

LIFELINES

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

Bing Zhu received his bachelor's degree in 2003 from Zhengzhou University, China, majoring in Polymer Materials and Engineering. He received his Master's degree in Zhengzhou University in 2006, majoring in Leather Chemistry and Engineering, under the guidance of Prof. Keyong Tang. Since then he has been working in School of Chemical Industry in Henan Province, China. His research interest is in natural polymer materials and he has published three papers.

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

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

V. Preethi, see *JALCA* 101, 51, 2006

K. Iyappan, see *JALCA* 98, 333, 2003

N. Balasubramaniam got his doctorate Indian Institute of technology Madras, India in the year 1996. His area of expertise include Electro catalytic treatment of textile/pulp and paper effluent; Improvement of biodegradability; Development of Ozone/Electro-bio process; Electrocoagulation; Development of reaction/reactor model for electro oxidation; Life cycle assessment; Drying of food grains in circulating fluidized bed.

C. Srinivasakannan completed his doctoral program from Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India. He has 15 years of Research and Development and teaching experience.

Presently he is heading the chemical Engineering group at Monash University Malaysia. His areas of expertise are Biomass Gasification, Combustion, Pyrolysis, Gas-Solid/ Gas- Liquid Fluidization, Metal impregnated nano porous carbons, Advanced oxidation process using nano porous material, Process Modeling and Simulation.

Limin Jiao received her B.Sc. in Polymer Material and Engineering Department at Zhengzhou University (Zhengzhou, P.R. China) in Sep. 2004, and will receive her Ph.D. in Leather Chemistry and Engineering at Sichuan University in July 2009. She is mainly interesting in the re-utilization of solid waste produced in leather manufacture process.

Xuepin Liao is Professor of National Engineering Laboratory for Clean Technology of Leather Manufacture at Sichuan University (Chengdu, P.R. China). He received his Ph.D. at Sichuan University in July 2004. His research group, currently including 12 M.Sc and Ph.D. Students, engages in the studies of clean technology of leather manufacture, as well as the functional materials such as adsorbents and catalysts on the basis of collagen fiber.

Bi Shi, see *JALCA* 99, 220, 2004

Qiang Taotao, see *JALCA* 103, 416, 2008

Wang Xuechun, see *JALCA* 103, 416, 2008

Ren Longfang, see *JALCA* 103, 416, 2008

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF LEATHER TECHNOLOGISTS AND CHEMISTS SOCIETIES APPOINTS DR. TEGTMAYER AS NEW CHAIR OF RESEARCH COMMISSION

During a recent global teleconference the IULTCS Executive Committee unanimously appointed Dr. Dietrich Tegtmeier as the new head of the IULTCS Research Commission (IUR). Dr. Tegtmeier takes over from Dr. Volkan Candar who helped found the commission in 2006.

Under the leadership of Dr. Candar the IUR prepared documentation on past research for the 2007 ILF meeting in Paris and has listed the global centers active in research for the leather industry worldwide on the web (www.iultcs.org). Earlier this year Volkan was appointed Vice President Elect of the IULTCS and requested a replacement be found to lead the IUR so that he could focus on his new responsibilities.

The new Chair, Dr. Tegtmeier, has a Ph.D. in chemistry and has built an illustrious career at LanXess (previously Bayer). Dietrich has held a number of increasingly important positions in process development, research and marketing and is currently Vice President for Application and Product development for LanXess leather. He is well known and respected in the global leather industry. Dr. Tegtmeier has shown much interest in the work of the IULTCS and looks forward to developing the role of the IUR which he feels is uniquely structured to make an important contribution to help focus global research on the needs of the leather industry.