worked in the research and development laboratory of Ağartoglu Leather for four months. She is recently working for a chemical company (GOS Chemical – Smit&Zoon) in Turkey.

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ERRATA

Dear Readers,

There were several editorial errors in the February 2008 manuscript (JALCA 103, 53-61): **“Inter-laboratory Study on Formaldehyde Determination by HPLC”** by J. Font, S. Viera, T. Rius, M. Reyes, M. Jorba, E. Verdu, M. Juarez, S. Cuadros and A. Marsal.

- The correct e-mail address for the corresponding author is: ammecco@iiqab.cics.es
- On page 56, Skin B was originally described as “napalan.”
- On page 58, the heading of the first column of data in Table I one should be “Hide A.”
- Corrected figures 2, 3, 4 and 5 are reproduced below.

We apologize to the authors for these text conversion errors. Readers interested in receiving a complete corrected manuscript should contact jalcaeditor@prodigy.net

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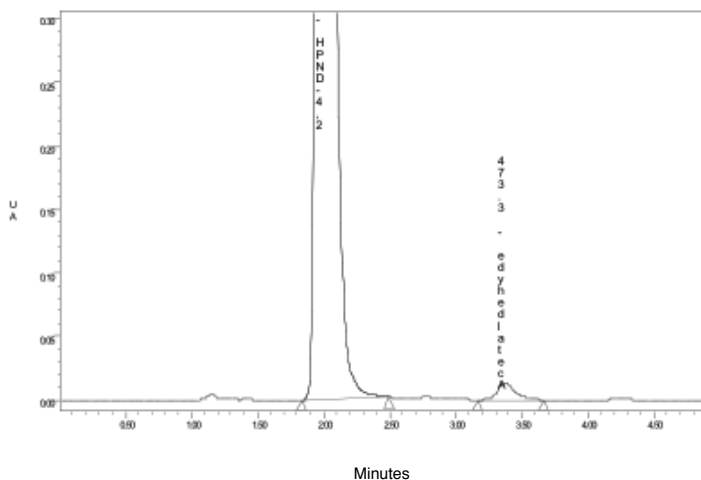


Figure 2: Chromatogram of acetaldehyde in accordance with the *prEN ISO 17226-1* Standard.

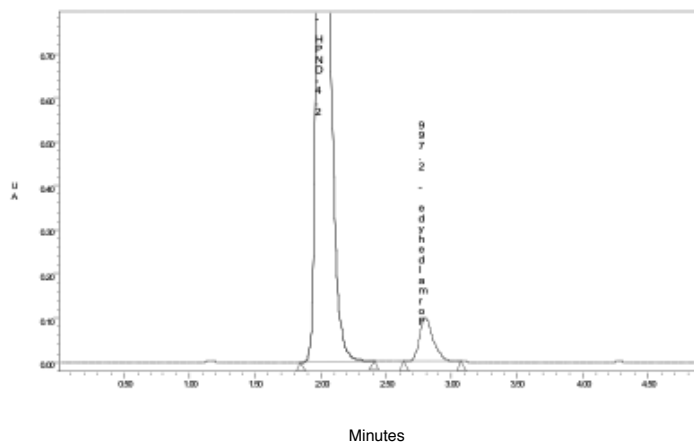


Figure 3: Chromatogram of formaldehyde in accordance with the *prEN ISO 17226-1* Standard

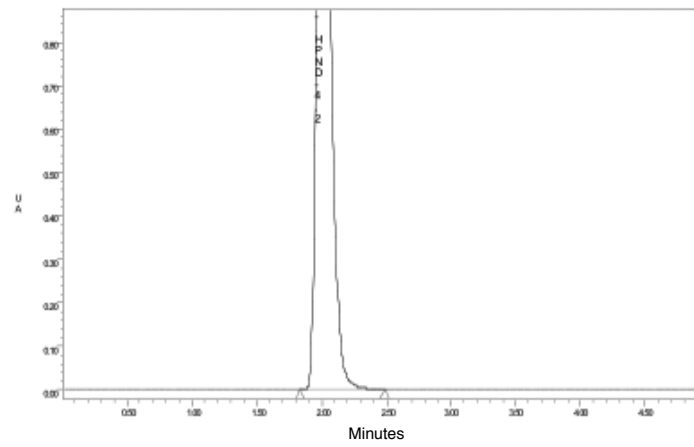


Figure 4: Chromatogram corresponding to the absence of glutaraldehyde signal in accordance with the *prEN ISO 17226-1* Standard..

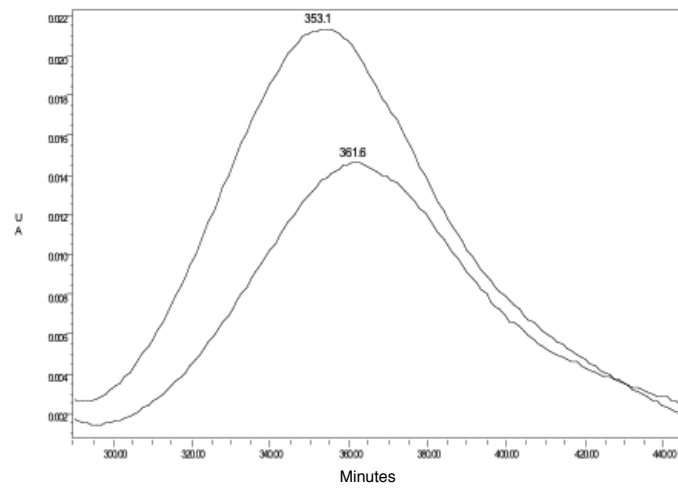


Figure 5: The UV spectra recorded by the PDA detector of the hidrazone derivatives of formaldehyde (solid line) and acetaldehyde (dashed line) are compared.

OBITUARY - MARCEL SIEGLER

It is with a continuing sense of loss that we recognize the leather industry contributions of Mr. Marcel Siegler, who passed away May 1, 2007. During his almost sixty years in the global leather industry his innovations in chemistry and processing technology continue to have a permanent impact. He is survived by his wife, Mrs Eveline Siegler.

Marcel Sigler graduated from the University of Bucharest in 1948 as a chemical engineer, specializing in leather chemistry. After graduation he was employed as an assistant superintendent and then superintendent in a large upper leather tannery in Bucharest. In 1955 he was promoted to technical director in one of the largest complexes of tanning and shoe factory operations in Bucharest, Romania. Starting in 1962 he worked for a French chemical company as plant manager and in 1967 he joined Robson Lang tannery in Canada.

He joined the Seton Leather Company from 1968 to 1990, first as R&D Director, then Technical Director and later on as Vice President R&D and Technical Director. He also became a member of the American Leather Chemists Association (ALCA) in 1968 and was a very active contributor to the Association for many years.

He had a significant number of publications and presented many papers at several leather congresses in Europe and ALCA annual meetings. In 1979 he was awarded the ALCA Prize Paper Award and presented his research at the International Union of Leather Technologist and Chemists Societies (IULTCS) Congress in Versailles, France. He has several U.S. patents related to leather manufacturing, tanning composition and collagen, which were also issued in many other countries.

He served as a member of the Research Liaison Committee from 1974 to 1991 and as a member of the 1979-1981 ALCA Council, the Committee on New Uses of Collagen in 1978-1979, Rawstock Committee from 1979 to 1987 and the IULTCS Executive Committee during 1980-83. He is a past Vice President and President of the Delaware Valley Tanners Club and served from 1979 to 1988 as the North American Group Correspondent of the IULTCS. He was the ALCA Delegate to the 1989 IULTCS Congress. In 1986 he was the recipient of the ALCA Alsop Award. He served on the ALCA Journal Editorial Board for 8 years and was chair of the 1995 Wilson Lecture Selection Committee. In 2001 he received the Associations Fred O'Flaherty Service Award.

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE 104TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION JUNE 19-22, 2008

If you have recently completed or will shortly be completing research studies relevant to hide preservation, hide and leather defects, leather manufacturing technology, new product development, tannery equipment development, leather properties and specifications, tannery environmental management, or other related subjects, you are encouraged to present the results of this research at the next annual meeting of the Association to be held at the Grandover Resort and Convention Center, Greensboro, NC June 19-22, 2008.

Abstracts must be submitted to the Chair of the Technical program:

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Each abstract should begin with the title in capital letters, followed by the authors' names. The name of the speaker should be denoted by an asterisk, and contact information should be provided that includes an e-mail address. The abstract should be no longer than 300 English words and preferably furnished as a Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF document.

Manuscripts based on the presentation, in publication-ready form, are expected by May 15, 2008. They should be sent in electronic format (either as an email attachment or on a CD-R) by that date to:

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AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION 2008 MEETINGS OF THE RESEARCH LIAISON COMMITTEE AND THE RAWSTOCK COMMITTEE

USDA, ARS, EASTERN REGIONAL RESEARCH CENTER, WYNDMOOR, PA

Dates: Tuesday April 29th (beginning at 8:30 AM) - Wednesday April 30th, 2008 (finishing at 12 Noon)

The ALCA RLC, which liaises with the Fats, Oils and Animal Coproducts Research Unit of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service, serves a vital role to assist the USDA in aligning projects and research to meet industry needs.

The Research Liaison Committee meets twice a year, once in April at the USDA Eastern Regional Research Center and then during the ALCA annual convention in June to review industry trends and requirements. The RLC works in tandem with the ALCA Rawstock Committee to identify immediate and long term needs of the industry. Membership to both committees is open to those affiliated with leather manufacture.

Topics typically covered include:

- o A global update on issues pertaining to the hide & leather industry (USHSLA)
- o Reports from the Rawstock Committee - defects, processing issues, brand identification, contamination intervention on carcasses
- o Reports on research being conducted at Texas Tech University
- o Reports from ERRC from hides and leather program covering such areas as pretanning, physical properties of leather, alternative tannages, byproduct utilization and finishing, leather quality (UV resistance) and non-destructive testing.



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