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M. Sathish, see *JALCA* **110**, 379, 2015

Z. Mohammad Jamal Azhar, see *JALCA* **110**, 379, 2015

R. Aravindhana, see *JALCA* **106**, 208, 2011

K. Sreeram, see *JALCA* **106**, 239, 2011

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

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Stuart Allen, see *JALCA* **107**, 213, 2012.

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N. Vedaraman, see *JALCA* **107**, 435, 2012

K. V. Sandhya, see *JALCA* **110**, 237, 2015

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A. Selvi, see *JALCA* **106**, 176, 2011

K. C Velappan, see *JALCA* **110**, 237, 2015

C. Muralidharan, see *JALCA* **110**, 23, 2015

Haibin Gu's interest in microbial control on hides and leathers began when he was a postgraduate student under the direction of Professor Wuyong Chen at Sichuan University. After receiving his PhD degree in Leather Chemistry and Engineering in 2008, he accepted a position at the department of Biomass and Leather Engineering in Sichuan University where he is currently an associate professor. His research interests are centered on the synthesis and application of antimicrobial compounds for the purpose of the development of antimicrobial function leather.

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Wuyong Chen, see *JALCA* **104**, 141, 2011



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JUNE 22-25, 2016

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 the Oglebay Resort, Wheeling, West Virginia, June 22-25, 2016.

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PRESS RELEASE

The Leather Research Laboratory at the University of Cincinnati will be hosting several educational opportunities in 2016:

Leather Orientation Course

This popular 2-Day course will take place at the Leather Research Laboratory on the campus of the University of Cincinnati and will cover a wide range of leather related issues such as physical structure, species identification, hide supply, wet-end and finishing operations, regulations, testing and customer acceptance issues. Attendees will also be given an in-depth tour of the Leather Research Laboratory.

The cost of this course is \$925 per person with a discounted price of \$830 for additional participants from the same company. Dates: April 27 – 28 and August 17 – 18.

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This new course is designed for individuals working in the leather industry that need a comprehensive understanding of the best quality control methods for quality leather production. This course will be a blend of class room instruction along with significant time for hands on application in the laboratory. Participants will be able to perform many of these quality tests and techniques on the provided leather samples or on their own samples. Course materials will include a copy of the book: *Skin, Hide and Leather Defects* by Jean Tancous.

The cost of this course is \$1050 per person with a discounted price of \$945 for additional participants from the same company. Dates: May 18 – 19 and September 14 – 15.



Leather Buyers Conference

This 1.5-day conference is intended for individuals responsible for sourcing decisions within their organization. Attendees will learn the key skills necessary to intelligently source leather and avoid common pitfalls that can cost your company money. This conference will have presentations by representatives from the Leather Research Laboratory, the Washington DC based law firm, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, Stephan Sothmann from the U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association and seasoned industry professional David Peters.

The cost of this 1.5 day conference is \$625 per person. Date: July 26- 27.

Contact: Rhonda Price at 513 242-6300 or email pricerf@uc.edu for further information or to register for one of these courses. A more detailed agenda for these programs can be found on our website: www.leatherusa.org under the *Lab News* button.

Few people realize that Leather Making is the world's oldest manufacturing process, thus the world's oldest industry. Tanning—the process of converting hides and skins into leather—is also the world's first science.

Also, because of the pure craftsmanship involved, tanning may well be the world's first art form.

Anyone who doubts that a
sheepskin has up to 30,000
fibers per square inch has
only to count them.

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PLACE OF LEATHER**

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