

## Comments from the *Journal* Editor

Dear members, subscribers, authors, leather scientists and June 2017 Annual Convention guests,

The proceedings of our 113<sup>th</sup> June Annual Convention, including the Wilson Lecture and Technical Program summary, are published in this September issue. The diversity of excellent presentations encompassed major issues affecting global leather activities. There were almost 90 attendees, including 21 internationals from 9 countries, appropriate for the increasingly more global reach of this *Journal*. This year we saw our inaugural ad hoc “football” competition – see picture that follows this note.

Mark your calendars now for next year’s 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention to be held at the Eaglewood Resort and Spa, Itasca, IL – its very convenient to the Chicago O’Hare Airport. Next year’s program will continue the diversity of new technologies, global trends and issues reports.

I want to thank the many people that make this *Journal* possible and available in both print and the electronic (e*zine*) formats. For the electronic *JALCA* subscribers, log-on to [alcajournal.com](http://alcajournal.com) or use the link at our website [leatherchemists.org](http://leatherchemists.org). Your comments and suggestions are strongly encouraged and most welcome – send to [jalcaeditor@prodigy.net](mailto:jalcaeditor@prodigy.net)

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“First Futbol game during the ALCA Convention”

Top: Jorge Diaz (GST), Ricardo Vite (GST), Jorge Diaz (GST), Ulrich Blank (Pulcra), Joan-Carles Castell (Stahl)

Bottom: Janio Rocha (JBS), Bauer Resende (Buckman), Alfredo Galvez (Importadora Leonesa), Jose Gallegos (Elementis) Photographers: Guilherme Motta (JBS), Ruben Ortiz (GST)

# News Release from the IULTCS

29 June 2017

## 2018 Young Leather Scientist Grant – Leather Research Grant Announced by IULTCS

The Executive Committee of the IULTCS is pleased to launch the 2018 Young Leather Scientist Grant. This prestigious grant is to be awarded to a young scientist, under the age of 35, for a leather research project conducted at a recognized institution in 2018. This is the fourth year of the grant and again Lear Corporation will provide the monetary sponsorship with the objective of encouraging new scientists to develop the chemistry, science and technology of leather. An Award of € 1,500 is to be paid as a single sum to the young leather scientist that submits the winning project proposal.

The applicant age limit has been increased to 35 years in order that young scientists starting a career with PhDs and Post Doctorate qualifications have an opportunity to apply.

The award will be administered by the International Union Research Commission (IUR), currently led by Dr Luis Zugno. Details of the eligibility requirements and Application Form are available on the IULTCS website ([www.iultcs.org](http://www.iultcs.org)). The independent Selection Committee is headed by Dr Michael Meyer. The submission deadline is October 31, 2017.

The IULTCS requests that readers of this announcement forward the information to those institutions and individuals who could benefit from the award.

## End News Release ##

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## Obituary

### Carl Perdue

Carl M. Perdue, 83, formerly of Aiken, SC and Sarasota, FL departed this life on June 11th to join his beloved wife of 57 years Barbara (Sixt) after living an amazing and well-traveled life. Born in South Bound Brook, NJ on April 22, 1934 to his late parents Carl Edward and Natalie (Cichomski) Perdue, he worked his way from pinsetter at his local bowling alley to Chemist at American Cyanamid. He was a life member of the ALCA (Joined the ALCA in 1960, given retired status 7-1-1999 and life status in 2001; O'Flaherty winner in 1985).

Carl was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He married his wife Barbara in 1960 and moved from NJ to Hamilton, MA where they raised their four children. Carl retired from his career in the Leather Industry as Vice President of Export Sales at Salem Oil & Grease Company in 1999. His career gave him the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the world. He cherished his time abroad, immersed in the local culture, learning the language, enjoying the local cuisine and developing close friends in every continent except Greenland. He always put a smile on their face as he cracked a joke, shared his knowledge of their home country, spoke their language or simply gave them a compliment. Carl spent much of his free time on golf courses around the world, and loved his time in Sarasota (Palm Aire CC) and Aiken (Houndslake CC) with all his golfing buddies.

His family, however, gave him his greatest pleasure, and those who know the Perdue family have heard stories of their wonderful, funny, singing and sports-filled family reunions.! The singing will continue through the voices of his children and grandchildren whom he loved dearly, Jacqueline P. Martin and her husband Bill of Hamilton, Cynthia Perdue-Dolan and her husband Dennis of Butte, MT; his son James Perdue and his wife Susan Swett of San Diego, CA; Billy Martin and his fiancé Samantha Salfity of Pensacola, FL, Catherine Martin of Hamilton, Abigail, Tommy and Patrick Dolan of Butte, and Nate, Maddy and Perrin Perdue of San Diego. He was the father of the late American Airlines Captain Carl Perdue, Jr. formerly of Middleton. He also leaves behind his beloved brother Donald Perdue of PA, loving sister Naomi and her husband Tom of FL, as well as many nieces and nephews. He will also miss his special cousins in TX and Spain. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at The Church of St. Paul, Hamilton, MA. Contributions may be made in his name to Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923, or [www.caredimensions.org](http://www.caredimensions.org).

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