

## LIFELINES

**David Rabinovich**, born in the Andean town of Medellín, Colombia, received his primary and most of his secondary education at the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana schools in Medellín. He attended the University of California at Berkeley where he received a BS in Chemistry (1962) and San José State College where he obtained a Master's in Chemistry in 1965.

He worked since 1966 as a tanner in a family business, Andina de Curtidos, in the village of Copacabana just north of Medellín. He was involved in the founding of ACOLCUR, the Colombian Leather Chemists Association and was on the board of the CIDI's leather research institute at the Bolivariana; directing a Master's degree thesis on the use of chrome shavings as an ion-exchange resin to recover gold-cyanide tailings and radioactive metals. He was in charge of research and development for the Titán tannery in Cali, Colombia, from 1993 through 1995. In early 1996 he started working for J.H. Lowenstein & Sons, Brooklyn, NY, travelling mainly to India and Mexico, through 2006. Since 2007 he has been a leather consultant, currently travelling primarily to Latin America for Grupo ABC Leder Andino SA, implementing low pollution processing, with zero sulphide/chrome in the effluents from tannery wet-end processes.

In 1982 he presented a paper at the Latin-American Leather Chemists Congress, Bogotá, on the Colombian Cattle Slaughter Cycle. In November of 1982 he published a study of weight/area yield for lime-split upper leather in *Das Leder*. In November 1995, at the XIII Latin-American Leather Chemists Congress at Cartagena, he presented a paper on Environmental Thermodynamics Implications for the Leather Industry. In 1999, during the IULTCS congress at Chennai, he presented a paper on low float, low effluent retannages. In 1999 he awarded by the Mexican Leather Chemists Association the San Jordi prize for academic excellence for a paper titled: "Seeking Soft Leather with Good Break", which led to a publication in *World Leather Magazine* in 2002. He was appointed coeditor of a CLRI project for a Treatise on Leather Technology and assigned a chapter on the Material Science of Leather Making. His work on collagen reactivity, presented at the 105<sup>th</sup> ALCA Annual Meeting, is part of the CLRI treatise assignment. He is a translator for *JALCA* Abstracts into Spanish, and has been a member of ALCA since 1966.

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**Keyong Tang**, see *JALCA* **102**, 227, 2007

**Xuejing Zheng**, see *JALCA* **102**, 227, 2007

**Ming Yang** received his bachelor's degree in 2005 in Zhengzhou University, majored in Polymer Materials and Engineering. Majored in Leather Chemistry and Engineering, he received his Master's degree in Zhengzhou University in 2008, under the guidance of Prof. Keyong Tang. His research interest is natural polymer materials. Three papers have been published.

**Jie Liu** studied for his Master degree in Zhengzhou University in 2000-2003, majored in Materials. After obtained Ph.D in Institute of Mechanics (IMECH), Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2007, he worked in College of Materials Science & Engineering, Zhengzhou University. His study interest is focused on collagen composites.

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

**D. J. Casadonte** obtained his Ph.D. in Purdue University in 1985 and finished his postdoctoral study in University of Illinois in 1989. His research interests focus on the dynamics of unusual excited state processes as well as the fabrication of novel nano-material and molecular systems with potential applications as molecular photo-devices, energy storage systems, catalysts, and environmental remediants. Several areas of research in his laboratories are aimed at understand the chemistry and physics of these high-energy events.

**Venkatasubramanian Sivakumar**, see *JALCA*, **98**, 238, 2003; the author continues active work in the area of ultrasound application in leather processing and leather auxiliary preparation. His field of research interest includes Ultrasonic Sonochemistry and Diffusion phenomena related to leather.

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**Gopalaraman Swaminathan**, see *JALCA*, **100**, 203, 2005.

**Vijayalakshmi Palanivel** 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.

**G. Rajeswari**, see *JALCA* **103**, 370, 2008

**Sundaramoorthy Sundarapandiyan**, see *JALCA*, **103**, 370, 2008

**R. Chandrasekar**, see *JALCA*, **103**, 303, 2008

**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.

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