
LIFELINES

Emel Aslan, see *JALCA* **106**, 342, 2011

Meral Birber, see *JALCA* **106**, 342, 2011

Guilherme Pantaleão da Silva Priebe, Chemical Engineer graduated in the Federal University do Rio Grande do Sul - UFRGS (2005) and Master in Chemical Engineering from the same university (2007). Works as a process engineer in Thermal Electric Power Generation Company - CGTEE and is researcher at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul as a doctoral student. Has experience is in chemical engineering with emphasis on Leather and Environment, acting on the following topics: leather processing, leather waste processing, analysis and evaluation of environmental impacts, atmospheric emission sampling and analysis of and atmospheric emissions inventory.

Mariliz Gutterres, see *JALCA* **105**, 195, 2007

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

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

R. Janardhanan obtained a M.Sc in Chemistry from Madurai Kamaraj University, India. He has been with Balmer Lawrie & Co. Limited, India, since 1991. He is involved in industrial research of leather chemicals. He is in the verge of completion of his Ph.D. in Chemistry.

V. Vijayabaskar holds a Ph.D. degree in Polymer Technology from the Indian Institute of Technology (ITT), Kharagpur, India, in 2006 and has been with Balmer Lawrie & Co. Limited since 2006. He is involved in polymer synthesis and research of bulk modification of polymers for various industrial applications.

B. S. R. Reddy is director grade scientist and heading the industrial chemistry laboratory, Central Leather Research Institute, India. He has 35 years of research and teaching experience. He obtained Ph.D. in 1978 and D.Sc. in 2005. He published about 190 research papers in national and international journals. He guided about 29 students for the award of Ph.D. degree and currently 8 students are doing Ph.D. under his guidance.

THE 108TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 7 – 10, 2012

Grandover Resort and Conference Center, Greensboro, NC

Welcome to the exciting venue of events that will be unfolding for us from June 7 to June 10, 2012. We will host our 108th Annual Convention at the Grandover Resort and Conference Center at Greensboro, North Carolina, June 7-10, 2012. It is a first class facility. You can learn more about Grandover by logging on to their website at <http://www.grandover.com>. New this year will be an e-mail around mid-March containing full details about the convention, including registration and voting for our ALCA Slate of Candidates by e-mail. Continue checking our website for new information and announcements about the 108th Annual Meeting.

Prior to the official opening of the convention, the annual shotgun golf tournament will be held at the Grandover East Golf Course beginning at 1 pm. 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 March convention info.

Then, the official opening of the convention will begin with registration on Thursday, June 7, from 5 to 7 pm on the Grandville Registration Desk followed by a Cocktail Reception from 7 to 8 pm in the Griffin Room. Dinner and conversations with old and new associates in the leather industry will complete the evening.

ALCA President Andy Rhein will open the Technical Program at 8 am on Friday. This year's technical program is being organized by Vice-President Steve Gilberg and will offer a

wide array of leather technologies covering tanning to finishing to environmental issues and can be previewed in the coming months in this *Journal* and on our website. The John Arthur Wilson Lecture will be presented by Dr. Anthony Covington of the UK (seem separate bio in this issue). Our Technical Committees will have an opportunity to meet and have discussions during lunchtime. The Friday technical sessions will end at 4:15 pm followed by the Fun Run at 5:00 pm. A cocktail party and dinner on the Grandville Lawn will cap off Friday's activities. This will be an exciting evening that you won't want to miss.

Technical papers will resume Saturday morning at 8 am followed by the Annual Business Meeting starting at 11. At noon everyone is invited to attend the Activities Awards Luncheon in Grandville Ballroom, where prizes will be awarded for the Fun Run and golf outing. Technical papers will resume in the afternoon from 1 to 4 pm with the Awards Banquet Social Hour beginning at 6 pm. The closing event Awards Banquet will start at 7 pm. The convention check out is on Sunday morning.

Please mark these dates on your calendar now, and join us for a wonderful time at the Grandover this June.

Lee Lehman
Convention Chair

THE 53RD JOHN ARTHUR WILSON MEMORIAL LECTURE

by

DR. ANTHONY COVINGTON

The 53rd John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture will be presented at the 108th ALCA Annual Convention at the Grandover Resort and Conference Center on June 8, 2011. The title of Dr. Covington's lecture is "**Leather Science: Requisite or Requiem?**"

Anthony Dale Covington obtained the Graduateship of the Royal Institute of Chemistry (now the Royal Society of Chemistry) at Teesside Polytechnic (now the University of Teesside), then a PhD in physical organic chemistry at Stirling University under the supervision of R.P Bell FRS, followed by post-doctoral research in physical chemistry at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, the city of his birth.

In 1976 he joined the British Leather Manufacturers' Association (later to become BLC the Leather Technology Centre in Northampton, UK), where he spent 18 years engaged in research and development, industrial consultancy and problem solving. He was exposed to a wide range of aspects of the global leather industry during this time, particularly working in different types of tanneries around the world. In 1995 he was appointed by Nene College, later to be The University of Northampton, to teach leather science in the British School of Leather Technology, becoming Professor of Leather Science in 1996.

His career in the leather industry spans more than 35 years, producing *inter alia* 55 lectures in 12 countries around the world, 24 doctoral graduates and over 260 technical publications. His most recent publications include, *Tanning Chemistry: The Science of Leather*, published in 2009 by the



Dr. Anthony Covington

Royal Society of Chemistry. In recognition of this achievement, the American Leather Chemists Association gave Professor Covington the Alsop Award in 2011. He is a Fellow of the Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Professor Covington gave his first John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture at the ALCA Annual Convention in 1998. He is a former President of the International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists (1995-7) and in 2009, the IULTCS gave him their Merit Award for Excellence in the Leather Industry. He is currently semi-retired as an Emeritus Professor.

THE AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

2012 SPRING MEETING OF THE RESEARCH LIAISON COMMITTEE

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

**Dates: Tuesday April 24th (beginning at 1 PM) –
Wednesday April 25th, 2010 (finishing at 12 Noon)**

The purpose of the ALCA RLC is to maintain an awareness of ongoing hides and leather research, to foster research collaboration, and to assist the USDA and other public research institutions in establishing research priorities.

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 America (LIA) to identify and prioritize the immediate and long term needs of the industry for hides, skins, leather and their bi-products.

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 and 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.

For further information contact Lori Hyllengren at 651-258-4338 (hyllengr@redwing.net) or Ellie Brown at 215-233-6481 (ellie.brown@ars.usda.gov)



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ANNOUNCEMENT KHORSHEH ALAM JOINS CHEMTAN STAFF

Chemtan Company, Inc. is pleased to announce the addition of Mr. Khorshed Alam to our staff. Mr. Alam brings a wealth of experience to Chemtan. His primary area of responsibility will be in the area of wet blue production. Additionally he will support the efforts of the lab to provide test results from hide and wet blue analysis.

Mr. Alam background includes a degree in Chemical Engineering and over 25 years of experience in the leather industry. He is fully versed in all areas of leather production with a particular strength in the area of chrome tanning.

The addition of Mr. Alam is part of Chemtan's overall growth plan to further develop its offerings in the area of wet blue production. Additionally, as part of this expansion in services, Chemtan is now actively marketing the fungicide Zenith 388.

The addition of Mr. Alam is a further demonstration of Chemtan's long history of being solely committed to the tanning industry. Over the years Chemtan has continually invested in personnel and equipment in order to support our customers with quality products and support services.

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