



## Minutes of the IULTCS Executive Committee Meeting 30th March 2011

Hong Kong Exhibition & Convention Center  
APLF Leather Fair,  
Hong Kong.

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### Minutes of Executive Committee meeting

The Executive Secretary called the meeting to order at 09.20 hrs.

#### **1. Attendees**

Dr Bi Shi (President), Dr Campbell Page (Secretary-Treasurer), Dr Volkan Candar (Vice-President), Elton Hurlow (Past-President), Joan Carles Castell, Su Chaoying, Jean-Pierre Gualino, Roberto Kamelman, Christine Ohren-Bird, Dr S. Rajamani, Dr Dietrich Tegtmeier, Thomas Yu, Chen Zhanguang.

Guests: George Huang (TILA), Li Yu Zhong (CLIA).

Apologies: Dr Gianluigi Calvanese, Patricia Casey, Dr Luisa Cabeza, Gloria Diaz, Dr Heinz-Peter Germann, Mainul Haque, Dr Jeffry Guthrie-Strachan, Arnab Jha, Luis Labastida, Vicente Segarra, Dr Ahab Tuomi, Ricardo Weiss, Mike Wilson and Dr Keiji Yoshimura.

The President and Secretary welcomed everybody to the meeting at Exhibition Center in Hong Kong. The Secretary expressed thanks to the CLIA for organising the meeting room.

Dr Yoshimura from Japan was unable to attend because of the situation in Japan following the earthquake and tsunami. He reported that he and other JLTA members were okay.

#### **2. Minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010 in Kolkata**

These had been circulated previously. There were no comments and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **3. President's Report**

##### **Membership**

We are delighted to have two new Associate Members since July of this year. They are:

- 1) Indonesian Leather Tannery Association Yogyakarta Branch (ITAB-YC). The President of ITAB-YC is Mr. Sutanto Haryono, and their representative to the Executive Committee is Mrs. Suliestiyah Wiryodiningrat.
- 2) The New Zealand Leather & Shoe Research Association (LASRA). The representative of LASRA to the Executive Committee is Dr. Warren G. Bryson, the Director of LASRA.

This brings the total number of Members of the IULTCS to 23 (17 Members and 6 Associate Members). We look forward to increased participation and contribution from Indonesian and New Zealand leather professionals at the global level. We also expect more leather producing Asian countries that are or are becoming a prosperous region of leather industry to join our IULTCS family in the future.

## **Congresses**

### **1) The XXXI IULTCS Congress - Valencia, Spain, 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2011**

The Congress Committee is working hard on the preparations. The deadline for submitting abstracts was extended to Dec. 15, 2010 at the request from IULTCS members. The accepted abstracts will be announced on March 15, 2011, and the full papers should be submitted by June 10, 2011.

### **2) The XXXII IULTCS Congress - Istanbul, Turkey, 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>th</sup>, May, 2013**

The Organizing Committee has started with planning for the Congress. The hotel for Congress in Istanbul is being finalized. DETEK, the Turkish Society has informed that Mr Ergun Utku will be their Congress representative to the IULTCS Executive Committee.

### **3) The XXXIII IULTCS Congress - Novo Hamburgo, Brazil, 2015**

Brazil and India applied to hold the Congress. Finally, Novo Hamburgo, Brazil was voted as the city to hold the Congress in the Executive Committee meeting on 29th March, 2010, during Hong Kong Leather Fair.

## **The special issues arising from Members**

A question arising from Mrs Sulies Wiryodiningrat, the Indonesian ITAB-YC representative on the Executive Committee, is whether IULTCS could issue an identification card / certificate for members of IULTCS. I discussed this matter with Elton and Campbell. In general, we feel that this could be quite important for some member societies. In some countries, the presentation of certificate is usually required when asking for support of the government or an organization for attending IULTCS activities. Such a Certificate might be also important to our Commission members in some countries for getting financial support to attend activities of Commissions.

Therefore, in consideration of the facts, it is reasonable that we should discuss this matter in this EC meeting. In my point of view, the certificates may involve a Membership certificate for our member societies and a certificate for the members of the EC and Commissions. Anyway, this should be fully discussed here because it may be added into our Regulations and Statutes.

## **4. Secretary/Treasurers Report**

### **a) Financial Accounts for 2010**

As shown in the table, in 2010 the IULTCS had a surplus of approximately 2700 EUR.

The 2010 accounts include extra income from Uruguay and Buckman paying their membership and banner respectively for 2 years. Missing income is that from members Mexico and Greece, who have not yet paid their 2010 subscriptions. Mexico has confirmed they will pay the 2010 and 2011 subscriptions together.

In 2010 almost all the costs were close to or lower than the budgeted expenses. The higher costs for the tax payment is due to a high 2009 income, the tax payments will decrease significantly in 2010.

### **b) Budget for 2011**

The proposed Budget for 2011 is presented in Euros, (the IULTCS bank account operates in Euros). The 2 expenses that are fixed in US dollars are noted in brackets. As shown in the table, the proposed budget for 2011 is similar to that for 2010 and is foreseen to give a small surplus.

### **c) Assets**

As of the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 the financial situation of IULTCS was as follows:

- UBS Investment Fund & Saving Account: 96299 CHF (US \$90041)
- Current Account: 46203 EUR (US \$61630)

During 2010 the UBS Investment Fund grew in CHF value by approx. 1%. The current bank account is being kept at a reasonably high level since alternative investment possibilities in EUR and CHF offer only very low interest rates.

In a short discussion on investments, the EC were informed that the UBS investment could perhaps be placed in another Fund to have a better yield, but with the continuing uncertainties in financial markets this was difficult. The EC agreed that Jean-Pierre Gualino and Campbell Page review the situation and report to the next meeting.

## **Financial Accounts (summary) for 2010 and the Budget for 2011**

	2010		Proposed Budget 2011
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
INCOME	EUR	EUR (USD)	EUR (USD)
Subscriptions	6000	6378*	6000
Advertising & Others	2000	3053**	2500
Congress Fees	-	-	2500
Bank Interest	100	59	50
Tax refund	400	440	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8500</b>	<b>9930</b>	<b>11450</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Secretary Honoraria	3000	2930 (\$3850)	3000 (\$3850) #
Secretary Expenses	200	81	200
Secretary Travel	1500	1707	1500
Tele-conference	500	-	500
Exec. Committee Travel	350	-	350
Accountant Fees (Audit)	500	-	1500
Bank Charges + Tax	650	1189	650
IULTCS Awards	-	-	600 (\$800) #
Website Maintenance	800	691 (\$800 + VAT)	800 (\$800 + VAT) #
Gifts	-	-	200
Publicity / promotion	1000	639	1000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8500</b>	<b>7237</b>	<b>10300</b>
<b>RESULT</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2693</b>	<b>1150</b>
<i>Exchange rate(USD to EUR)</i>			31.12.2010 0.75
		* Mexico & Greece not paid. Uruguay paid for 2 years. ** Buckman paid for 2 years.	# Costs fixed in USD

### **c) Membership and Subscriptions**

The 2011 subscription accounts have recently been sent out. The Subscriptions remain at multiples of \$230 USD (175 EUR) depending on the membership level. As long as the banner advertising brings in some 2000 EUR per year these subscription levels along with Congress fees are enough for the IULTCS to balance its accounts. However, decreasing members in some Societies have resulted in some changes to their membership levels.

IULTCS has successfully expanded the membership with the addition in 2010 of ITAB-YC in Indonesia and LASRA in New Zealand as Associate Members. Leather organisations in other countries would be welcome to join IULTCS – we just need the contact details and then we can approach them.

### **d) Decisions to Financial report**

- the EC accepted the financial report unanimously.
- the EC approved unanimously the proposed 2011 Budget with the amendment that 1000 EUR be available for publicity & promotion.

### **e) Tannery of the Year Award Dinner in Shanghai**

Elton Hurlow reported that IULTCS was continuing its role as a supporter of the Tannery of The Year Award and would again provide one of the judges, Dr Volkan Candar. The Award will take place during the ACLE Fair in Shanghai at the beginning of September. It was proposed that the IULTCS again have a table at the dinner and any Executive Member attending would be partially supported in a similar way to

the last Award Dinner. The Secretary will ask EC members and circulate information about the Award Dinner closer to the time.

## **5. Merit Award**

The Merit Award is the highest IULTCS Award and recognises excellence in the field of leather science. When the nominations for the Merit Award closed on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011 there were 4 nominations. After reviewing the information provided on the 4 candidates, the IULTCS Executive Committee selected by secret ballot the Award winner.

The winner is **Mr A. Ylla-Català** from Spain. The EC expressed their congratulations and he will be invited to attend the IULTCS Congress to receive the Award.

Elton Hurlow agreed to prepare the news release and to arrange the Merit Award plaque. Joan Carles Castell agreed to convey the good news to Mr Ylla-Català.

## **6. IULTCS Membership Certificate proposal**

A selection of IULTCS certificates had been prepared by Elton Hurlow. They show the various possibilities for certificates for IULTCS members and for individual members. The IULTCS EC considered them to be a very good idea and they will be presented in Valencia with the idea to start using them for Members in 2012. The Valencia Congress said they would follow this style of certificate to present one to all people attending and to all lecturers.

## **7. Use of the word “leather”**

In the last months there has been an international e-mail exchange about the use in some Chinese news reports and publicity releases of the word “leather” when referring to synthetic materials. It appears that the same (or similar) word in Chinese can have different meanings and can often be translated as “leather”. CLIA have now arranged on 2<sup>nd</sup> April in Beijing a meeting with the plastic industry to discuss this terminology use. COTANCE and ICT will attend to put the leather industry point of view. Volkan Candar noted that in Turkey the word “deri” is common for natural and synthetic materials.

Elton Hurlow remarked that the terminology was extremely important for our industry, as any misuse of the word “leather” made it confusing for the consumer and down-graded the prestige aspect of real leather. Dietrich Tegtmeyer added that the synthetic industry are very active and use all techniques to copy the leather properties and image.

The Leather Naturally group is starting a promotion of leather to promote its unique properties. The IULTCS members are encouraged to be involved.

## **8. Progress reports on planning and arrangements for IULTCS Congresses**

### **a) XXXI IULTCS Congress – Valencia, Spain, 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2011**

The President of AQEIC, Luis Labastida presented the report on the progress of the 31<sup>st</sup> IULTCS Congress in Valencia. All the information related to the Congress is available on the Congress website, either ([www.aqaic.org/spa/IULTCS/Valencia2011/Index.htm](http://www.aqaic.org/spa/IULTCS/Valencia2011/Index.htm)) or click on the Congress link on the IULTCS website homepage ([www.iultcs.org](http://www.iultcs.org)).

The lecture programme has been finalised and the lecturers and visual presenters are currently being informed. By the 10<sup>th</sup> June the full paper should be submitted so that the Congress Proceedings can be published in time for the Congress.

The Congress will take place at the Hotel SH Valencia Palace. Rooms are reserved in this hotel for Congress attendees and on the website 3 other hotels are available for reservations.

Luis reported that the system of asking for Gold / Silver / Bronze sponsors has been quite successful. The logistical organisation of the Congress is in the hands of a professional organiser (Grupo Pacifico). People requiring letters of invitation for visas should apply using the Congress webpage. These applications should be planned well in advance.

There is planned to be simultaneous translation for Spanish, English and Chinese. (The Chinese is based on there being a good attendance from China.). It is planned to allow oral presentations in English, Spanish and Chinese but the **slides must be in English**.

#### **IU Commission meetings in Valencia**

The technical programme is available on the Congress website. It is planned that the IULTCS and IU Commission meetings will also be held during the Congress.

- **IUC, IUP and IUF:** 09.00h – 17.00h, Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> Sept in the Congress Hotel
- **IUE:** 15.00h – 17.00h, Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> Sept in the Congress Hotel
- **IULTCS Executive Committee meeting:** 17.30h – 20.00h, Tues., 27<sup>th</sup> Sept in the Congress Hotel
- **IUR:** 13.40 h – 15.10 h, Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September in the Congress Hotel.
- **IUT:** 13.40 h – 15.10 h, Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September in the Congress Hotel.
- **IUL:** 13.40 h – 15.10 h, Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September in the Congress Hotel.
- **Council of Delegates:** 18.15 h – 19.15 h, Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, just prior to the closing ceremony.

#### **b) XXXII IULTCS Congress – Istanbul, Turkey, 29<sup>th</sup> – 31st May 2013**

An organising committee has been formed and the Congress will be held at the new Congress Valley in Istanbul. The professional agency, ZED Event Management and Consultancy, have been selected and the Congress venue is booked. The website, [www.iultcs2013.org](http://www.iultcs2013.org), for the Istanbul Congress has been established.

Mr Ergun Utku, the IULTCS EC Committee representative for Turkey is also the Congress representative.

At the Valencia Congress a short video will be presented about the Istanbul Congress and a stand will have promotion material.

#### **c) XXXIII IULTCS Congress – Novo Hamburgo, Brazil - 2015**

Roberto reported that an Organising Committee has been formed. One proposal being considered is to use the FENAC exhibition pavilion in Novo Hamburgo, since a Brazilian Leather Fair will be there just prior to the currently proposed date for the IULTCS Congress. Normally visual displays are limited in space but this extra area would allow visual displays with working models and allow the showing of innovation in leather equipment and processing technology. The EC supported this proposal to show new leather technologies in these areas.

Roberto commented that there are enough hotels available in this area.

#### **d) XXXIV IULTCS Congress – 2017**

The ILTA (India) asked to be considered as the host Society for the 2017 Congress. The EC decided that the nominations for the 2017 Congress are open and at the EC meeting during the 2011 Congress in Valencia it would be announced that any Member wishing to host the 2017 Congress should send in their request. The decision will be made at the EC meeting in March 2012. The EC considered that 5 years in advance was a suitable time-frame for selecting the location of the IULTCS Congresses.

### **9. Progress reports on planning and arrangements for Regional Conferences**

#### **- XVIII FLAQTIC Conference - 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012 – Montevideo, Uruguay**

The Uruguayan Association of Leather Industry Chemists and Technicians (AUQTIC) are organising the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Latin American Federation (FLAQTIC). The location will be the Radisson Hotel in Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay. It will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012. More information is available on the conference website at [www.flaqtic2012.org](http://www.flaqtic2012.org).

Roberto Kamelman reported that ABQTIC is supporting their AUQTIC colleagues and sponsors are being arranged. At the next FENAC Leather Fair they will have a stand to promote the FLAQTIC Conference. President Bi Shi has written expressing the support of IULTCS for this Conference.

## **- 9<sup>th</sup> AICLST – 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 – Taipei, Taiwan**

Thomas Yu and George Huang from TILA reported that they have been very active in preparations for the AICLST Conference in November 2012. The Conference hotel in Taipei is booked and information as well as the provisional programme is prepared. Campbell Page and Dr Rajamani visited the Conference facilities in Taipei prior to this EC meeting and agreed that everything was of an excellent standard.

An excellent website for the AICLST Conference has been established and it is well worth going to [www.aiclst2012.tw](http://www.aiclst2012.tw) to see all the information that has been prepared. It can also be reached via the IULTCS website and clicking on the advertisement.

### **Other leather Conferences**

There was a short discussion regarding the World Leather Congress to be held at the Sofitel Hotel in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. (A World Footwear Congress is planned for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November in the same location). This Leather Congress is being organised by ICT and CICB (Centre for the Brazilian Tanning Industry). The panels and activities at the Congress will be focussed on leather business issues, dealing with the present situation and what to expect in the future. The ICT plans that this Congress will be held at 2 yearly intervals.

Several IULTCS EC members indicated they would be attending this Congress.

## **10. Activity reports from the Regions**

### **a) AAQTIC – Argentina**

The Argentine Leather Industry Chemists and Technicians Association (AAQTIC) held its third national technical symposium at the end of November in Buenos Aires. The event was aimed at technicians in the tanning industry to provide an update on the most recent progress made in this area.

Many of the papers presented were specific to the market in Argentina and dealt with tanning processes, controls, raw materials, by-products and other issues related to the leather value chain, such as producing leather from chilled hides and finished product design.

More than 150 people took part in the AAQTIC Symposium, including a number of delegates from Uruguay, Brazil, Paraguay, and a speaker from Germany, Dr Dietrich Tegtmeyer, vice-president of the leather business unit at Lanxess.

In 2010 AAQTIC published 4 issues of its leather magazine “Tecnologia del Cuero”.

In Dec 2010 the AAQTIC had elections for its officers. The President is Patricia Casey, Vice-President is Martin Gelaf and Secretary is Jorge Vergara.

### **b) CLIA - China**

China reported that they have been:

1. Selecting and translate the excellent technical papers presented at 8th AICLST Conference (Kolkata 2010) and the forthcoming 31<sup>st</sup> IULTCS Congress (Valencia, 2011) into Chinese as one proceeding. The work will be finished by 2012, and the published proceeding will be circulated among CLIA’s members with free charge.
2. Held a Seminar on Clean Technology and Development of China Tanning Industry on 20<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 2010, and over 150 people participated.
3. Initiate activities of calling for papers and organizing Chinese delegation to participate in the 31th IULTCS which will be held in Spain September 2011.
4. Seminar of waste treatment technology will be held this year. This seminar will introduce updated technology and management of waste water treatment to the technicians of tanneries.

### **c) ACOLCUR – Colombia**

Following the publication of the new environmental parameters for Colombia in the last EC minutes there was an international e-mail discussion offering suggestions and comments on the situation in other countries. Gloria Diaz and Juan Manuel Salazar reported that for Acolcur to challenge these new values it needs to produce coherent and actually reachable effluent parameters by the tannery industries without dilution. These parameters must be supported by technical information and international experience.

One parameter that other countries seem to have little experience is the Colombian requirement for a very low amount of phenol in waste water.

#### **d) AFICTIC – France**

There are several environmental topics under progress.

For tanneries: Search of Hazardous Substances in industrial effluents. Each tannery has to analyse 6 samples (1 sample per month during 6 months in order to identify and quantify hazardous substances in the effluents).

For the footwear and leather goods industries: Publication of 2 documents by the French EPA (Ademe) and AFNOR : General principles for an environmental communication on mass market products.

Part 1: Methodology for the environmental impact assessment of shoes.

Waste management remains difficult for chrome containing waste.

#### **e) VGCT – Germany**

The General Meeting of VGCT will be held from May 5-7, 2011 at the International Shoe Competence Centre (ISC), Pirmasens, where also a joint technical conference with the Society of German Shoe Technologists (VDST) is organized.

#### **f) ILTA – India**

India has announced its desire to hold the 2017 IULTCS Congress in Chennai. A summary of the report from Arnab Jha is given here. The full report is in Annex A.

With the support of the CLRI which has an expertise in organizing an international leather conference every year during 27 to 30 January ( Leather Research Industry Get together) for the past 50 years. This conference brings to CLRI more than 5 International delegates and over 300 Industrial representatives to CLRI to deliberate on research and policy needs of the sector.

ILTA organizes Leather Exposition (LEXPO) at Kolkata and other parts of the country to popularize leather and leather products among the shareholders of the country.

In the Diamond Jubilee year of ILTA in 2010, ILTA with CLRI organized the 8<sup>th</sup>. Asia International Conference on Leather Science and Technology at Kolkata on the subject; “ Leather 2020 : Challenges and opportunities” from 12<sup>th</sup>. to 14<sup>th</sup>. November. Around 60 foreign delegates and overall more than 300 delegates attended this conference. Thus AICLST provided the glimpse of the organizational abilities of the group.

Proposed 2017 congress would be held during the leather week in Chennai/ Kolkata. The participants to the congress can also attend one of the important calendar events of the leather trade – the India International Leather Fair.

ILTA-CLRI would be jointly putting up a leather exposition to highlight the transition of research to technology and products at the 2017 Congress. Through this thematic congress, CLRI- ILTA proposes to bring out a white paper which would highlight the sustained development of the industry- both environmental (green) and economic (brown).

#### **g) ITAB-YC - Indonesia**

1) The Indonesian Tanners Association Branch, Yogyakarta Special Region and Central Java (ITAB-YC), was appointed by the Indonesian Tanners Association (ITA) as the host of VII ITA National Congress, held in Yogyakarta, on 11 February 2011. The ITA National Congress was attended by 148 people, from the Leather industry, chemical suppliers, machinery suppliers, skins/ hide collectors and related institutions.

Results from the VII ITA National Congress , were as follows:

##### a. Election of ITA Central Board: 2011-2014

Chairman: Sutanto Haryono

Executive Secretary: Suliestiyah Wiryodiningrat

Vice Chairman: Ayu Rifka

Secretary-General: Larry Sulaiman

Treasurer: Toto Sugiyanto

##### b. Revise the Statutes and Bylaws

c. Revise symbol of ITA

d. Identifying problems faced by the Industry Tannery

- lack of raw material ( hide/ skins )

- efforts to have tannery waste de-listed from the list of hazardous and toxic waste (B3)

2) Preparing to participate in the exhibition of shoes, leather and leather products, organized by the Ministry for Industry, 28 April to 1 May 2011.

3) Preparing the Directory for Tanning Industry in Indonesia

#### **h) AICC – Italy**

During 2010, AICC organized three associative events, one for each tannery district of Italy.

On 30th April, the 10th Associative Conference of the Tannery District of Solofra was organized to make a focus on the latest industry news. In line with the philosophy of the AICC, the scientific papers were all focusing on relevant industry issues, such as alternative systems to chrome tanning, the study of the influence of chemical and physical parameters on the hexavalent chromium generation and development of abatement systems, the completion of a study on the defects of the laminated leathers, already the subject of a handbook on the appropriate use of film foil in leather finishing. Before beginning the proceedings of the conference, AICC recalled the untimely and unexpected death of its secretary, Prof. Umberto Sammarco.

On 1st July, AICC organized in Tuscany the 39th National Conference with a Round Table of experts in the tanning industry for discussing the issues that the chemical companies, tanneries and end-users are facing in the process of implementation of the registration of substances required by the rules of "Reach" Regulation. The subject is perhaps the biggest change in 30 years involving the chemical industry and also for the tanneries; for this reason AICC invited experts from the production and the political world to take an active contribution to the debate, providing guidance on the correct application of the Regulation and relative compliance, with particular reference to customer requirements.

On 22nd October, an Associative Conference was held in Veneto concerning "New technologies and environmental impact in the Territory". During the meeting different issues were focused such as the tannery sludge management, both in terms of regulations for disposal and in terms of proposals for reduction by thermal processes. Also new technologies for roller finishing and finally, a prospective look at the future of secondary schools and recent training initiatives concerning tanning industries.

In addition to the usual association meetings and to the support to the combined CEN/TC 289 and IU Commission meetings in 2011, the AICC is planning and developing strong activities concerning training, support to schools of secondary education, and communication by increasing the content and usability of its website. Recently approved is the decision to make available, for free, some books regarding Leather Technology from prominent authors (Sammarco, Manzo, and Martignone) on the website [www.aicc.it](http://www.aicc.it).

#### **i) JLTA – Japan**

1. Annual meeting was held on Dec 3, 2010 at Tokyo. Approx. 40 people attended and 10 technical papers were presented.

2. For consumer and retailer, seminar of leather and leather goods were held at Fukuoka. 185 persons attended.

3. As for the Japan eco leather, 163 kinds of leather and 100 kinds of leather goods were certified by the Japan leather and leather goods industries association by 2010.

#### 2011 activity plan

1. Annual meeting will be held on November or December.

2. For consumer and retailer, we will hold a seminar about benefit of leather, properties of leather, and how to deal with leather products in Hokkaido.

3. We promote and implement joint research about eco leather and carbon reduction technology in leather production process among members and leather research institute.

4. We have been compiling the dictionary of leather and leather goods since July 2010.

5. Technical journal titled "Hikaku Kagaku" (leather science in English) will be scheduled for publication every four months.

5. Four delegates will attend the XXXI IULTCS congress in Valencia.

#### **j) AQEIC – Spain**

The AQEIC is busy with arrangements for the 2011 IULTCS Congress.

#### **k) SLTC – UK**

The SLTC Conference in 2011 is to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May (see [www.sltc.org](http://www.sltc.org)) at Northampton University.

#### **l) ALCA – USA**

Mainul Haque reports that the American Leather Chemist Association continues its main objectives and traditions of hosting annual conventions, and meeting to optimize the path forward in research and liaison meetings.

ALCA has been focused in our objectives of:

- to promote the advancement of the knowledge of science and engineering especially in regard to their application to problems facing the leather and leather products industries;
- to encourage and promote the full use of science and engineering in their applications to the leather and leather product industries;
- to publish the result of investigations and research dealing with the above objectives;
- to maintain a set of official methods for the evaluation of leather, leather products, and materials used in their manufacture.

There are 2 important ALCA activities scheduled.

1) 2011 ALCA-RLC (Research Liaison for Rawstock and Leather Committee) meeting. This annual meeting provides an opportunity for dialog between researchers, customers and stakeholders. These meetings assist the scientists in aligning their research with the needs of the industry, and can lead to industry specific research agreements. This meeting is on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

2) ALCA hosts the 107th Annual Meeting at Treasure Island Resort & Casino in Red Wing, Minnesota from June 9 to June 12, 2011. The technical program offers 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 ([www.leatherchemists.org](http://www.leatherchemists.org)). The 52nd John Arthur Wilson Lecture will feature David Rabinovich.

### **11. Activity reports from the IULTCS Commissions**

#### **a) IUC, IUF and IUP Leather Test Method Commissions**

Campbell Page and Joan Carles Castell reported briefly on the last technical meeting in Milan on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011. The minutes of the combined IUC/IUF/IUP leather test methods meeting are available on the IULTCS website at: [www.iultcs.org/commissions.asp](http://www.iultcs.org/commissions.asp).

Members are reminded that draft DIS versions of proposed new test methods are available to download on the IULTCS website at: [www.iultcs.org/iultcs\\_methodsdraft.asp](http://www.iultcs.org/iultcs_methodsdraft.asp). Comments and corrections can be made by e-mail to the Commission Chairmen.

Next IUC / IUF / IUP Commission meetings: At 09.00 h – 16.30 h on 27th September 2011 at Hotel SH Valencia Palace, in Valencia, Spain, on the day before the IULTCS Congress. This will be a combined meeting with CEN/TC 289/WG1, WG2 and WG3.

Attendees at the IULTCS Congress are invited to attend and participate in the leather test methods meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.

#### **b) IUE Environmental Commission**

Dr. S. Rajamani reported the IUE Commission continues to be active. A series of joint publications on different countries environmental activities and updates on water treatment techniques for the leather industry are being regularly published in the Leather News India journal.

The next IUE meeting will take place at the IULTCS Congress in Valencia, Spain on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 14.00h.

### **c) IUT Training Commission**

Jeffrey Guthrie-Strachan reported:

#### **Current**

Conduct "Trial Applications" EH application in progress.

Finalise Documentation (Current documentation can be supplied on request)

Coordinate application process.

#### **Planned**

Target new members for commission from Americas and Far East

Establish global Education/Training facilities framework (ongoing)

Identify global Education/Training facilities (ongoing)

Identify and "validate" continuing education courses subject to PDP

#### **Achieved to date**

Represented IULTCS at "*Convegno internazionale della Scuola di Alta Specializzazione per Tecnici del Settore Pelle e Cuoio*", Oral Presentation (October 2010)

Proposed members of the IUT Commission established (March 2009)

New Chair appointed (June 2008)

Findings of training needs questionnaire presented at ILF in Paris (2007)

List of training facilities presented at ILF in Paris (2007)

### **d) IUR Research Commission**

An IUR meeting was held during the Shanghai leather Fair in Sept. 2010.

Dietrich Tegtmeier has issued a statement to remind research project teams around the world about the benefits of registering for project certification with the IULTCS Research Commission (IUR) of IULTCS.

The IUR certification was aimed at recognising legitimate research and development projects across the industry, giving assurances that any certified projects conform to approved research platforms, meet minimum scientific criteria and address the needs of the global leather industry.

Dr Tegtmeier said he believed research teams in companies, research centres or universities who secure certification for their research projects would stand a better chance of securing funding, gaining priority over other projects. He said confidentiality was guaranteed and that application for certification, for which there is a link on the IULTCS website, was simple.

### **e) IUL Liaison Commission**

Elton Hurlow reported that the IUL Commission has been active in pursuit of its goal to communicate IULTCS activities to the leather industry and liaise on matters of common interest with other organizations influential in the industry.

There are 30 contact members of the IUL and updates to the Journal/Magazine distribution list for media releases are made as received.

The last IUL communication was in October 2010. If there are any IU related activities occurring in your regions that are of a wider industry interest, Elton is happy to work with you to develop a news release.

As a reminder, the IUL goals are:

- Providing liaison services with the international leather media on activities and events;
- Establishing and maintaining a network of global contacts within the leather industry that have a legitimate interest in and an authoritative platform to express opinions on issues affecting the leather industry;
- Establishing and maintaining external media contacts for events or issues that may require an industry response;
- Pro-actively establishing and maintaining agreed "positions" on possible issues that may arise within or relating to the leather industry;
- Improving the utilization of the IULTCS website.

## **12. Website (www.iultcs.org) and related matters**

Campbell Page encouraged Members to regularly consult the IULTCS website and to notify him if any of the Member items need up-dating.

## **13. Any other business**

There were no other items for discussion.

## **14. Date and location of the next IULTCS Executive Meeting**

**Next meeting: 17.30h, Tuesday, 27th September 2011, at Hotel SH Valencia Palace, Valencia, Spain.**

An agenda will be circulated nearer the time.

At 12.15h the President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the IULTCS Executive meeting closed.

Campbell Page  
IULTCS Secretary  
9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2011



## Annex A

### **A REPORT TO ORGANISE THE 2017 CONGRESS OF THE IULTCS IN INDIA.**

#### **Preamble.**

India has inherited a rich cultural heritage and traditional wisdom combined with an artistic ambience. The industrialization in India matches the scales of many industrialized nation. The country is known for its culture, tradition, linguistic and religious pluralism. Through the cities of Kolkata and Chennai, the country presents a strong link to the world of leather. While Kolkata has the Asia's largest leather complex, Chennai presents an idealistic environment where academy- research related to leather co-exist. The Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), the world's largest leather Research Centre is located in Chennai. This institute is one of the 38 national laboratories under the auspices of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi. Through its 64 years of existence, the CLRI has been working in tandem with the Indian leather Industry. CLRI has emerged as a dependable source of technology and an international name in the leather research and training. The institute has got highly competent staff strength and trains over 600 personnel each year. CLRI plays as active partner for major leather producing countries. During the last decade, CLRI has led a green march of the leather industry, through a concerted effort to meet all major environmental stipulations. Keeping in view the need to make the leather industry, economically sustainable, CLRI now works with the industry in bringing about a transformation from chemical to bio processing. CLRI's effort in Zero discharge tanning options adds another dimension to leather processing. CLRI in association with its stakeholders hopes to bring about economic and environmental stability to the leather industry world over.

Indian Leather Technologists' Association(ILTA), formerly known as "Leather Technologists' Association in India, was formed in the year 1950 under the presidentship of Prof. B.M.Das who is incidentally the founder and first Director of CLRI and recognized as Father of Leather Technology of the country. It was incorporated in the year 1957 under the companies act. During the last sixty years ILTA has been working towards weaving all segments of people sincerely devoted to the cause of leather and allied technology all over the country. ILTA represents India in the International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists Societies since 1956.

Under the presidentship of late Mr. Sanjoy Sen, the 25<sup>th</sup> Congress of IULTCS was held at Chennai, India for the first time. This was the first congress to be held in Asia. This congress was a land mark event, which brought not only the research congress but also the MODEUROPE, for the first time outside Europe into Asia. This congress held in 1999 had 400 professionals participating from 21 countries. The industrial associations of India generously cosponsored the event, with the Third World Academy of Sciences providing travel support to some of our delegates. The congress was organized with its theme as S&T needs of the leather sector into the next millennium. The sessions included Science in leather ( to discuss structure and reactivity of collagen, mechanistic insight into leather processing, material science of leather, science of shoe design and environmental science for leather), Process innovations ( to discuss short term preservation, beam house, tanning, wet processing and finishing), Waste management technologies (to discuss waste water treatment and solid waste utilization methods), Cleaner Production; Experience sharing (to discuss improvements in beam house and tanning, leather finishing and process audit), Health and Safety(to discuss occupational health, process safety and eco-labelling) and New education technologies (to discuss workers manuals, electronic media communication and course modules). The congress was also taken to major leather hubs of India, viz., New Delhi (to discuss HRD initiatives for leather sector into the next millennium), Kolkata (to discuss on cleaner production) and Chennai (to discuss on Trends in Collagen).

ILTA and CLRI also organized a theme pavilion to showcase the transformation of research to technology and dissemination of technology for the betterment of production not only in the medium and large scale industries but also at rural levels (ethnic footwear).

Almost all the scientists and directors of CLRI and faculty member of all the leading institutions of India and remembering technologists throughout the world are members of ILTA. 'Leather International ' magazine- November,2009 has recognized two of our beloved members, Dr. T. Ramasami (Ex Director-CLRI) and Dr. Samir Dasgupta, among the top 10 leather scientists in the world, for their contribution to leather science in the post 1970 period.

## **BRINGING BACK THE IULTCS CONGRESS TO INDIA**

Keeping in mind the need to bring about quantum jumps in the output of leather industry, the leather research needs to plan to meet their input requirements not only in terms of technology but also trained manpower. CLRI considers the ambience provided by the IULTCS congresses as the most ideal for the working out a white paper on the directions needed to be undertaken by all major leather research hubs of the globe. It is with this background that CLRI in association with ILTA proposes to organize the 2017 IULTCS congress, once again. CLRI and ILTA propose to the executive committee of IULTCS that this congress needs to have a theme in tune with the growing expectations of the global leather industry- “Growing Green with Brown revolutions”. In the congress opportunities and challenges arising out of market driven, process driven, product driven and human resources driven sources would be discussed. CLRI and ILTA are committed to organize the 2017 congress in a manner befitting the past congresses and meeting the stipulations laid down by the executive committee of IULTCS from time to time. While it is too early for laying down a detailed program, based on our wonderful journey along with the who-is-who of leather in 1999, we have laid down a base preparation for the 2017 Congress as well. The details are presented in ensuing lines.

### **WHAT CAN ILTA AND CLRI OFFER?**

- The success of 1999 congress is highlighted through the newsletters that we brought out at the end of each day of the congress. This newsletter highlighted the capabilities of CLRI and ILTA in organizing the congress in such high magnitude.
- CLRI has an expertise in organizing an international leather conference every year during 27 to 30 January (Leather Research Industry Get together) for the past 50 years. This congress brings to CLRI more than 5 International delegates and over 300 Industrial representatives to CLRI to deliberate on research and policy needs of the sector.
- ILTA organizes Leather Exposition (LEXPO) at Kolkata and other parts of the country to popularize leather and leather products among the shareholders of the country.
- In the Golden Jubilee year in 2001, ILTA organized South East Asian Congress at Kolkata in which more than 300 delegates participated comprising of foreign delegates, research people and industry.
- ILTA owns a building in Kolkata highlighting the strength of IULTCS in this region and also publishes books for students, researchers, etc., and provide them at a very affordable price.
- In the Diamond Jubilee year of ILTA in 2010, ILTA with CLRI organized 8<sup>th</sup>. Asia International Conference on leather Science and Technology at Kolkata on the subject; “Leather 2020: Challenges and opportunities” from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November. Around 60 foreign delegates and overall more than 300 delegates attended this conference; it is recognized as a IULTCS Regional Program. This AICLST provided the glimpse of the organizational abilities of the group.
- Proposed 2017 congress would be held during the leather week in Chennai/ Kolkata. The participants to the congress can attend one of the important calendar events of Leather trade-India International Leather Fair.
- State of the art auditorium and some conference halls will be provided. Video conferencing facilities for the IU meetings and the WIFI connectivity will be available for all registered participants of the congress.
- The congress of 2017 will be appropriately promoted at the 2013 and 2015 congresses as well as in print media such as the journals and the trade magazines.
- As in the past and near past CLRI-ILTA is hopeful of securing sponsorship for the event from the stakeholders, industrial bodies and the Govt. for the congress. CLRI-ILTA is also hopeful to provide exemptions of registration fee to needy, alongside rebated accommodation for plenary speakers and students presenting papers.
- CLRI-ILTA proposes a minimum guarantee amount towards congress fees to the IULTCS for 2017 congress.
- Spouses program as well as visits to historic locations would be arranged. Each day would end with recreational program.
- The proceedings of the congress would be brought out as paperback edition, electronic version which is searchable and indexed and online e- book. For non participants of the congress, these

versions would be available for a premium from ILTA (copyright for all papers would be held by ILTA).

- For the 2017 congress, the organizers propose to provide all possible facilities for the researchers whose posters have been selected to present their work under right ambience which would good discussions on their work.
- ILTA-CLRI would be jointly putting up a leather exposition to highlight the transition of research to technology and products at the 2017 congress.

Through this thematic congress, CLRI- ILTA proposes to bring out a white paper which would highlight the sustained development of the industry- both environmental (green) and economic (brown).