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Gladstone C. Jayakumar, see *JALCA* **106**, 68, 2011

K. J. Sreeram, see *JALCA* **106**, 239, 2011

J. Raghava Rao, see *JALCA* **93**, 156, 1998

Balachandran Unni Nair, see *JALCA* **93**, 156, 1998

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Mila Aldema-Ramos, see *JALCA* **102**, 280, 2007

Zerlina E. Muir, see *JALCA* **106**, 239, 2011

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Yunhang Zeng, see *JALCA* **109**, 207, 2014

Wenhua Zhang, see *JALCA* **100**, 447, 2005

Ya-nan Wang, see *JALCA* **109**, 170, 2014

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Welcome to an exciting venue of events that will be unfolding for us from June 10 to June 13, 2015. We will host the 11th Annual Convention at the beautiful Pinehurst Resort at the Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina. It is a first class facility that you can learn more about by logging on to their website at www.pinehurst.com.

Again this year will be an email the end of March letting you know that the brochure is online with all details about the convention. Also voting for our Slate of Candidates will be done via email in late April. The online convention registration form has been updated and is ready to use or you can print out a form and send it to us. Continue checking this website for a printable convention registration form and new information and announcements about the 11th Annual Convention.

The schedule this year is similar to that of 2013 at Pinehurst, but we are moving things up by one day. We are kicking off the convention on Wednesday, June 10, with the Opening Address in the Ross/Tufts/Olmsted Room. Dr. Dietrich Tegtmeier of LANXESS Corporation will give the John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture from 1:15 to 2:15 pm followed by a short break and then Session 1 of the technical program. The technical program will conclude at 5 pm followed by the Fun Run on the Spa Lawn from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. That evening we will have a cocktail reception at the Carolina Terrace followed by dinner there. From 8:30 to 9:30 pm that evening you will enjoy Chipping into the Fountain, something new for our group to do. The entire evening will be a great time to have conversations with old and new associates in the leather industry.

The second day of the Technical Program will start at 8:00 am on Thursday, June 11. This year's technical program is being organized by Vice President, David Peters, and will offer a focus on Sustainability including topics such as waste water technology, improved tanning systems and auto trends plus a

wide array of leather technologies covering tanning to finishing to environmental issues and can be viewed in the coming months under this section of our website. Technical sessions will conclude at 11:45 am followed by lunch in the Carolina Dining Room for non-golfers.

Thursday afternoon will be open for a variety of fun activities. The annual golf tournament will be held at Golf Course No. 1 beginning at 12:00 pm. Pre-registration for golfers is a must to facilitate the start of the tournament. Further information on the golf outing can be found under this section as well as the brochure available in late-March. Other activities will be announced as details develop under the entertainment section of this website. That evening we will again have Golf Pro Larry Shaver with his golf swing analyzer from 7:00 to 10:00 pm along with a cocktail reception at 7:00 pm at the Resort Club Veranda followed at 8:00 pm by dinner at the Donald Ross Grill. During the evening from 8:30 to 9:30 pm, you can do Nite Light Putting on the Resort Putting Green.

Technical papers will resume Friday morning at 8:00 am with the Annual Business Meeting following the technical program at 11:45 am. At noon everyone is invited to attend the Activities Awards Luncheon in the Cardinal Ballroom where prizes will be awarded for the Fun Run and golf outing. Friday afternoon will be open for activities that will be announced soon including a Tennis Tournament/lessons. Friday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 pm will be a social hour in the Cardinal Ballroom followed by the Annual Awards Banquet at 7:00 pm. The convention will close with check out on Saturday morning after breakfast.

Please make plans now to join us for a wonderful return to Pinehurst.

Doug Morrison
Convention Chair

THE 56TH JOHN ARTHUR WILSON MEMORIAL LECTURE

by

DIETRICH TEGTMEYER

Dietrich Tegtmeier will present the 56th John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture at our Annual Meeting, 1:15 pm on Wednesday, June 10, 2015. The title of his presentation is:

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A PhD chemist graduating from University Witten/Herdecke, Germany, Dietrich Tegtmeier commenced his career in the chemical industry in 1989 in various management positions and international assignments with Bayer, Germany. He became involved in the leather business in 1999 with responsibility for Bayer headquarters leather R&D; then later was in charge of global marketing of the business unit leather. Since 2005 he has been employed by the spin-off company LANXESS as vice president for product and applications development.



Dietrich Tegtmeier

Industry representations:

- Since 2008 executive member of the International Union of Leather Technologists and Scientist (IULTCS); Chairman of the R&D Council
- From 2009 to 2014 executive member of Leather Working Group (LWG)
- Since 2011 vice president of IULTCS
- Since 2012 member of the board of the German counterpart of ALCA, the VGCT

Dietrich Tegtmeier is married and has 3 daughters.

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