

LIFELINES

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G. Attenburrow, see *JALCA* **95**, 85, 2000

J. Cot, see *JALCA* **94**, 58, 1999

Anthony D. Covington, see *JALCA* **91**, 21, 1996

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B. Madhan, see *JALCA* **100**, **265**, **2005**

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

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

J.M. Morera, see *JALCA* **101**, 284, 2006

E. Bartoli, see *JALCA* **101**, 376, 2006

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Ll. Olle, see *JALCA* **101**, 284, 2006

A. Bacardit, see *JALCA* **101**, 284, 2006

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THE 106TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

JUNE 10–13, 2010

GRAND GENEVA RESORT & SPA, LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

Welcome to an exciting venue of events that will be unfolding for us from June 10 to June 13, 2010. We will host the 106th Annual Meeting at the beautiful Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. It is a first class facility. You can learn more about the Grand Geneva by logging on to their website at <http://www.grandgeneva.com>. Look for the reservation form in your spring mailing which will give all details of the convention. Also, continue checking our website at www.leatherchemists.org for new information and announcements about the 106th Annual Meeting.

Prior to the official opening of the convention, the annual shotgun golf tournament will be held at the Highlands Course beginning at noon. Pre-registration for golfers is a must to facilitate the start of the tournament. Further information on the golf outing will be found in your convention packet going out in March or on our website.

Then the official opening of the convention will begin with Registration on Thursday, June 10, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the registration desk followed by a Cocktail Reception from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Pavillion. Dinner and a bonfire will follow from 8:00 to 11 pm, and conversations with old and new associates of the leather industry will complete the evening.

ALCA President David LeBlanc will open the Technical Program at 8 am on Friday. This year's technical program is being organized by Vice-President Craig Keyser and will offer a wide array of leather technologies covering tanning to

finishing to environmental issues and can be viewed in the coming months under Annual Convention/Technical Program at our website. The 51st John Arthur Wilson Lecture will feature Prof. José M. Adzet, Research Director of "AIICA" Asociacion de Investigacion de las Industrias Del Curtido y Anexas. The title of his lecture is "Transformation of Lime Splits and Trimmings from Hides into Different Collagenic Materials." Our Technical Committees will have an opportunity to meet and have discussions during lunch-time. The technical sessions will end at 4:00 pm followed by the Fun Run at 4:30 pm. Friday's activities will be capped off by a boat cruise and dinner from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

Technical papers will resume Saturday morning at 8 am with the Annual Business Meeting ending the morning sessions at 11:15 am. At noon everyone is invited to attend the Activities Awards Luncheon in the Pavillion, where prizes will be awarded for the Fun Run and golf outing. Technical papers will resume in the afternoon at 1 pm until 4:45 pm with the Awards Banquet Social Hour beginning at 6:00 pm in the Salon Foyer. Dinner will follow at 7:00 with the awards presentations afterwards. The convention will close with check out on Sunday.

Please make plans now to join us for a wonderful time at the Grand Geneva!

Sarah Drayna
Convention Chair

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PARTIAL LISTING OF ORAL PRESENTATIONS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Transformation of Lime Splits and Trimmings from Hides into Different Collagenic Materials, by Prof. José M. Adzet, Research Director, "AIICA" Asociacion de Investigacion de las Industrias Del Curtido y Anexas, Igualada, Spain, John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecturer

Eastern Regional Research Center Panel Discussion with Eleanor M. Brown, Maryann M. Taylor, Cheng-Kung Liu, and Mila L. Aldema-Ramos; Various topics and future projects for the ERRC

Environmental Affairs Committee Panel Discussion with Dietrich Tegtmeier of LANXESS, Kim Dirks of Tyson Foods, Nicholas Cory of the Leather Research Laboratory, and John Smith of S.B. Foot Tanning Co.; Topics: ECO Technologies and LWG; Analysis involved in the RSL

Is Our Basic Raw Material Beyond Control?—A Global Hide & Leather Supply Review by David Peters, West Bloomfield, MI

Study of the Effect of Temperature, Relative Humidity and UV Radiation on Leather Aging by Anna Bacardit, EUETII—EAI (UPC), Barcelona, Spain

Economic Aspects of Biodiesel Production from Tannery Waste Fats by Karel Kolomaznik, Tomas Bata University, Czech Republic

Wireless Gauging: The Digital Evolution of Thickness Measurement by Eric Powers, Axis Consulting, St. Paul, MN

Fungal Growth on Wetblue: Methods to Measure Impact on Leather Quality Part II by Luis Zugno, Buckman International, Memphis, TN

Current Issues Facing the US Leather Industry by John Wittenborn, Leather Industries of America, Washington, D.C.

ASTM Overview by Christine M. DeJong, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA

Waterproof by Goetz Hagen, BASF, Charlotte, NC

The Challenge of Flame Retardant Leathers by Mike Kiser, Flame Seal Inc., Houston, TX

Spectroscopic Investigations to Determine Tanning Structure in Leather by Graham S. Lampard,

Craftsman Binders, Northampton, UK

Modern Approach to Automatic Control of Enzymatic Hydrolysis of Tannery Waste by Vladimir Vasek, Tomas Bata University, Czech Republic

Application Possibilities of Collagen from Chrome Tanned Leather Waste by Jan Matyasovsky, VIPO a.s., Slovakia

Acrylic-Urethane Hybrid Polymers: Materials with High Potential for Leather Finishing by Leon Krings, Stahl Europe BV, Waalwij, Netherlands

Study of the Application of Ultrasound in a Vegetable Tannage by J.C. Castell, AIICA, Igualada, Spain