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**Biyu Peng**, see *JALCA* **102**, 293, 2007

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

**Haojun Fan**, see *JALCA* **100**, 29, 2005

**Dennis C. Shelly**, see *JALCA* **99**, 269, 2004

**P. Thanikaivelan**, see *JALCA* **96**, 27, 2001

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

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

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**Sang Chul Lee** studied chemistry at the InJe University and completed his BS and M.Sc degrees (1994-2003). He is working as a senior researcher in the Natural Material Research Team, Korea Institute of Footwear and Leather Technology. His fields of interest include leather processing, dyeing, and finishing.

**Won Ju Kim** heads the Functional Materials Research Division, Korea Institute of Footwear and Leather Technology. He has accumulated unique technical experiences during his course of 20 years of working in industrial factories and research institutes. He graduated from the Konkuk University with a BS degree in Agricultural Chemistry (1986), and received his M.Sc and Ph.D. degrees (2003) from the Division of Applied Life Science at GyeongSang National University. His doctoral work involved studying environmentally friendly bovine leather manufacturing processes. He has also authored two books entitled "The Enjoyable Leather Story" published by Adbooks in 2005 and "Leather and Environment" published by Adbooks in 2006. His research and development activities are focused on the quality improvement of skins and hides, leather processing, the clean technology and reuse of leather products, and the recycling of leather wastes and leather chemicals.

**Jong Soo Heo** is a Professor at the Division of Applied Life Science, GyeongSang National University (Korea). He is the Director of the Environmental Chemistry Laboratory. He completed his Ph.D. (1985) in Agricultural Environment Chemistry from ChonNam National University. His research work focuses on the reuse of municipal sewage sludge and industrial wastewater sludge as compost.

**Juergen R. Reiners** studied chemistry and graduated in 1979 from the University of Tübingen, Germany, obtaining his Ph.D. in 1982 under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Ernst Bayer. His thesis dealt with polymer-bound catalysts for olefin metathesis and modification of silica surfaces. In 1984 he finished a post-doctoral project and joined the Polymer Department of the Central Research Laboratory at Bayer AG, Germany, where he was developing new monomers for restorative dental materials. After 4 years experience in this field he changed his position and developed functional polymers for the paper industry. In 1993, the team was awarded the Otto Bayer Medal.

In 1994 he joined the R&D department of the Dyestuff Division at Bayer and became head of a synthesis group. He was responsible for the development of paper auxiliaries and leather chemicals, mainly polymers for wet end and finishing. Since several years he has been working as a director of the Business Unit Leather at Lanxess, Germany, and is in charge of the chemical development of products for the leather industry.

**Tillmann Hassel** studied chemistry at Justus Liebig University, Giessen, Germany, where he obtained his Ph. D. in 1979. He then moved to the Central Research laboratory of BAYER doing R&D work in the field of polyurethanes. In 1990 he joined the Leather Department at BAYER where he became responsible for the development of all kinds of isocyanate based products for leather applications. He still holds this position at Lanxess, Business Unit Leather. His R&D interests are focussed mainly on PUR dispersions, isocyanate crosslinkers for aqueous systems and 1K as well as 2K polyurethane systems for leather finishing.

**Rodger Maier** started his professional career after the High School Diploma in 1984 with an apprenticeship at BAYER AG, Leverkusen, Germany. In 1986 he received his Tanning Diploma at the Tanning School, Reutlingen in Germany. After his military service he was employed in the R&D department of Northern Italian Furniture Tannery Valdalone (today Italian Leather) from 1987 to 1991. Then he changed his position and was working for 3 years as a Technical Sales Representative Leather for the Northern Italian Leather Chemicals Company (Leather Master of Dr. Leo Tork). In 1994 he joined BAYER U.K. and was working as Technical Sales Representative Leather. 3 years later he received a new position in the Business Unit Leather of BAYER at Leverkusen.

He is a well-experienced leather specialist and has been working since 1997 at Bayer and LANXESS. He is now in charge for the field of automotive leather finishing and technical marketing at the department Product Development and Application of the Business Unit Leather at LANXESS Germany GmbH at Leverkusen.

**Stefan Wildbrett** started his career 1986 in a small tannery for typical handcrafted chamois leather for traditional clothing. After working for one of the leading tanneries in south Germany he graduated as a leather technician in the German Leather Institute in Reutlingen in 1994. For several years he worked for two tanneries in the finishing department and got promoted to the head of R&D for finishing in one of the leading German automotive tanneries. In 2001 he joined Bayer in Leverkusen and is now working in Lanxess headquarters as a leather expert for finishing automotive and furniture leathers.

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**Masahiko Maeda** studied Pesticide Chemistry at Shiga Prefecture College and graduated in 1983. He joined Daikin Industries, Ltd. in 1983 and was responsible for the research

and development of fluorinated chemicals. He changed the position in 2003 as business manager and is in charge of marketing for new business development. He is also well experienced in the field of application to leather and various kinds of substrates surface.

**Katsuhiko Imoto** majored in pharmaceutical science at Tokyo University of Pharmacy and Life Sciences and graduated in 1990. He passed the national examination for pharmacists on one's first try in 1990 and has a license to practice pharmacy.

He joined Daikin Industries, Ltd. in 1990 and was responsible for the research and development of fluorinated chemicals. He is in charge of development of fluoropolymer for architectural coatings.

**Akihiko Ueda** studied polymer chemistry at University of Osaka Prefecture, graduating in 1984; then receiving a master's degree of polymer chemistry in 1986. He joined Daikin Industries, Ltd. in 1986 and was responsible for the research and development of fluorinated chemicals. He is in charge of application to the substrates such as leather and the others, and is experienced in the field of chemicals as repellent.

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