



News Release from the IULTCS

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Mr. Santiago Ortiz-Monsalve to receive IUR Research Grant

The judging panel of the IULTCS Research Commission (IUR) is pleased to announce the third recipient of the **Young Leather Scientist Grant**. This monetary award helps support the work of young talent in the leather sector and the IULTCS gratefully acknowledges sponsorship by the Lear Corporation. The winner of the Euro 1500 grant is Mr. Santiago Ortiz-Monsalve from the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, LACOURO, Brazil. The research topic is an area of great practical interest for the leather industry: “*Treatment of Tannery Dye-Containing Effluents Using Native Fungal Strains*”. His detailed proposal investigates fungal organisms that have the potential to decolorize and detoxify dye-containing effluents. This work aims to contribute to the development of important technologies for the treatment of some of the more recalcitrant wastewaters from the leather industry.

Santiago Ortiz-Monsalve is a Ph.D. student in Chemical Engineering at Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, LACOURO, Brazil. His research focuses on bio-decolouration and biodegradation of leather dyes and he has previous publications on the subject.

Dr. Luis Zugno, the IUR Chair, stated on this third year of the Young Leather Scientist Grant: “This year we have received a larger number of innovative research topics and the quality of the applications has also improved”. This indicates the growing importance and interest in this grant. The Selection



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Committee is chaired by Dr. Michael Meyer who oversees the necessary independence, confidentiality, and integrity of the selection process.

The next Young Leather Scientist Award for 2018 will again be sponsored by the Lear Corporation and expect further announcements in February next year.

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