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Saiqi Tian, received his bachelor's degree in 2015 from the Biomass and Leather Engineering Department of Sichuan University, China. Now as a master-doctoral student in the Key Laboratory of Leather Chemistry and Engineering of Ministry of Education in Sichuan University, he is engaged in the preparation of polymer-based leather chemicals with fluorescent effect.

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Haojun Fan, see *JALCA* **100**, 29, 2005

Yi Chen, see *JALCA* **104**, 227, 2009

Jun Yan As a senior engineer in the National Engineering Laboratory for Clean Technology of Leather Manufacture in Sichuan University, China, his research focuses on the technology of superfine fiber synthetic leather.

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

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ALCA 112TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

JUNE 22-25, 2016

OGLEBAY RESORT, WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

Welcome to an exciting venue of events that will be unfolding for us from June 22 to June 25, 2016. We will host the 112th Annual Convention at the beautiful Oglebay Resort & Conference Center in Wheeling, West Virginia. It is a first class facility. You can learn more about Oglebay by logging on to their website at <http://www.oglebay-resort.com>.

In mid March we e-mail all ALCA members advising that the brochure is online with all details about the convention. Voting for our Slate of Candidates will be done via email in late April. The online convention registration form will be updated as soon as possible if you wish to print it out and use it. Log into: [leatherchemists.org/2016 ALCA Registration Form.pdf](http://leatherchemists.org/2016%20ALCA%20Registration%20Form.pdf) for the convention registration form. Continue checking this website for new information and announcements about the 112th Annual Convention.

Prior to the official opening of the convention, the annual golf tournament will be held at the Speidel Golf Club, Palmer 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 can be found under this section as well as our online brochure available in mid-March 2016.

The official opening of the convention will begin with Registration on Wednesday, June 22, from 5 – 7 pm in the Glessner Lobby followed by a Cocktail Reception from 7 – 8 pm at the West Terrace. A dinner and conversations with old and new associates of the leather industry will complete the evening.

ALCA President Sarah Drayna will open the Technical Program at 9 am on Thursday, June 23. This year's technical program is being organized by Vice-President David Peters

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 this section of our website. The 57th John Arthur Wilson Lecture will feature Rachel Garwood, Director of the Institute for Creative Leather Technologies (ICLT) in Northampton, UK. Her title will be "*Leather Education - Preserving the Past... Protecting the Future.*" The technical sessions will end at 4:45 pm followed by the Fun Run at 5:15 pm. Again this year Buckman is sponsoring their golf swing analyzer, Larry Shaver, from 7 to 10 pm in Banquet 3. Thursday's activities will be capped off by a cocktail reception from 7:15 pm to 8 pm in the Courtyard followed by dinner and Monte Carlo Night in Banquet 1-2 from 8 pm – 11 pm. This will be an exciting evening that you won't want to miss.

Technical papers will resume Friday morning at 9 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 Banquet Rooms 1-2, where prizes will be awarded for the Fun Run and golf outing. Technical papers will resume in the afternoon at 1:30 pm until 4:15 pm with the Awards Banquet Social Hour beginning at 6:30 pm in Banquet Rooms 1-2. Dinner will follow at 7:30 with the awards presentations afterwards. The convention will close with check out on Saturday.

Please make plans now to join us for a wonderful time at Oglebay!

Doug Morrison
Convention Chair

THE 57TH JOHN ARTHUR WILSON MEMORIAL LECTURE

by
RACHEL GARWOOD

Rachel Garwood will present the 57th John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture at our Annual Meeting, 9 am on Thursday, June 23, 2016. The title of her presentation is:

Leather Education... Preserving the Past... Protecting the Future

It was totally by accident that Rachel came into the leather industry and at the time she knew nothing about leather manufacture. However, she describes this as, "The best accident I ever had" and is very proud of what she has achieved.

After leaving school in 1989 she joined BLC Leather Technology Centre as a lab technician, where she was also given the opportunity to study for a degree. Her first impression of the industry came when she visited a traditional pit tannery where she felt she had gone back in history. However, while she found it interesting, she was surprised that leather manufacture was underpinned by science. She stayed with BLC Leather Technology Centre for twenty years and was involved in leather testing, research, business development and training. During this time she completed her BSc (Hons) in applied Biology and MSc in Leather Technology with support from the company.

In 2008 Rachel joined The University of Northampton (UoN) as a Senior Lecturer within the Institute for Creative Leather Technologies (ICLT) before undertaking the role of Director in 2011. As the Director of ICLT she has a wide variety of responsibilities including the coordination of budgets, staff management, quality assessment of academic courses, as well as lecturing to students from all around the world! As Rachel puts it, there are lots of balls to juggle but she enjoys the challenge; it is a very satisfying job and no day is boring.



Rachel Garwood

Rachel believes the career opportunities are excellent for those students choosing to study leather. The Institute is proud to have achieved 100% employability for leather graduates over the last three years. Given that the whole supply chain, from animal to final product, is taken into consideration while studying at ICLT, fashion and textile students are also attracted to develop their leather knowledge for application further down the supply chain. The industry is very diverse and provides both an exciting and challenging career.



CALL FOR PAPERS
FOR THE 112TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION
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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.

**Abstracts must be received by
 March 31, 2016.**

They are to be submitted by e-mail to the ALCA Vice-President and Chair of the Technical Program:

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The Abstract should begin with the title in capital letters, followed by the authors' names. An asterisk should denote the

name of the speaker, and contact information should be provided that includes an e-mail address. The abstract should be no longer than 300 English words, and in the Microsoft Word format.

Full Presentations at the convention will be limited to 25 minutes. In accordance with the Association Bylaws, all presentations are considered for publication by *The Journal of the American Leather Chemists Association*. They are not to be published elsewhere, other than in abstract form, without permission of the *Journal* Editor. For further paper preparation guidelines please refer to the *JALCA* Publication Policy on our website: leatherchemists.org

Full Presentations are due by May 15, 2016.

They are to be submitted by e-mail to the *JALCA* editor:

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UC LEATHER RESEARCH LABORATORY 2016 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Quality Assurance for Leather Workshop

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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