



INTERNATIONAL UNION OF LEATHER
TECHNOLOGISTS AND CHEMISTS SOCIETIES

**Minutes of the IULTCS Executive Committee Meeting
11th October 2009 at 13:00 hrs
Beijing International Hotel
Beijing, China.**

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting

The Executive Secretary called the meeting to order at 13.05 hrs.

1. Attendees

Elton Hurlow (President), Dr Campbell Page (Secretary-Treasurer), Dr Bi Shi (Vice-President), Marc Folachier (Past-President), Dr Volkan Candar, Patricia Casey, Joan Carles Castell, Su Chaoying, Dr Luisa Cabeza, Dr Heinz-Peter Germann, Dr Mariliz Gutterres (for Katia Streit), Mainul Haque, Arnab Jha, Dr Michael Meyer (arrived late), Christine Powley-Williams (for Dr Jeffrey Guthrie-Strachan), Dr S. Rajamani, Vicente Segarra, Chen Zhanguang.

Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from: Dr Domenico Castiello, Dr Jeffrey Guthrie-Strachan, Katia Streit, Ahab Tuomi, Ricardo Weiss and Mike Wilson.

The Secretary welcomed the EC members to the meeting in Beijing and thanked them for the very good attendance. Elton Hurlow took the opportunity to welcome those attending the EC Committee meeting for the first time.

2. Minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting, 9th March 2009 in Reutlingen

These had been circulated previously and there being no amendments, the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Action items

The separate list of action items established at the last meeting was reviewed - most items have been satisfactorily progressed.

Elton Hurlow urged the IU Commissions use press releases and other ways to publicise their work. The IUL can help in getting the results of the good Commission work into the press.

4. President's Report

Much of what is covered in this report will be touched on in various meetings over the next few days, so I will keep my comments short, but want to document items for the record. Most important of this week's activities is of course the Global Congress which is the most visible public event of the IULTCS calendar. My sincere appreciation to the organizers – Mr. Su, Dr. Shi Bi and the CLIA - for their hard work in preparation thus far; I am sure the meeting will proceed very well. I also encourage EC members to plan to attend various commission meetings that will take place over the next few days. Your role as Executives of the Union is to support and guide commission work and to solicit interest and participation in the commissions from your regions. To do this effectively, you need to be familiar with the work of each commission. This week also includes the very important meeting of the Council of Delegates with critical items on the agenda.

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Let me summarize some of the International Union activities since the March EC meeting in Reutlingen:

1. Matters relating to Executive Committee:
 - a. Global teleconference held on June 23rd – update on regional and commission developments.
 - b. New IUR Commission chair appointed – Dr. Dietrich Tegtmeier. A proposed mission statement along with revised commission priorities are to be reviewed this week.
 - c. Appointed a new North America Regional representative – Mainul Haque
 - d. Worked with the IUT Commission chair – Dr. Jeffry Strachan on a proposal for “Continuing Professional Development Program”. A detailed proposal will be shared later.
 - e. Assisted the IUL Commission with various news releases – Beijing Congress & IULTCS appointments.
 - f. We note the change in Chair for 2011 IULTCS Congress in Spain – Vicente Segarra
 - g. Recognize the 60th anniversary of the Germany VGCT celebrated May 7 to 8th.
2. Preparation and planning for the 30th IULTCS Congress in Beijing.
3. Recognition of Individual and Industry Excellence: It is appropriate that the IULTCS Executive support the recognition of individuals and organizations who excel in scientific and technological endeavours.
 - a. IULTCS Merit Award: Selection of Prof. Covington, announcement & preparation of award plaque
 - b. VESLIC Award recognizing “Young Researcher Talent” – guidelines for the award are in place.
 - c. Tannery of the Year Award: Agreed to IULTCS involvement as a supporter of this award scheme. First award due in March 2010.
4. Promotional Brochure completed and to be handed out to Congress attendees:
 - a. The purpose is to promote the aims and objectives of the IULTCS, clearly communicating the scope of activities and benefits to individuals and industry.
 - b. The goal is to get greater loyalty and improved participation from existing members and increased interest from non-members.
 - c. Copies of the brochure should be handed out to members during meetings and I especially ask that EC members get copies in the hands of prospective members.
 - d. Note: This brochure may be translated.
5. External Industry Contacts and Meetings:
 - a. Attended the BSLT centenary celebrations in Northampton in mid July, including visits to the Shoe Museum and Museum of Leathercraft.
 - b. Opinion column for July edition of “Leather International”
 - c. Invitations to officers of other international organizations to attend Beijing Congress – e.g. ICT, Cotance.
 - d. Discussions on IU involvement in leather labelling and identity.
 - e. Shared ideas on a possible second edition of ILF
6. Preparation for Council of Delegates Meeting:
 - a. Changes to Statutes and Internal Regulations – direct representation
 - b. Rotation of officers
 - c. Review of accounts

The role of the IULTCS is more important today than ever. The IULTCS is global in scope and reach, has a broad vision, but clear goals and a framework within which we can coordinate our efforts. The framework includes the leadership activities of the EC, the functioning of our Commissions, our website, our Congresses, and other International Union practices and traditions. As leaders in the industry, we should be increasingly concerned by the undermining of the identity of leather and the threat posed by substitutes and synthetics. We should also pay attention to the threat posed by the image of our industry based on some unsustainable practices in certain parts of the world. It is not the role of the IULTCS to respond to every attack against our industry, but I do believe that the Union has a uniquely qualified membership that can make a positive contribution towards supporting the IDENTITY of leather, the IMAGE of the industry, and INNOVATION in leather making. I intend to speak further on these three

topics at the opening of Congress. Thank you for attending this meeting and I look forward to your continued support and contributions to the IULTCS.

5. Secretary/Treasurers Report

a) Membership & Subscriptions

The Secretary reported that to date all Member Societies except the Associate Member Greece have paid their subscription for 2009.

Following the dissolution of the Scandinavian Society in 2007, the Borge tannery in Norway has recently informed the IULTCS that it would like to become an IULTCS Associate Member. An invoice has been sent and as soon as payment is received they will become Associate Members.

Elton Hurlow reported he was in discussion with TILA (Taiwan International Leather Association) to become members of IULTCS. It was planned to follow this up during the Congress and to confirm their Membership.

With the global financial crisis at the start of 2009, the Secretary decided to delay until July sending out the invoices for banner sponsorship on the IULTCS website. To date 3 of the 6 Supporting Members have paid their invoices. The others will be contacted again to see if they wish to continue.

b) Financial situation

The accounts and assets of the IULTCS were reported in detail at the last meeting. The investments have not changed since then but the value of the main investment Fund with UBS has slowly improved from the difficult situation at the start of 2009.

The 3½ year investment in a guaranteed Equity Fund with the Bank of Ireland (BOI) will mature on the 19th October. The amount invested in GBP will be returned, but relative to other currencies the GBP has fallen considerably in value over the last couple of years and this will have a considerable negative impact.

The IULTCS has a current bank account balance of 27200 EUR. This balance is more than required and at some stage part of it is planned to be invested. However, the imminent maturing of the BOI investment and the turbulence in the finance markets has meant there has been no hurry to do this.

The accounts for 2009 are in line with the 2009 Budget approved at the last EC meeting.

c) 2007 & 2008 Audit

The Executive Committee unanimously appointed Mr Peter Hechler, Nofiba AG, Basel, Switzerland, as the auditor of the IULTCS accounts.

Mr Hechler has reviewed the IULTCS accounts from 2007 & 2008 and accepted them as a correct record of the IULTCS financial situation. His report along with the 2 year audited financial statement (in US dollars as required by the Statutes) was circulated to the EC members.

They show that for the 2 years, 2007 & 2008, a surplus of US\$14992 was achieved, which after writing down the value of the Bank of Ireland investment left a net surplus for 2007 & 2008 of US\$6552. With an additional note explaining that Uruguay had paid in 2006 their subscription until 2009, the EC committee unanimously approved the audited accounts. They will be submitted to the Council of Delegates for approval in 2 days time.

Mr Hechler has proposed that the IULTCS accounts be submitted to the Basel City tax authorities. Membership fees are tax-free but there would be some capital tax to pay on the investments. However, the advantage is that the current withholding tax paid for the UBS investment can be claimed back, possibly for the last 3 years.

d) Website advertising (Supporting Members)

The income from advertising Banners on the IULTCS website is a very important income source for IULTCS. The Secretary asked EC Members to help to get a few more Supporting Members. At 500 EUR per year the banner advertising on the IULTCS website is very attractively priced.

6. Progress reports on planning and arrangements for IULTCS Congresses

a) XXX IULTCS Congress – Beijing, China, 11th – 14th Oct. 2009

With only a few hours to go before the Congress begins, Su Chaoying reported that the organisation for the 30th IULTCS Congress is ready to start. He thanked all those present for attending. Su Chaoying gave an update on the Congress details:

- approx. 280 people have registered, including 80 from overseas;
- 43 oral and 83 visual presentations are scheduled;
- a comprehensive welcome guide pack is ready including a number of inserts and magazines;
- the opening of the Congress is at 08.00h on the 11th Oct.;
- a list of delegates will be printed and distributed during the Congress;
- Luisa Cabeza asked if a certificate of attendance would be available. Su Chaoying replied only those presenting papers would receive a certificate.

Elton Hurlow congratulated Su Chaoying and his CLIA team for the hard work and wished them every success during the next days.

b) XXXI IULTCS Congress – Valencia, Spain, 28th – 30th Sept. 2011

Luisa Cabeza reported that Vicente Segarra has taken over the role of Congress Chairman, as Daniel Sanchez is now based in China. The Congress committee of 7 is actively working on funding. The organisation of the Congress has been contracted out to a professional organiser.

The Scientific Committee has been formed with many EC members involved. Abstracts will be required by Nov. 2010, so the Committee will start contacting IULTCS members from around July 2010.

A short DVD presentation on Valencia has been prepared and was shown. It will be presented during the closing ceremony of the Beijing Congress.

The Congress webpage has been prepared (www.aqeic.org/spa/IULTCS/Valencia2011/Index.htm) and is now linked to the advertisement on the IULTCS website.

c) XXXII IULTCS Congress – Istanbul, Turkey, 29th – 31st May 2013

Volkan Candar gave a short overview. An organising committee is being formed and it is planned to hold the Congress at the new Congress Valley in Istanbul. A website will shortly be available and will be linked to the advertisement on the IULTCS website.

Campbell Page noted that as from the start of 2010 Turkey should appoint a Congress representative onto the IULTCS Executive Committee. The name of this representative should be communicated to Campbell Page by the end of 2009.

d) XXXIII IULTCS Congress – 2015 – possible venues

The Executive Committee opened nominations for the location of the 2015 IULTCS Congress.

To date, Brazil and India have expressed an interest in holding this Congress.

Elton Hurlow asked Members to submit by e-mail or letter their application to hold the Congress to the IULTCS Secretary before the next Executive Committee meeting on 29th March 2010.

d) Asian Leather Conference – 2010 – in either Kalkutta or Chennai

Arnab Jha reported that activities have been started to organise an Asian Conference in India. It is just in the initial stages of planning and the proposal is to have Dr S. Rajamani as the Conference Chairman. The venue is likely to be Kalkutta or Chennai. The date proposed is approx. October 2010. Further details will be communicated.

It was asked if it was possible to hold the Conference to coincide with a Leather Fair.

7. Discussion points for the Council of Delegates meeting

The most important aspect is the vote by the COD meeting to change the IULTCS Statutes. This allows direct representation on the Executive Committee by each Member Society, instead of the current Regional Representative system.

The Executive Committee approved unanimously the proposal to automatically adopt the correspondingly updated version of the Internal Regulations once the COD meeting has accepted the new IULTCS Statutes.

Elton Hurlow proposed that the implementation of the changes in the IULTCS Statutes be delayed until the 1st December 2009 to give Member Societies time to nominate their representatives for the Executive Committee. Otherwise we could have a situation where for a period of time there were no official Member representatives. The EC accepted this proposal unanimously.

Elton plans to call a teleconference to welcome all representatives on December 14th.

To clarify the change to direct Member representation on the Executive Committee, Elton explained that the President of the Member Societies would be the de-facto representative. However, for continuity he strongly recommended the Members nominate a representative that could serve the whole 4 year period. Regional representatives are possible but must be arranged by the Members involved and not by the Executive Committee.

Elton commented that the current Executive Committee members had worked well for the IULTCS and that he hoped that as many as possible would be re-appointed as the direct representative.

Campbell Page briefly outlined the other points to be discussed in the COD meeting.

8. Activity reports from the Regions

a) Central Europe

Heinz-Peter Germann reported that the VGCT had held their Annual meeting in March 2009. Dr Haiko Schulz was presented with the 2009 VGCT Award for excellent scientific and technical performance. Further information is available via the VGCT website and newsletter at http://www.vgct.de/pdf/intern1_2009.pdf

The next VGCT Annual meeting will be held on the 16th – 18th March 2010 in conjunction with the LGR Information and Discussion Seminar.

b) Northern Europe

Christine Powley-Williams informed us that the next SLTC Annual Conference would take place on the 26th September 2010.

c) North America

Mainul Haque reported on the ALCA, the complete report is presented in Annex B. The Annual meeting held in June 2009 and the new officers appointed. Some 17 technical papers were presented, including the John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture by Dr Eleanor Brown. David Rabinovich, received the Fred O'Flaherty Service Award and Karel Kolomaznik of Tomas Bata University, Czech Republic, received the Alsop Award.

The 2010 ALCA Annual meeting is 10 -13th June. More information is available on the ALCA website, www.leatherchemists.org.

ALCA has 5 technical committees, namely Methods and Specifications, Education, Environmental Affairs, Research Liaison and Uses of Collagen and its Coproducts.

Robert White has been appointed for a further 3 years as the JALCA editor.

d) Southern South America

Patricia Casey reported that Argentinean Society had held a seminar with the shoe industry. They have also run courses on leather technology for technicians. A colour seminar has also been organised.

e) Northern Asia

Bi Shi reported that all attempts to get Korea leather scientists and technologists to attend the Congress had not been successful. He asked if anyone had good personal contacts to Korean organisations they should let him know. Elton Hurlow noted that in some countries it was through these personal contacts that the

IULTCS could establish a communication with the leather industry and institutes. For example, through the help of CLIA a scientist from the Centre for Leather, Rubber and Plastics (CLRP) in Indonesia would attend this Congress.

f) Southern Asia

Arnab Jha presented a report on the ILTA activities. The full report is attached as Annex A. The Indian Government has set ambitious targets for leather industry exports by the end of 2011, but the global recession and a severe drought is adversely affecting the industry.

This year the Prof. B.M. Das Memorial Lecture entitled “Leather Science; future challenges and opportunity” was given by Dr O.K. Kaul from Tata International. The Sanjay Sen Memorial Lecture entitled Global meltdown vis-à-vis Indian Leather Industry” was presented by Dr D.K. Bhattacharaya.

Each year on the Foundation day of ILTA, the best students of the Leather Technology Colleges in India are awarded with the medals and certificates for their success in B.Tech and M.Tech Examinations.

All the Trade Associations and Government are working to emphasis the need for better management practice and environmental protection practices at all levels. A number of activities have been implemented based on the successful development of the leather sector in Kolkutta.

The ILTA has published several books as well as their journal JILTA. In addition, the ILTA has been involved in several industry seminars during 2009.

Arnab Jha commented that environment protection and amendment of regulations has put a question mark on the sustainability of leather industry. In the last decades the leather industry has moved from developed country to developing country, but the spreading of pollution does not need any passport/visa. Hence it is the high time to manufacture leather so that pollution is minimised. Throughout the world all the scientists and technologists should join together with an oath of "Cleaner technology for all".

9. Activity reports from the IULTCS Commissions

a) IUC, IUF and IUP Test Method Commissions

Joan Carles Castell and Campbell Page reported briefly on the last meeting at SATRA on the 16th September 2009. A detailed review of developments in leather test methods will be held during a test methods meeting at the Beijing Congress.

Next IUC / IUF / IUP Commission meeting: 23-24th March 2010 at UNI in Milan, Italy.

b) IUE Environmental Commission

Dr. S. Rajamani reported the IUE has been active with meetings in Rio de Janiero in the last year. A further meeting will take place at this Congress immediately after this EC meeting.

Dr Rajamani has made presentations on IUE activities at Rio de Janiero, Reutlingen, Argentina, India and now Beijing. He is publishing the IUE documents (which are available on the IULTCS website) in the Indian leather journal, “Leathers”, to help reach a wider audience.

Contacts with other organisations, institutes and authorities involved in environmental matters have been maintained.

c) IUT Training Commission

Elton Hurlow reported that he has held discussions with Jeffy Guthrie-Strachan and the IUT Handbook on continuing Education was close to completion. The proposal is to have with a certificate which rewards those people in the leather industry who are undertaking further training. In the absence of Jeffry, Elton has agreed to chair the IUT meeting scheduled during the Congress. Elton urged all those interested to attend the meeting.

Marc Folachier remarked that the idea is excellent but care must be taken not to get involved in owner and trade union matters.

d) IUR Research Commission

Elton Hurlow thanked Volkan Candar for the work he has put into getting the IUR started. With Volkan's appointment as Vice President, he had asked that a new Chairman of IUR be appointed. Dr Dietrich Tegtmeier has accepted this job. Elton and Volkan are working with him to further development to concept of platform technologies needed by the leather industry and how the IULTCS can support research through the IUR Commission.

In the absence of Dietrich, Elton has agreed to chair the IUR meeting scheduled during the Congress. Elton urged all those interested to come to the meeting and voice their opinion.

e) IUL Liaison Commission

Marc Folachier reported that the aim of the IUL is to improve the communication of the work being done by the IULTCS. Marc has been the media liaison office for the IULTCS.

He has established new communication channels for IULTCS to the global leather media. To improve this further, the IULTCS as a neutral, informed leather information source needs to be able to react quickly to media reports, both positive and negative. An example is the combined effort of 4 EC members to produce an IUL response within 24 hours to change an incorrect media release regarding dimethyl fumarate. A number of IUL information releases have been made and all have been prominently published in the leather magazines world-wide.

Marc said to keep this fast reaction a database of expert items on various topics would be a help. In addition, a further expanding of the list of news media contacts for publishing of leather information releases was needed. Those who have knowledge of key news media contacts were asked to let him know. There are still a few countries with leather publications that were not on his circulation list for IULTCS information releases. The EC members agreed to help him with these contacts during the Congress.

Marc announced that the IULTCS will need to find a replacement for him at the end of 2009. Marc is now retired and he will not be able to travel to meetings in future.

Elton thanked Marc for all his excellent work in getting the IUL established and working as an effective communication tool for IULTCS. Patricia also thanked Marc as she felt these communications had lifted the profile of the IULTCS globally. She has translated all the communications and circulated them widely. Elton said he will work with Bi Shi and Campbell to find a replacement.

An IUL meeting will be held during the Congress, this meeting is open to all. To build up a network of experts on leather scientific problems and experts in communication would be the ideal. This way a press release can be quickly prepared and validated by experts.

10. IULTCS Merit Award

Elton reported that Professor Tony Covington will be presented with the IULTCS Merit Award during the opening ceremony of the Beijing Congress. The EC members were shown the Merit Award plaque that had been prepared.

11. Website (www.iultcs.org) and related matters

Christine Powley-Williams informed the EC that the SLTC is developing a SLTC facebook for those people involved in the leather industry. Anybody wanting further details should contact her via the SLTC website, www.sltc.org.

Campbell Page explained that the Forum on the IULTCS website was being badly abused so after consultation with Elton he decided to close it. Elton pointed out that the ALCA have a good Forum for anyone with leather related questions. It is recommended that those with technical leather questions should use the ALCA website Forum at www.leatherchemists.org/forum.

12. Any other business

a) IULTCS brochure

The promotion brochure about IULTCS has been prepared and printed. Copies were circulated to EC Members and the brochure will be distributed at the Congress.

Campbell Page thanked those who responded to his request for good quality photos on topics related to the leather industry. Several of the photos sent in have been used in the brochure.

b) Next ILF meeting

Elton reported that discussions for a future ILF meeting has started. It is hoped to advance the proposal further during this Congress with the AFICTIC representatives who would be responsible for the meeting. The ILF is a large logistical event with some 100 VIPs invited and requiring a 100'000 EUR budget.

13. Date and location of the next IULTCS Executive Meeting

After some discussion it was decided hold 2 EC meetings in 2010, one in the Asian region and the other in Europe. The preferred timing was March and September / October.

The EC decided that the next IULTCS Executive Committee will be held to coincide with the Hong Kong Leather Fair, 29th – 31st March 2010.

Next meeting: Monday, 29th March 2010, 09.00h 12.00h, at APLF, Hong Kong Exhibition & Convention Center, Hong Kong (Please note this date in your agenda now!)

Full details will be circulated nearer the time.

At 15.30h the President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the IULTCS Executive meeting closed.

Campbell Page
IULTCS Secretary
30th November 2009



Annex A

REPORT OF ILTA, India (South Asia Region)

By **ARNAB JHA**

The India Government in connivance to different Govt. / Semi Govt. / Quasi Govt. Institutions declared an Export Target of 11 billion dollar by the end of the year 2011. All possible steps are/ were taken in support to that programme. In the meantime, the Global Recession and in addition the drought (25% less rainfall than normal) has further affected the scenario of industries (leather is no exception) adversely.

Therefore throughout the country better Management practice and Environment protection management practice have been given importance at all levels.

All the Trade and Technological Associations with Govt. and Semi Govt. bodies are working seriously giving full emphasis on the objectives set at individual level.

This year the Prof. B.M. Das (the founder of Govt. College of Engineering and Leather Technology, First Director of the globally accepted premier Research Institute, The Central Leather Research Institute and the first President of the Member Society, India namely Indian Leather Technologists' Association) memorial lecture titled "Leather Science; future challenges and opportunity", was delivered by Dr. O.K. Kaul. Participants from the Industry and Government Organizations joined the programme. Some steps taken by TATA International were focused in support to the theme of the lecture.

Like other years, the Sanjay Sen memorial lecture, titled "Global Meltdown vis-à-vis Indian Leather Industry" was delivered by Dr. D.K. Bhattacharya, Director, Camellia School of Business Management, Digberia.

The interactive session for both lectures was interesting and elaborative.

Like every year, this year on Foundation day of ILTA the toppers of the Leather Technology Colleges in India were awarded with the medals and certificates for their success in B.Tech and M.Tech Examinations. The Toppers had also delivered their presentations on their Research work being part of the syllabus.

ILTA has published books for students apart from a regular journal named JILTA. The main books are:

- i. Principles of Leather Manufacture - Prof. S.S. Oatta.
- ii. Analytical Chemistry of Leather Manufacture - Prof. P.K. Sarkar
- iii. Physical Testing of Leather - Prof. S.S. Oatta
- iv. Comprehensive Footwear Technology - Mr. S.N. Ganguly.

We solicit the reports and permission to introduce the official test methods to update the book of Analytical Chemistry or to publish a new book on the subject.

Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India

In order to facilitate successful execution of "The Implementing BDS (Business Development Services) in the leather sector at Kolkata", the EDI, Ahmedabad has signed an agreement with ILTA to the effect that ILTA will provide encompassing support for successful implementation of the Project which inter-alia includes

1. Cluster Mapping and Diagnostic Study of the prevalent BDS market
2. Validation of the findings of the Diagnostic Study
3. Preparation of a prioritized action plan
4. Implementation of the Action Plan
5. Ensure sustainability of the BDS market
6. EDI will implement all the activities of the action plan in a strategic and systematic manner, ILTA will proactively participate in the project.

The Govt. of India has entrusted the "National Productivity Council" to initiate action on implementation of Lean Manufacturing concept in the leather sector. A workshop is likely to be organized with the support of ILTA to discuss about action plan and to get fair idea about objective, purpose and financial implication involved in the process.

The president / general secretary of ILTA is the member of "Governing Council" of the oldest Leather Institute of India named GCELT. A syllabus committee is framed to match the requirement of Industry and advance research work together.

The CLRI has transferred technologies which are really noteworthy.

Technologies Transferred during 2008-2009

Name of the Know-how/Technology Transferred	Name of the Industry
Collagen Membrane Re constitute Collagen Membrane Re constituted Collagen Sponge Collagen Sponge Bone Implant Fibrogel	M/s Bio-collagen Technologies, SDN BHD, Malaysia
Treatment of waste water using modified CAACO Process	Tamilnadu Newsprint and Papers Limited, Chennai
Diabetic Footwear	MV Diabetes Healthcare, Chennai
Removal of refractory organica in waste water Using Fenton Activated Carbon Catalytic Oxidation (FACCO) SYSTEM	Tamilnadu Newsprint and Papers Limited, Chennai

The GCELT (90 years) have completed and undergoing research work in the following subject. ILTA is involved with all of them:-

- Combination of leather buffing dust in liquid polyurethane for making sole. This reinforces the material and imparts extra leathery properties in the sole.
- Use of alternative eco friendly chemical depilatory agents.
- Use of living Microbes for preservation of hides and Skins
- Recycling of Soak liquor and collection of salt.
- Synthesis of Protein Syntan from limed fleshings.
- Study of eco system of East Calcutta Wetland.
- Study on halophilic bacteria for organic treatment of soak liquor.
- Study on energy efficient and eco friendly compact tanning and post tanning system.
- Study on energy efficient tanning drum.

ILTA was co-member with CLE for the following programme:

- Seminar on "SA8000" in collaboration with SGS India Ltd on 16th May 2009 to give idea of SA8000 standard and the Audit process.
- Seminar organized with CLRI on trends for MODEUROPE A/W 2009-10 on 23rd June 2009.
- An awareness programme on REACH regulation (Registration, evaluation and authorization of chemicals in the European Union) jointly with REACH support, Nagpur on 21st Jan 2009

d) Seminar on "Production standards of finished leather and Footwear (Full shoes) organized jointly with CLRI, National Productivity council.

Indian Vety Research Institute has entered into an agreement with Russia to explore the possibility of Mithun, a milking animal of Meghalaya and surrounding along with the recovery of hides and their processing. ILTA and GCELT have been invited to develop and train the members of the team.

Like every year this year on 29th and 30th January, two days programme of Leather Research Industry get together was held in Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI). This year's theme was "Challenges and Opportunities in Leather sector (COIL)". Some of the programmes were repeated throughout the country on request. The subjects covered were REACH and re use of water; overview of Global economic melt down; Modernisation and improved system, Marketing of Leather products and trade policies, etc.

Dr. S. Rajamani has done and is doing yeoman service in IUE Commission. His papers are periodically published in the journal Leather (a journal published by Council for Leather Exports). ILTA is very proud of his service extended for the cause of environment protection.

ILTA is working in close proximity with CLE, CLCTA, ILPA, AISHMA, IPCOMA IUO, etc., in different capacity.

ILTA has planned for year long programme throughout the country to celebrate its DIAMOND JUBILEE. The most important programme have been proposed to be "The Asian Congress on Leather Science and Technology" under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. Rajamani, the Chairman of IUE Commission. On finalization the total programme will be forwarded to IULTCS committee.

At the end I would like to mention that on the ground of environment protection and amendment of strict norms from time to time has put a question mark on the sustainability of leather Industry. The Industry has moved from developed country to developing country. But the spreading of pollution does not bother any passport/visa. Hence it is the high time to rewrite, restructure, re do the process of Leather making so that no pollution or least pollution occur. Throughout the world all the experts, scientists, practitioners should join together with an oath of "Cleaner Technology for all".

Annex B

REPORT OF ALCA, USA (North America Region)

NEW ALCA OFFICERS ANNOUNCED:

The Association announced the new slate of officers for June, 2009 to June, 2010 as follows:

President: David LeBlanc of TLF USA/Canada, The Woodlands, Texas
Vice President: Craig Keyser of Adaptive Technologies, North Brunswick, NJ
Vice President Elect: Andreas Rhein of S.B. Foot Tanning Co., Red Wing, MN

NEW COUNCILORS ELECTED:

Michael Bley of Eagle Ottawa LLC, Rochester Hills, MI, and Alexander Campbell of Stahl USA, Peabody, MA, were elected new councilors for 2009-2012.

105th ANNUAL ALCA MEETING:

The 105th annual meeting was held at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, West Virginia, June 18-21, 2009.

- ◆ Seventeen presentations were given including the John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture. Attendance represented a diverse group within the leather industry.
- ◆ David Rabinovich, consultant to the ABC Leder Grupo-Andino in Medellin, Colombia, received the Fred O'Flaherty Service Award. Karel Kolomaznik of Tomas Bata University, Czech Republic, received the Alsop Award.

- ◆ Dr. Eleanor M. Brown presented the 50th John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture entitled “Collagen: A Natural Scaffold for Biology and Engineering.”
- ◆ George Stockman of Buckman Laboratories, Memphis, TN, was the recipient of the Dr. Robert M. Lollar Prize Paper Award. He will be presenting his paper entitled “Soaking: Balancing Operational and Quality Issues Using both Fresh and Brine Cured Hides” at this IULTCS Congress.
- ◆ The social program included a golf outing, a fun run sponsored by “World Leather,” Monte Carlo Night, and an evening awards banquet.

106th ANNUAL ALCA MEETING:

The 106th annual meeting will be held at the Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in Lake Geneva, WI, June 10-13, 2010. It will start with a shotgun golf tournament on the first day along with registration that evening followed by two days of presentations. An outstanding technical program is being prepared by the ALCA Vice President, Craig Keyser. We invite you to both submit papers and to attend this convention. Our website at www.leatherchemists.org will continue to have the latest updates on the 106th Annual Meeting as well as all other pertinent information regarding the ALCA.

ALCA TECHNICAL COMMITTEES:

- ◆ The ALCA currently has 5 technical committees, namely the Committee on Methods and Specifications, the Education Committee, the Environmental Affairs Committee, the Research Liaison Committee, and the Uses of Collagen and Its Coproducts. New chairs were announced for the Education Committee, Stephen S. Yanek of Seton Company, and for the Environmental Affairs, Sarah Drayna of Lanxess.

The JALCA Journal:

The JOURNAL Editor, Robert F. White, of Quailtek Resources, LLC, Barnegat Light, New Jersey, has renewed his contract as editor for another three year term. He can be reached at jalcaeditor@prodigy.net.
