

LIFE LINES

Jianzhong Ma, professor and doctoral supervisor, graduated from Shaanxi University of Science and Technology, majored in leather science and technology. After graduation, he started to work in Shaanxi University of Science and Technology. His field of interest includes the study of acrylic copolymers retanning agents and its application, research and utilization of nanocomposites in tanning process.

Hua Lu, postgraduate, majored in Leather Chemistry and Engineering at Shaanxi University of Science and Technology, China. His study concerns the preparation and application of acrylic copolymers retanning agents.

Sundaramoorthy Sundarapandiyam completed B Tech (Leather Technology) from Anna University, India in 2006. He is presently working as Project Assistant in Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, India. He has been working in the areas of enzyme based leather process technologies and pollution reduction through recycling and reuse. He has been extensively working in the area of electro-chemical treatment of tannery wastewater and reuse of the treated wastewater. He is part of the team in CLRI that developed a zero wastewater discharge process system for tannery.

Gurunathan Rajeswari completed M Sc (Chemistry) from Annamalai University, India in 2001. She has been working as Project Assistant in Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, India for the past five years. She has been working in the areas of solid waste utilization in leather industry. She is one of the authors of the patent "Animal feed from fleshings". This work has also been translated to commercial exploitation. She has also been working in the areas of biological treatment of sectional streams of tannery wastewater.

Palanivel Saravanan completed B Tech (Leather Technology) in 1987 and M Tech (Leather Technology) in 2001 from Anna University, India. He is working as Scientist in Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, India. He has been working in the areas of pollution reduction, enzyme technologies for leather, biological treatment systems, solid waste utilization and zero wastewater discharge. He is also an expert in quality and environmental management systems.

M C Krishnasamy Dhanaselvan completed M Sc in 1988 from P S G collage of arts and science, Coimbatore, India. He was awarded Ph D from University of Madras in 2000. He is working as Scientist in Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, India. He has been working in the areas of biological treatment systems, physico-chemical treatment for tannery wastewater, solid waste utilization and zero wastewater discharge.

S. Ramalingam is a leather technologist. He has been working as scientist in Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, India. He has been working in the research areas of cleaner process development, solid waste utilization and chrome management. He has been carrying out works related to dissemination of technology and commercial scale experiments.

N. K. Chandrababu, see *JALCA* **101**, 121, 2006

Keyi Ding, see *JALCA* **101**, 284, 2006

Maryann M. Taylor, see *JALCA* **93**, 328, 1998

Eleanor M. Brown, see *JALCA* **93**, 328, 1998

Dean T. Didato, see *JALCA* **101**, 467, 2007

Susan R. Steele, see *JALCA* **103**, 86, 2008

George B. Stockman, see *JALCA* **101**, 467, 2007

David G. Bailey, see *JALCA* **92**, 21, 1997

Rens Hesselms, 37 years in the coatings industry, was in charge of the Laboratory for Explorative Research at Stahl, operating out of Waalwijk, the Netherlands, until his untimely passing in 2007. Under his able leadership, his group was responsible for many innovations, product concepts, and products. The (co)author of 10 patents and numerous papers, his most recent interests had focused on polyurethane chemistry and various aspects of the complicated chemistry of polycarbodiimide crosslinkers.

André Derksen obtained his Masters Degree in Chemistry from Nijmegen University in 1994, and went on to earn his Ph.D. degree at Nijmegen University in 2000 on the subject of heterogeneous catalysis in organic chemistry. He joined Stahl International bv in Waalwijk, the Netherlands in 2000, first as chemist in the Laboratory for Explorative Research and then in 2007 became Group Leader responsible for crosslinkers & specialties. He is (co)author of several patents from concerning polyurethanes and polycarbodiimide crosslinkers.

Willem Posthumus pursued a degree in chemistry at the University of Groningen with a specialization in Organic Chemistry. After working for one year at Philips CFT he entered the Technical University of Eindhoven where he earned his PhD in 2004 on the subject of UV-curable acrylate metal oxide nanocomposite coatings. From 2004 until 2007 he was a chemist in the Laboratory for Explorative Research of Stahl International bv in Waalwijk, the Netherlands.

Jerry Levy, see *JALCA* **102**, 362, 2007

OBITUARY — STAURT ERSKINE MILLER, JR.

Born in San Francisco October 8, 1928, Stuart Erskine Miller, Jr. died at home on August 6, 2008.

At the age of 2, he moved to Santa Cruz, CA. He attended Santa Cruz schools, graduating from Santa Cruz High School in 1946.

He attended San Jose State College, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He transferred to the School of Tanning and Leather Technology at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY, and graduated in 1951 with a degree in chemistry/tanning technology.

He spent two years in the US Navy as a corpsman (medic). From 1954 through 1958 he was employed by Levitan and Company, a San Francisco based hide and skin dealer. From 1959 through 1963 he was Superintendent of Calnap Tanning Company in Napa, California. In 1964 he became employed by Salz Leathers in Santa Cruz, CA where he remained until his retirement on January 1, 1996.

Mr. Miller, best known as Stu, served as a Councilor for the ALCA from 1975 to 1977. He chaired the 1977 and 1979 Alsop Award Committee and the 1979 Prize Paper Award Committee. He was a member of the 1980 Nominating Committee and the 1984 O'Flaherty Award Committee. He served on the Specification Review Committee from 1982 to 1984, on the Education Committee until 1985, and on the Rawstock Committee from 1984 to 1985. In 1990 he was the recipient of the Fred O'Flaherty Service Award. His membership in the ALCA spans more than fifty years.

Stu loved his home and Chardonnay vineyard in the Santa Cruz mountains.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joan, his daughter Elizabeth Miller Hughes and her son Sam and his daughter Janet Miller. Also surviving are his brother Herb Miller of San Jose and his sister Jeanne Miller Cryor of Santa Maria, California.

A life celebration and an 80th birthday party was held on October 4, 2008.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Santa Cruz County at 940 Disc Drive, Scott's Valley, CA 95066.

MERGING OF DIVISIONS AT BUCKMAN TO BRING SYNERGIES

Memphis, TN (September 15, 2008): Effective October 1, 2008, Buckman Laboratories, Inc., representing the U.S. domestic operations, will incorporate the activities of its leather technologies group within the scope of the Performance Chemicals Division. This move will complement several other protective surface treatment industries already covered by the Performance Chemicals Division, such as wood, paint, coatings, and plastics. Buckman's leather customers will not experience any interruption in either service or product availability.*

According to Charles E. Carncross, vice president of Buckman Laboratories, Inc., Performance Chemicals Division, "We are very pleased to add the complementary technical, product, and sales expertise that our leather group has to contribute. The inclusion of the sales and support staff will provide for significant technology and application transfer among the eleven industries served by Performance Chemicals. In addition, our leather associates will now have an opportunity to support a broader base of customers and applications – a broader portfolio so to speak."

Buckman Laboratories is a privately held, global specialty chemical company with headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee, USA. Buckman provides a broad range of specialty chemicals primarily for the pulp and paper, leather, and water treatment industries. Other business segments include coatings, agriculture, and wood. More information about Buckman is available at www.buckman.com.

* Later clarification: "Buckman Laboratories would like to clarify that the Sept. 15, 2008, announced merger of Buckman's Performance Chemical and Leather Divisions is for the USA domestic market only, and will have no effect on customer service or relations. Other regional companies at Buckman are not affected."


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