

## LIFELINES

**Cheng-Kung Liu**, see *JALCA* **94**, 158, 1999

**Nicholas P. Latona**, see *JALCA* **96**, 401, 2001

**Joseph Lee**, see *JALCA* **100**, 8, 2005

**Gokhan Zengin**, see *JALCA* **100**, 137, 2005

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**A. E. Musa**, see *JALCA* **103**, 188, 2008

**B. Madhan**, see *JALCA* **101**, 445, 2006

**R. Aravindhana**, see *JALCA* **101**, 445, 2006

**Swarna V. Kanth**, see *JALCA* **101**, 445, 2006

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

**B. Chandrasekaran**, see *JALCA* **99**, 367, 2004

**G. Gasmelseed**, see *JALCA* **103**, 188, 2008

**Carmen C. Gaidau** graduated from the Faculty of Technology and Chemistry of Textiles, Leather, Fur, Synthetic Leather and Textile Technologies Department from Iasi, Romania in 1982 with a degree in chemical engineering. In 1982, she joined Oradea Fur Company as technologist until 1984, when she was invited to work in the Leather and Footwear Research Institute (ICPI) from Bucharest. She joined the Auxiliary Materials Department and was involved in new materials and technologies development for the leather industry. In 2000 she

received PhD title in chemistry from Technical University "Gh. Asachi" Iasi, after a long activity in metallic heterocomplexes as ecological alternative for leather tanning with industrial applications. Since 2007 she has been managing the Leather Department from Leather and Footwear Research Institute, division of Research and Development National Institute for Textile and Leather, from Bucharest, Romania.

**Aurora Petica**, a senior researcher and head of Electrochemical group from National Institute for Research and Development in Electrical Engineering ICPE-CA, graduated in 1975 at Bucharest University, Chemistry Faculty. Research activities and interests include electrochemical technologies and from 2005 research in nanotechnologies, electrochemical obtaining of metallic nanoparticles (especially silver nanoparticles for different antimicrobial applications and silver/titanium dioxide dispersed systems with photocatalytic properties), nanoparticles characterization by means of UV-Vis spectrophotometry and DLS techniques (Zeta sizer).

**Teodora Dragomir**, chemical engineer, young researcher at Leather and Footwear Research Institute (ICPI), PhD student of Politehnica University of Bucharest, Faculty of Applied Chemistry and Material Science with a thesis in nanomaterial application in leather processing.

**Horia Iovu**: 1995 PhD in Polymer Science and Engineering and since 1999 professor within the Department of Polymer Science and Composites, Polytechnic University of Bucharest and since 2004 Dean of the Faculty of Applied Chemistry and Materials Science. He is the head of Advanced Polymer Materials Group, the main research being focused on synthesis and characterization of polymer based nanocomposites.

**Corina Andronescu** has a BSc degree in Polymer Science and Engineering from the Polytechnic University of Bucharest (2009) and is now working as part time researcher within the Department of Polymer Science and Composites, the activity being focused on XPS analysis of nanocomposites.

# AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

## 2011 SPRING MEETING OF THE RESEARCH LIAISON COMMITTEE

### USDA, ARS, EASTERN REGIONAL RESEARCH CENTER, WYNDMOOR, PA

Dates: Tuesday April 26th (beginning at 1 PM) – Wednesday April 27th, 2010 (finishing at 12 Noon)

The ALCA RLC, which liaises with the Biobased and Other Animal Coproducts Research Unit of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service, serves a vital role to assist the USDA in aligning projects and research to meet the leather industry needs.

The Research Liaison Committee meets twice a year, once in April at the USDA Eastern Regional Research Center and then during the ALCA annual convention in June to review industry trends and requirements. The RLC polls members of the ALCA, the U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association (USHSLA) and members of the Leather Industries of American (LIA) to identify and prioritize the immediate and long term needs of the industry.

Membership and attendance to the RLC Spring Meeting is open to those affiliated with leather manufacture. Those attending represent tanners, production management, product

development executives, researchers, scientists, consultants, chemical suppliers, industry & trade lobbyists, students and those connected to the study & usage of collagen.

Proposed topics include:

- A recap of the global and U.S. raw material market
- An update on issues pertaining to the U.S. hide & leather industry (USHSLA)
- A regulatory and trade update
- A recap of domestic leather activity
- Reports from ERRC from hides and leather program covering such areas as pretanning, physical properties of leather, alternative tannages, byproduct utilization and finishing, leather quality (UV resistance) and non-destructive testing.

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## PEABODY LEATHERWORKERS MUSEUM — CAN YOU HELP???

The Peabody Leatherworkers Museum opened in July 2009 and is located on Washington Street in Peabody, Massachusetts.

The museum is designed to tell the story concerning the 300 year history of tanning that at one time made Peabody the leather capital of the USA. Over 80 tanneries operated in the city at its peak but this has now been reduced to where only one tannery is left.

Several items and photographs have already been donated to the museum. However, it is hoped that more artifacts could be found and donated that would help to make the museum of even greater interest especially to young people who may have no idea about this unique history.

If you have any photos, documents or artifacts that you could donate and think would be appropriate, please contact the museum curator Merritt Kirkpatrick at MerrittKirkpatrick@gmail.com.

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**2011 CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**FOR THE 107TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE**  
**AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION**  
**RED WING, MINNESOTA**  
**JUNE 9–12, 2011**

If you have recently completed or will shortly be completing research studies relevant to hide preservation, hide and leather defects, leather manufacturing technology, new product development, tannery equipment development, leather properties and specifications, tannery environmental management, or other related subjects, you are encouraged to present the results of this research at the next annual convention of the Association to be held at Treasure Island Resort, Red Wing, MN, June 9–12, 2011.

Abstracts are preferred via email and must be submitted by **March 31, 2011** to the Chair of the Technical Program:

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Each abstract should begin with the title in capital letters, followed by the authors' names. The name of the speaker should be denoted by an asterisk, and contact information

should be provided that includes an email address. The abstract should be no longer than 300 English words and in the Microsoft Word format. Manuscripts based on the presentation, **in publication-ready form**, are to be sent to the editor in electronic format as an e-mail attachment by **May 15, 2011** (see revised Publication Policy on our website: [leatherchemists.org](http://leatherchemists.org)).

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Presentations at the convention will be limited to 25 minutes. In accordance with the Association Bylaws, papers covering such presentations are to be submitted to the *Journal of the American Leather Chemists Association* for publication consideration. Those papers are not to be published elsewhere, other than in abstract form, without permission of the *Journal* Editor, Robert F. White.