

Introduction to the 62nd John Arthur Wilson Lecture

by Eric Webb

Good morning Ladies and Gentleman. My name is Eric Webb, and it is my honor to introduce this year's John Arthur Wilson Lecture. This is the 62nd John Arthur Wilson lecture. Looking back at the former recipients of this award you will see strong leaders of our industry in various ways and this year's recipient is another strong leader.

The John Arthur Wilson lecture was initiated in 1959 in memory of the late John Arthur Wilson, who was regarded as a world leader in the leather chemical industry as well as an esteemed member of our association.

I am here as a representative of Stahl, who are proud sponsors of the John Arthur Wilson lecture since 2004. I know our association thanks Stahl for their ongoing support and commitment as the main sponsor for this lecture.

For the last decade our recipient has mixed part-time teaching at the University of Bath School of Management with an involvement in the leather industry which has involved undertaking commercial work with supporting Leather Naturally and being a Trustee of the U.K. Leather Conservation Centre.

Having studied Leather Science at Leeds University, he worked as a technician and general manager in tanneries around the world, including Italy and Latin America before being unexpectedly asked to focus on sales and marketing by a fast-expanding Pittards. Since then, he has concentrated on marketing, innovation and lately corporate responsibility. Mr. Redwood's Ph.D. from Bath University was in marketing and related to the evolution of business networks over long periods of time, with which he mixes an interest in the history of technology.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome this year's winner of the John Arthur Wilson lecture recipient Mike Redwood.



Eric Webb presenting Dr. Redwood with the John Arthur Wilson Award