



**Minutes of the IULTCS Executive Committee Meeting
29th March 2010 at 09:00 hrs
APLF,
Hong Kong Exhibition & Convention Center
Hong Kong.**

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting

The Executive Secretary called the meeting to order at 09.10 h.

1. Attendees

Dr Bi Shi (President), Elton Hurlow (Past-President), Dr Volkan Candar (Vice-President), Dr Campbell Page (Secretary-Treasurer), Dr Gianluigi Calvanese, Su Chaoying, Jean-Pierre Gualino, Dr Jeffrey Guthrie-Strachan, Dr George Huang, Arnab Jha, Roberto Kamelman, Christine Powley-Williams, Dr S. Rajamani, Daniel Sanchez (part-time), Dr Dietrich Tegtmeier, Dr Keiji Yoshimura, Thomas Yu, Chen Zhanguang and Dr Luis Zugno.

Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from: Patricia Casey, Joan Carles Castell, Dr Luisa Cabeza, Dr Heinz-Peter Germann, Mainul Haque, Juan Manuel Salazar, Vicente Segarra, Dr Abdessatar Toumi, Ergun Utku, Ricardo Weiss and Mike Wilson.

Bi Shi welcomed the EC members to the meeting in Hong Kong, especially those attending the new larger EC Committee meeting for the first time.

2. Minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting, 11th October 2009 in Beijing

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

3. President's Report

1. The change of Executive Committee

The modified IULTCS Statutes have been approved by the Council of Delegates meeting during the XXX IULTCS Congress in Beijing on Oct. 2009. The most important change in the new revision of the Statutes is the re-organisation of the Executive Committee. The previous "Regional Representatives" of the EC are replaced by the direct Representatives nominated by each Member Society. This change allows more intensive communications among Member Societies.

Following the acceptance of the new Statutes, all the direct representatives were nominated by their Member Societies by the end of Nov. 2009. Then, the first meeting of the new Executive Committee was organized by Mr Elton Hurlow on Dec. 14th, 2009 in the form of a Tele-Conference. That means the new Executive Committee started to work. Dr Campbell Page has circulated Elton's summary of Tele-Conference to all the EC Members.

2. Membership

Under the leadership of Mr Elton Hurlow, the IULTCS has achieved a new level in attracting new IU Member Societies in past two years. We are delighted to have 2 new Members, TILA, the Taiwan International Leather Association and as an Associate Member, the Borge Garveri AS from Norway. The IULTCS has 17 Members and 4 Associate Members.

3. Congresses and Conferences

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

This Congress was very successful.

- 308 people attended, including 80 from overseas.
- 46 oral and 228 visual presentations were presented.
- 274 papers or abstracts were included in Conference Proceedings.

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

The Congress Committee is working for the preparation. The Scientific Committee has been formed with many EC members involved and the brochure is about to come out. The Abstracts are required by Nov. 2010.

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

Dr Volkan Candar reported in Beijing EC Meeting that an Organizing Committee was being formed to plan the Congress. The location in Istanbul is being finalized. We await further details in Hong Kong. DETEK, the Turkish Society, will also confirm their Congress representative for the IULTCS Executive Committee.

d) The XXXIII IULTCS Congress - 2015, two possible locations

To date, Brazil and India are interested in holding the 2015 IULTCS Congress.

India has prepared a plan for the Congress and proposes to hold it at the Central

Leather Research Institute (CLRI) in Chennai. This plan has been circulated to EC Members.

Brazil has proposed to hold the Congress at Novo Hamburgo, the largest centre for the shoe industry in the American continent. Novo Hamburgo is located close to the city of Porto Alegre with good international airport access. The proposals have been circulated by e-mail to the EC Members for voting at this meeting.

e) The VIII Asian International Conference of Leather Science & Technology (AICLST) – Kolkata, India, 12 - 14th, Nov. 2010

The Conference will be collaboratively organized by Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) and Indian Leather Technologists' Association (ILTA). The brochure about the Conference has been circulated to EC Members, as well as some Asian Leather Societies. Abstracts are required by May 20th, 2010.

f) Others

There are some other local conferences or meetings planned by Member Societies.

This information has been circulated to EC Members by Dr Campbell Page and is available on the IULTCS website.

4. Recognition of Individual and Industry Excellence

- the prestigious IULTCS Merit Award for excellence in the leather industry was presented to Prof. Dr Tony Covington at the IULTCS Congress in Beijing. It recognised his many significant achievements in the science and technology of leather since entering the leather industry in October 1976. He acknowledged the award as the pinnacle of his career.

- The winner of the VESLIC Award was selected for the first time at an IULTCS Congress in Beijing. A Chinese graduate, as the “Young Research Talent”, was awarded the prize based on her interesting research work and good performance of presentation.

- As a supporter of “Tannery of the Year Award”, the IULTCS has been involved in the evaluation of the tanneries to be awarded. This afternoon the President of the IULTCS will work as one of the judges for selecting the final winning tannery. About 10 EC Members will attend the special gala dinner, during which the Tannery of the Year Awards will be presented (10 winners from 5 regions and one global winner).

5. The work of Commissions

The Chairs of Commissions will report their work in detail. One matter we should particularly mention is that the first IUR Certificate of Approval for a research project has been officially approved by the IUR Commission through a strict procedure of review by specialists. The project, “Tannery wastewater treatment and reuse using horizontal biofilter and constructed wetland”, was submitted by Dr Wen Chien Kuo from the Member Society of Taiwan. This event has explored a new approach for IULTCS to play a key role in leather industry and to serve our Member Societies.

4. Secretary/Treasurers Report

a) Financial Accounts for 2009

The simplified income and expense accounts for 2009 are presented below. They show IULTCS had a surplus in 2009 of approx. 8200 EUR.

Income: It is noted that the 2009 accounts include some income from 2006 – 2008, which was received in 2009. For example, the 2008 Membership from Mexico, the fees from the 2008 FLAQTIC Congress and the refund of with-holding taxes from the years 2006, 2007 and 2008. In addition, with a good attendance at the Beijing Congress and gaining 2 new IULTCS members in 2009, the result was a total income considerably above the budget amount.

The banner income fell due to some advertisers deciding not to renew. However, we are pleased to announce that at the end of 2009 we gained 2 new banner advertisers.

Expenses: In 2009 it was possible to hold many expenses well below the budgeted amounts although this may not be possible in the future. The higher printing costs of the IULTCS brochure and the non-budgeted payment of taxes meant that these 2 expenses were higher than the budgeted amounts.

Summary of Financial Accounts for 2009 and the Budget for 2010

	2009		Proposed Budget 2010
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
INCOME	EUR	EUR	EUR
Subscriptions	5800	6925	6000
Advertising & Others	2500	1459	2000
Congress Fees	2100	5418 *	-
Bank Interest	100	44	100
Tax refund	0	1146	400
TOTAL	10500	14992	8500
<i>(USD)</i>	<i>(14790)</i>	<i>(21480)</i>	<i>(12200)</i>
EXPENSES			
Secretary Honoraria	2730	2693	3000 (3850)**
Secretary Expenses	200	60	200
Secretary Travel	2000	650	1500
Tele-conference	-	-	500
Exec. Committee Travel	350	-	350
Accountant Fees + Audit	2500	810	500
Bank Charges + Tax	150	565	650
IULTCS Awards	570	568	- (800)**
Website Maintenance	1200	659	800 (800+VAT)**
Gifts	200	-	-
Publicity / Sponsoring	500	742	1000
TOTAL	10400	6747	8500
<i>(USD)</i>	<i>(14650)</i>	<i>(9670)</i>	<i>(12200)</i>
RESULT	100	8245	0
<i>Exchange rate(USD to EUR)</i>	<i>31.12.2008 0.710</i>		<i>31.12.2009 0.698</i>
		<i>* FLAQTIC and IULTCS Congress</i>	<i>** Costs fixed in USD</i>

b) Budget for 2010

The proposed Budget for 2010 is presented here in Euros, (the IULTCS bank account operates in Euros).

The expenses that are paid in fixed amounts of US dollars are noted in brackets. Since the IULTCS uses USD as its reference currency, the exchange rate from USD to EUR at 31.12.2008 and 31.12.2009 are also given in the table above.

The proposed budget for 2010 is foreseen to have the expenses and income balancing each other. This is a similar Budget to that for 2009. The 2 noticeable differences are the provision of 500 EUR for tele-conference costs and a provision for 1000 EUR sponsorship of IULTCS EC members at the Tannery of the Year Dinner.

Regarding the Gala Dinner, Campbell Page explained that IULTCS has been a supporter of the Tannery of the Year award promoted by World Leather. This event was concluding on 29th March with the selection of the global winner at a Gala Dinner in Hong Kong. In recognition of the IULTCS support, World Trades Publishing (World Leather) have appointed the IULTCS President to the selection panel and offered the IULTCS a table at the Gala Dinner costing 180 EUR per person. Due to the pressure of time a quick e-mail exchange between the President, Past President, Vice-President and Secretary agreed that the IULTCS would offer EC members a 50% subsidy for the dinner cost, but those able to use business expenses should consider paying the full price. Campbell Page had invoices/receipts for those attending.

Dr Rajamani commented that the teleconferencing was a good idea and should be continued.

Elton Hurlow asked if there was a need to budget for the printing of more brochures. Campbell Page said that there were still sufficient stocks.

The EC Committee approved unanimously the budget for 2010.

c) Membership and Subscriptions

The 2010 subscription accounts have recently been sent out. The Subscriptions remain at \$230 USD per 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 many Societies have resulted in 3 Members requesting during 2009 and 2010 to move to lower membership levels.

Following the attendance of an Indonesian scientist at the Beijing Congress, Elton Hurlow has asked Indonesia to consider joining the IULTCS as a Member or Associate Member. This is being followed up at present.

LASRA in New Zealand has recently appointed a new Director and the opportunity has been taken to approach them to consider joining IULTCS as an Associate Member.

Perhaps institutes and leather organisations in other Asian countries with no Leather Society can be also be encouraged to join IULTCS.

d) Assets

As of the 31st December 2009 the financial situation of IULTCS was as follows:

- UBS Investment Fund & Saving Account: 94043 CHF (US \$90657)
- Current Account: 44185 EUR (US \$63317)

In October 2009 the investment with the Bank of Ireland was paid out and the sum of GBP 15050 was transferred to the IULTCS current account.

During 2009 the UBS Investment Fund grew in CHF value by 9%, which meant that it recovered a large part of the decrease in 2008 caused by the global financial crisis. The current bank account earns a small amount of interest and is being kept at a reasonably high level since investment interest rates for EUR and CHF are currently at very low levels.

e) 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.

5. Progress reports on planning and arrangements for IULTCS Congresses

a) XXXI IULTCS Congress – Valencia, Spain, 28th – 30th Sept. 2011 (See Annex A for full report)

Six new members have joined the Organizing Committee, which has Vicente Segarra as President and Dr Luisa Cabeza as head of the Scientific Committee. Up to date, ten meetings have been held by the Organizing Committee in which all the aspects related to the Congress organization have been initiated, studied and evaluated.

Financial Activities:

The Organizing Committee is looking for the financial support from different Organisations and Institutions. From the studies undertaken, it is not easy to obtain nowadays funds at European level. However, attempts at local and national level have been carried out. Some of these actions are close to be evaluated. In the second half of 2010, the Organizing Committee will ask for private financial support at different levels.

A data base of Universities, Research Centres, national Associations, chemical suppliers, machine manufacturers and tanneries at worldwide level is being prepared by Prof. Dr Luisa F. Cabeza in order to send them all the information related to the Congress.

Logistical organization

The Organizing Committee has entrusted to “Grupo Pacífico” the logistic organization of the Congress in order to optimize all the operative aspects of the Congress. As a result of this, all the members of the Organizing Committee and AQEIC will be deeply involved in the technical-scientific aspects of this event.

Website

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

Key dates of the Congress

Abstracts to be submitted by	<i>November 15th, 2010</i>
Accepted papers will be notified by	<i>March 15th, 2011</i>
Full papers to be submitted by	<i>June 10th, 2011</i>
Registration of presenters before	<i>June 10th, 2011</i>
Congress date	<i>September 27th to 30th, 2011</i>

Topics of the Congress

- *Fundamental Research*
- *Cleaner and Novel Technologies in Leather Making*
- *Advanced Analytical Technologies in Leather Testing*
- *Leather Chemicals*
- *Environment and wastes*
- *The Use of TIC's in Leather Technologies*
- *Future of Leather Technologies*
- *Machinery Research in Leather*

A preliminary Congress program has been prepared and can be seen in Annex A along with the full report from AQEIC.

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

Volkan Candar gave a short overview. An organising committee has been formed and the Congress will be held at the new Congress Valley in Istanbul. The logo and website design are finished. A website will shortly be available and will be linked to the advertisement on the IULTCS website.

It is planned to have all the details for the organisation in place by July 2010.

Volkan reported that Ergun Utku, the IULTCS EC Committee representative for Turkey would also be the Congress representative.

c) XXXIII IULTCS Congress – 2015

By the deadline of 29th March, the Executive Committee had received 2 nominations for the 2015 IULTCS Congress:

- Chennai in India.
- Novo Hamburgo in Brazil

Both ILTA and ABQTIC had prepared promotion information and had circulated it to EC Members before the EC meeting. Both delegations presented a short report at the EC Meeting on the merits of choosing their location. After this the EC held a secret ballot to decide the 2015 venue.

It was decided that the 2015 Congress will be held in **Novo Hamburgo, Brazil**.

d) 8th Asian International Conference Leather Science & Technology – 2010 – Kolkata

Arnab Jha reported that it had been decided to hold the 8th Asian International Conference Leather Science and Technology Conference at Kolkata in India. The dates of the Conference are **12th – 14th November 2010**. The Conference is part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the ITLTA. The Conference has the theme: “Leather 2020: Challenges and Opportunities”.

ILTA and CLRI are jointly organising the AICLST, with the assistance of the Council for Leather Exports. Arnab Jha is Chairman of the Organising Committee and Dr S. Rajamani is Chairman of the Technical Committee.

Some important dates to remember are:

- the last date for submission of abstracts: **20th May 2010**
- notification of acceptance of papers: **20th June 2010**
- receipt of papers: **20th August 2010**

Elton Hurlow asked if the AICLST was being run as a Regional Conference in terms of the IULTCS regulations. Arnab Jha pointed out preparations had been made reasonably quickly and there had not been time to consider using the IULTCS logo on documents. The Conference is being run on a low cost basis (USD \$200 for IULTCS delegates and USD \$250 for other delegates) and a payment to IULTCS would be difficult. Elton Hurlow pointed out the IULTCS internal regulations allow for negotiations in terms of payment. Bi Shi explained that the AICLST Conferences have always been relatively independent and run on low cost, more informal basis. Arnab Jha and Campbell Page agreed to discuss this closer to the Conference.

On the recommendation of Dietrich Tegtmeier and Elton Hurlow, the IULTCS Executive Committee agreed to support the AICLST like a Regional Conference. The ILTA can use the IULTCS logo on publications and the IULTCS members will be circulated with AICLST information to be passed on to their members. The IULTCS e-mail lists and members can be used for international circulation of the Conference information. In addition, to attract further international attendees, IULTCS Commission and EC meetings will be scheduled to be held during the Conference.

6. Activity reports from the Regions

a) ABQITC – Brazil (see Annex B for further information)

Roberto Kamelman reported that ABQITC has elected a new board of directors. They have a 5 year plan to develop bonds with other leather related institutes and organisations, as well as the community as part of the social responsibilities.

ABQITC has created a new department, Management and Planning. ABQITC has 9 regional Vice-Presidents to ensure each leather area is represented.

On 5th May there is the Tanners Day celebration and on 2nd June an Environment Forum is scheduled. The Student Technical and Leather Fair is to be held on the 28 – 30th Sept.

b) CLIA – China

Su Chaoying reported that a technical conference on chemicals is to be held in July 2010.

CLIA is working to translate into Chinese the technical papers from the Beijing IULTCS Congress. They will be circulated to the Chinese attendees at the Congress.

Su Chaoying commented that China is fully supporting the 8th AICLST Conference planned for Kolkata, India in November. The Chinese delegation for Kolkata is being selected.

c) ACOLCUR – Columbia

Juan Manuel Salazar reported that at the end of February 2010, ACOLCUR held their EC elections. The new president is Gloria Ines Diaz and Juan Manuel is the treasurer. As the president, Gloria Ines Diaz will be the EC representative for Colombia.

d) AFICTIC – France

Jean-Pierre Gualino reported that normally AFICTIC has 2 times per year a technical meeting. In 2010 AFICTIC is combining the tanners and shoe association to hold a joint conference in Colmar, Alsace on 10 – 11th June. They expect about 110 people.

e) VGCT – Germany

Heinz-Peter Germann said that the LGR is supporting the development of a “Lederpedia” information website for leather. The web address is: www.lederpedia.de. It operates like Wikipedia and already has a large amount of leather information. At present the website and information is in German, but it is worth a look to see what is possible with this format.

f) ILTA – India

Arnab Jha reported that at the end of January a Leather Industry Seminar on Bio-innovative technologies was organised by CLRI in Chennai. The key-note speaker was Dr Heinz-Peter Germann of LGR.

On 12 – 14th November the 8th Asian International Conference of Leather Science and Technology (AICLST) is scheduled to be held in Kolkata on 12- 14th November 2010. See 5(d) above for information.

g) AICC – Italy

Gianluigi Calvanese reported that the AICC holds 3 meetings per year, 1 in each leather district. The Solofra meeting is in April, Tuscany in July and Veneto at the end of July. A big topic at present is clean technology, especially to reduce the pollutant levels in waste water.

h) JLTA – Japan

Keiji Yoshimura reported that in Nov. 2009, JLTA had organised seminars for consumers and retailers on how to deal with leather goods.

In Nov. 2010 JLTA plan to have 4 – 6 people at the AICLST Conference in Kolkata.

i) AQEIC – Spain (see Annex C for details)

Daniel Sanchez reported that AQEIC has been busy with arrangements for the 2011 IULTCS Congress. A summary of activities held in 2009 are given in the Annex C.

j) TILA – Taiwan (see Annex D for details)

Thomas Yu reported that TILA are active with a series of technical seminars, starting on 6th April and then again on 10th July. In August they plan a waste water treatment seminar, including training for waste minimisation. The scheduled activities for the rest of 2010 are given in the Annex D.

k) DETEK – Turkey (see Annex E for a full report)

Volkan Candar reported that in Nov. 2009, at the request of UNIDO and Turkish Ministry, DETEK had made a 2 day training seminar on clean technology in Bursa.

DETEK and the Usak Leather Industrialist’s Association held a panel seminar with the title “The Turkish Leather Sector in 2015, Reflections, Expectations, Measures” on 17. Dec. 2009 in Usak.

This opportunity was taken to present the future DETEK and IULTCS activities.

In March 2010 DETEK elected its new Executive Committee, Dr Volkan Candar was elected President.

l) SLTC – UK

Christine Powley-Williams reported that SLTC will shortly re-launch the JSLTC journal with a new look. SLTC are considering revising the Leather Handbook, possibly so it is available electronically.

The Leather Facebook Group now has some 80 members.

The SLTC Conference in 2010 is scheduled for 25th September (see www.sltc.org) and Johannes Borge is the key-note speaker.

m) ALCA – USA (see also Annex F for a full report)

Mainul Haque wrote that the 106th ALCA annual meeting will be held at Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, June 10-13, 2010. Professor Jose Adzet will present the John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture. More information is available on the ALCA website, www.leatherchemists.org.

The JALCA journal is running well and currently has a reasonable back-log of papers waiting to be printed.

The ALCA technical committees have been very active with outstanding direction and leadership from the relevant chairs.

- The Education Technical Committee under the direction of chairman Steve Yanek continues to update the ALCA Leather Technology Correspondence Course.
- The Research Liaison for Rawstock and Leather Committee will hold a meeting at the USDA on April 27 and 28, 2010 followed by the ASTM-D31 Committee meeting.

7. Activity reports from the IULTCS Commissions

a) IUC, IUF and IUP Test Method Commissions (see Annex G for full details)

Campbell Page reported briefly on the last meeting at Milan on the 23rd March 2010. An overview of the current developments in leather test methods is presented in Annex G. Members should be reminded that draft methods are available to download on the IULTCS website at: www.iultcs.org/iultcs_methodsdraft.asp
The next IUC / IUF / IUP Commission meeting is scheduled for the 7th September 2010 at PFI in Pirmasens, Germany.

b) IUE Environmental Commission

Dr. S. Rajamani reported the IUE continues to be active. The last meeting was during the Beijing Congress and several new members joined in the discussions.

The next IUE meeting will take place at the AICLST Conference in Kolkata in November 2010.

Dr Rajamani has presented the IUE activities at the UNIDO Leather Panel at Addis Abba in January 2010. The IUE documents are being published in the Indian leather journal, "Leathers".

The aim for 2010 is to update country specific environmental requirements to have a global overview.

c) IUT Training Commission

Jeffry Guthrie-Strachan reported that the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme has been amended following feed-back from the Beijing Congress. Elton Hurlow is reviewing it and it will shortly be available. The CPD certificate foresees a 4 year rolling programme of continuing education. Jeffry showed a copy of the CPD certificate, which will cost USD \$30 to cover costs (USD \$60 for a parchment version). Jeffry proposes it to be as a trial version in 2010, with the plan to go live after this.

Applications will be to Jeffry and CPD applicants must be members of the local IULTCS Member Society. The IUT representative of the local Member Societies will confirm the local courses and events (or the Member EC representative). The applications will be available from the IULTCS website.

d) IUR Research Commission

Following the successful IUR meeting at the Beijing Congress, Dietrich Tegtmeier has been busy preparing the ground-work for the IUR system of establishing criteria for research platforms. Research Projects that comply with these criteria are candidates for the IUR Certificate of Approval.

Dietrich Tegtmeier was happy to report that the first IUR Certificate of Approval for a research project has been awarded to Prof. Walter Wen-Chien Kuo of the National Pingtung University of Science and Technology in Taiwan. His research project is titled "Tannery wastewater treatment and reuse using horizontal bio-filter and constructed wetland." At this EC meeting the Certificate of Approval will be officially presented to Dr George Huang, attending on behalf of Prof. Kuo.

A photo and information article will be prepared for the media.

Elton said awarding the certificate of recognition to key research projects is an important way of promoting the activities of IULTCS. We are not in a position to pay for such research projects, but we can use our technical know-how and image to help make it easier for researchers to receive funding.

e) IUL Liaison Commission

The IUL Commission has continued to actively prepare information releases and forward these to the media, especially the leather on-line news, trade press and journals.

Marc Folachier gave notice in Beijing that he is now retired and cannot travel to meetings as previously. He asked that another person be found to take over the IUL Chair. Campbell Page proposed that Elton Hurlow be asked to take on this job. The EC agreed and Elton accepted the position of IUL Chairman.

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

Christine Powley-Williams informed the EC that the SLTC has developed a Facebook Group for those people involved in the leather industry. Currently it has approximately 80 members. Anybody wanting further details should contact her via the SLTC website, www.sltc.org.

Again the question of a leather Forum was raised. 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.

9. Any other business

a) Next ILF meeting

Jean-Pierre Gualino reported that some ideas for a future ILF meeting have been discussed. Now it needs to set the target and decide on a date.

Jean-Pierre was concerned that the name ILF has been used in Brazil for a raw hides meeting. The concept of the ILF as used by IULTCS was to bring **all** branches of the leather industry together. Roberto Kamelman and Elton Hurlow said they would use the chance at the Hong Kong Fair to see if they could discuss this with some of the Brazilian people involved.

b) Minutes of Council of Delegates (COD) meeting

Elton asked if the COD minutes are available. Campbell explained they are still in preparation and would be circulated when available.

10. Date and location of the next IULTCS Executive Meeting

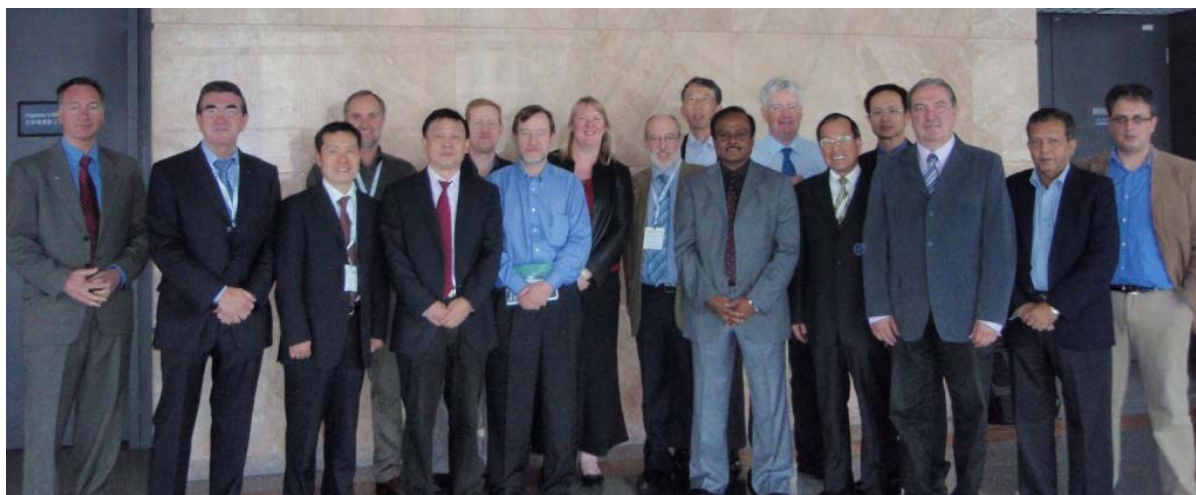
The EC decided that the next IULTCS Executive Committee will be held to coincide with the 8th Asian International Conference of Leather Science & Technology (AICLST) at Kolkata, India on 12th – 14th November 2010.

Next meeting: Sunday, 13th November 2010, at 8th Asian International Conference of Leather Science & Technology (AICLST), Kolkata, India
(Please note this date in your agenda now!)

Full details will be circulated nearer the time.

At 12.15h the President thanked everyone for their attendance and wished all those attending the Tannery of the Year Gala Dinner an enjoyable evening. The Secretary declared the IULTCS Executive Committee meeting closed.

Campbell Page
IULTCS Secretary
11th May 2010



Annex A

REPORT OF XXXI IULTCS Congress, Valencia, 28 – 30th Sept, 2011

Organizing Committee

Six new members have joined the Organizing Committee, which currently consists of the following members:

President	Mr Vicente Segarra	INESCOP
Coordinator	Mr Luis M ^a Labastida	President of AQEIC
Scientific Committee	Prof Dr Luisa F. Cabeza	University of Lleida
	Dr Agustí Marsal	CSIC
	Dr Lluís Ollé	Tannery School Igualada, UPC
	Dr Anna Bacardit	Tannery School Igualada, UPC
Relationships with companies	Mr Antoni Ylla-Catalá	Member of the AQEIC board
	Mrs Marivi Galiana	INCUSA
Relationships with research centres and universities	Dr Rita Puig	Tannery School Igualada, UPC
	Mr Joan Carles Castell	AIICA
Treasurer	Mr Miguel Asensio	Member of the AQEIC board
Secretary	Dr Rita Puig	Tannery School Igualada;UPC
	Mrs Francina Izquierdo	PULCRA
	Mr Jordi Amat	General Secretary of AQEIC

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Activities for the logistic organization of the Congress

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Online Information of the Congress

Information of the Congress is available online at <http://www.aqeic.org>. In this homepage, there is a link where some information of the Congress in English and Spanish is provided: *Welcome* by the President of IULTCS and the President of AQEIC; *Programme* (no information available yet); *Registration* (no information available yet); *Abstracts and Full papers* (some information provided); *Sponsors and Exhibitors* (no information available yet); *Committees* (information provided); *Contact* (information provided); *Links* (information provided) and *Key dates* (information provided). The information included in this homepage is continuously updated. Likewise, information of the Congress is available in the homepage of IULTCS (<http://www.iultcs.org>).

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- *Future of Leather Technologies*
- *Machinery Research in Leather*

Provisional Programme

27 September 2011

ARRIVAL

- Reception of attendants
- IULTCS Commission Meetings
- Official Reception (Valencia Town Hall)

28 September 2011

8:30-9:00	Opening Ceremony
9:00-9:45	Heidemann Lecture (Scientist to be named)
9:45-10:30	Memorial Lecture (To be named by AQEIC)
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-13:00	Oral conferences (6 conferences, 15 min each + 5 min discussion)
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-16:30	Visual Presentations
16:30-17:00	Coffee break
17:00-19:00	Oral conferences (6 conferences, 15 min each + 5 min discussion)

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9:00-10:30	Oral conferences (5 conferences, 15 min each + 5 min discussion)
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-13:00	Oral conferences (6 conferences, 15 min each + 5 min discussion)
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-16:30	Visual Presentations
16:30-17:00	Coffee break
17:00-19:00	Oral conferences (6 conferences, 15 min each + 5 min discussion)

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9:00-10:30	Oral conferences (5 conferences, 15 min each + 5 min discussion)
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-13:00	Oral conferences (6 conferences, 15 min each + 5 min discussion)
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-16:30	Visual Presentations
16:30-17:00	Coffee break
18h 00m:	Closing Ceremony

International Scientific Committee

Two new members have joined the International Scientific Committee:

Dr. Luis Ollé (Spain)
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Consequently, the International Scientific Committee, which was formed in 2009, consists of the following members:

Chair:

Prof. Dr. Luisa F. Cabeza (Spain)

Co-chair:

Dr. Agustí Marsal (Spain)

Members:

Dr. William Marmer (USA)
Dr. Patricia Casey (Argentina) – ExCo member
Dr. Jeffrey Guthrie-Strachan (England) – ExCo member
Dr. Domenico Castiello (Italy) – ExCo member
Dr.-Ing. Heinz-Peter Germann (Germany) – ExCo member
Dr. Michael Meyer (Germany) – ExCo member
Dr. Bi Shi (China) – ExCo member
Mr. Abdessatar Toumi (Tunissia) – ExCo member
M.Sc Katia Fernanda Streit (Brasil) – ExCo member
Dr. Volkan Çandar (Turkey) – ExCo member
Dr. S. Rajamani (India) ExCo member
Dr. J. M. Morera (Spain)
Dr. Joaquim Font (Spain)
Dr Anna Bacardit (Spain)
Dr Lluís Ollé (Spain)

Annex B

Report of ABQTIC, Brazil - Scheduled activities in 2010

ABQTIC activities for the rest of 2010:

June 2	Environment Forum – Estancia Velha
June 7	Monthly meeting – Estancia Velha – Lecture: Color formulation and certification in the industry – presented by Astech Solucoes Tec.
June 24	North and Northeast Regional meeting – still to be defined
July 5	Monthly meeting – Estancia Velha – Lecture: Costs and Taxes – presented by Luciano Hermann, Finance Manager at Tanquimica
August 2	Monthly meeting – Estancia Velha – Technology panel – still to be defined
Sept. 3	Monthly meeting – Estancia Velha – Chrome free process: presentation of several tanning systems – presented by Polivinyll
Sept. 28-30	FECURT (Students science and technology fair) held during COUROVISÃO at FENAC exhibition centre in Novo Hamburgo
October	possible visit to a factory – still to be defined
Nov. 8	Monthly meeting – Estancia Velha – Leather production in Brazil (still to be confirmed) – presented by CICB (Brazilian Leather Industry Centre)
Dec. 6	Monthly meeting – Estancia Velha – still to be defined

Annex C

Report of AQEIC, Spain - Main activities in 2009

March

Attendance of Mr Joan Carles Castell to the Meeting of the IUC/IUP/IUF Commissions of IULTCS held in Reutlingen the 17th of March.

Signature of a Collaboration Agreement between the Engineering School of Igualada – Leather Technology School (EUETII) and the Spanish Leather Association (AQEIC) the 10th of March

May

AQEIC Congress held in Peñíscola (Castellón) from 8th to 9th of May with 50 attendants. The Tourism Councillor of Peñíscola chaired the Opening Ceremony.

The following communications were presented:

“Mechanisms of moisture adsorption/desorption in bovine hide powder”

“Influence of synthetic and vegetable retanning agents on the ageing of leather by heat and chromium VI formation”

“Dehydrated collagen biomaterial. Instant chrome tanning”

“Diminution of the contamination load of beamhouse effluents by precipitation of the solubilized proteins”

“Economic viability of molten carbonate fuel cells working with biogas from leather wastes”

“Best use of leather by the suppliers of the automotive industry”

“Hazardous substances in leather for footwear”

“The footwear and leather industry in Castellon and their concentration in the Vall d'Uixo”

“Problems of wastewater in the ceramic industry”

“Innovation: Tanning Industry 2009 ”

September

Attendance of Mr Joan Carles Castell to the Meeting of the CEN TC/289 Working Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 held in Kettering (England) the 16th of September as Chairman IUC.

AQEIC headquarters moved from Barcelona to the Engineering School of Igualada – Leather Technology School (EUETII) in Igualada

October

Attendance of Dr. Lluisa Cabeza, Mr. Lluís M^a Labastida, President of AQEIC, Mr Vicente Segarra, President of the Organizing Committee of the IULTCS Congress in Valencia 2011, Dr. Agusti Marsal and Mr. Joan Carles Castell to the IULTCS Congress in Beijing

Annex D

Report of TILA – Scheduled activities in 2010

April 6	General Meeting - Directors and Supervisors Election	Queen Plaza Hotel, Tainan
May 8	Leather Technology Seminar	National Cheng Kung Uni., Tainan
June 17	Directors and Supervisors Committee Meeting	Orchard Park Hotel
July 10	Taiwan Leather Industry development Forum	Windsor Hotel, Taichung
Aug. 14	Tannery Waste Treatment Seminar	National Cheng Kung Uni., Tainan
Sept 1-3	2010 International Shanghai Leather Fair	ShangHai
Oct. 1	Directors and Supervisors Committee Meeting	Kaohsiung
Nov. 13	Leather Technology Seminar	National Cheng Kung Uni., Tainan

Annex E

Report of DETEK, Turkey - Main activities - 3rd Q. 2009 to 1st Q. 2010

“Clean Leather Technologies Seminar” organized by UNIDO-Turkish Ministry of Industry: Dr. Murat Tozan and Dr. Volkan Candar act as trainers on behalf of DETEK 09 – 20 Nov. 2009 in Bursa.

DETEK organized a seminar during Istanbul Leather Fair 12-14.Nov. 2009. Mr. Asim Onculer hold a seminar titled “Crisis and our Leather Industry”.

24.Nov.2009, “DETEK Discussion Dinner” has been organized covering more than 25 members. 2009 actions has been discussed 2010 actions were planned.

Panel organized together with Usak Leather Industrialist’s Association on “Turkish Leather Sector in 2015, Reflections, Expectations, Measures” on 17th.Dec.2009 in Usak. The panellists were Mr. Ergun Utku DETEK president, Mr. Ferit Karshi and Dr. Volkan Candar, DETEK EC members, Mr. Akif Kuplemmez, president of Usak Leather Ind. Association, Mr. Turgay Yetisgin, president of Turkish Leather Foundation.

The role of IULTCS, new commissions IUR, IUT and IUL were presented during the panel. The 2011 Valencia and 2013 Istanbul Congresses were announced and encouraged for paper applications.

New Executive Committee of DETEK was elected on 24th March 2010 and Dr. Volkan Candar was elected as president of DETEK and Mr. Ergun Utku, Prof. Dr. Altan Afsar, Mr. Ferit Karshi, Mrs. Mukadder Adil, Mr. Onur Sen(tanner), Mr. H. Basri Yorulmaz(tanner), Mr. Ozcan Kucuk and Mr. Tarik Erdal were elected as members of new EC.

Annex F

Report of ALCA, USA - Main activities 2010

NEW COUNCILOR:

Due to the resignation of Harold Diephouse, Goetz Hagen has been appointed as his replacement. Mr. Hagen is with BASF Corporation.

106th ANNUAL ALCA MEETING, June 10 – 13, 2010:

The 106th annual meeting will be held at Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, June 10-13, 2010.

- ◆ Two days of technical sessions will begin Friday, June 11, and continue on Saturday, June 12. A golf tournament will be held prior to the kick off of the convention on Thursday afternoon, June 10. There are over 20 contributions to the technical program. Complete details about the meeting are available on the ALCA website at www.leatherchemists.org under Annual Convention.
- ◆ Recipients of the O’Flaherty Service Award and the Alsop Award will be announced at the Awards Banquet held Saturday evening, June 12.
- ◆ Professor Jose M. Adzet, Research Director of “AIICA” Asociacion de Investigacion de las Industrias Del Curtido y Anexas, will present the 51st John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture on Friday morning, June 11. The title of his lecture is “Transformation of Lime Splits and Trimmings from Hides into Different Collagenic Materials.” Prof. Adzet has been the Research Manager for AIICA since 1994, where he directed AIICA’s participation in 25 research projects in collaboration with other scientists within the tanning industry. He has been a contributing author to ten books on leather technology, covering a broad range of subjects. He spent a number of years as the Manager of the Engineering University School and the High Tannery School of Igualada. He has PhDs from both the University of Lyon in France and the Central University of Barcelona in Spain.
- ◆ There will be two discussion panels at this year’s annual convention. One will be presented by members of the Eastern Regional Research Center of the USDA, and the other will be an

Environmental Panel composed of speakers from Lanxess, Tyson Foods, S.B. Foot Tanning Company, and the Leather Research Laboratory at the University of Cincinnati.

ALCA TECHNICAL COMMITTEES:

The ALCA technical committees have been very active with outstanding direction and leadership from the relevant chairs:

- ◆ The Education Committee under the direction of Chair Steve Yanek continues to update the ALCA Leather Technology Correspondence Course.
- ◆ The Research Liaison for Rawstock and Leather Committee will hold a meeting at the USDA on April 27 and 28, 2010 followed by the ASTM-D31 Committee meeting.

Annex G

Report of IUC, IUP and IUF Commissions Meeting, Milan, 23rd March 2010

Documents accepted as EN and ISO standards since last meeting:

EN ISO 27587/IUC 26 *Determination of free formaldehyde in process auxiliaries.*

EN ISO 17234-1/IUC 20-1 *Determination of certain azo colorants in dyed leathers. Part 1: Determination of certain aromatic amines derived from azo colorants*

Documents re-confirmed as EN and ISO standards after the 5 year review:

EN ISO 4047:1977/IUC 7 *Determination of sulphated total ash and sulphated water-insoluble ash*

EN ISO 5397:1984/IUC 10 *Determination of nitrogen content and "hide substance" -- Titrimetric method*

EN ISO 15700:1998/IUF 420 *Colour fastness to water*

Documents out at joint EN and ISO DIS inquiry

prEN ISO DIS 5403-2/IUP 10-2 *Determination of water resistance of flexible leather – Part 2: Repeated angular compression (Maeser)*

prEN ISO DIS 14087/IUP54 *Determination of flexural properties.*

prEN ISO DIS 17076-2/IUP48-2 *Determination of abrasion resistance – Part 2: Martindale ball plate method.*

Documents - review of comments after ISO DIS inquiry and submission to formal ISO and EN vote

ISO DIS 13365/IUC 29 *Determination of the preservative (TCMTB, CMK, OPP, PIT) content in leather*

ISO DIS 14088/IUC 32 *Quantitative analysis of tanning agents by filter method*

ISO DIS 17072-1/IUC 27-1 *Leather - Chemical determination of metal content. Part 1: Extractable metals*

ISO DIS 17072-2/IUC 27-2 *Leather – Chemical determination of metal content. Part 2: Total metal content*

ISO DIS 17226-3/IUC 19-3 *Chemical determination of formaldehyde content – Part 3: Formaldehyde emissions from leather*

ISO DIS 17234-2/IUC 20-2 *Determination of certain azo colorants in dyed leathers – Part 2: Determination of 4-aminoazobenzene derived from azo colorants.*

ISO DIS 26082-1/ IUP 53-1 *Leather – Physical and mechanical test method for the determination of soiling – Part 1: Rubbing (Martindale) method*

ISO DIS 26082-2/ IUP 53-2 *Leather – Physical and mechanical test method for the determination of soiling – Part 2: Tumbling method*

ISO Standards – after 5 year review, documents revised and submitted to DIS inquiry

ISO 17070 / IUC 25 *Determination of pentaclorophenol content.*

ISO 2419 / IUP 1 & 3 *Sample preparation and conditioning*

ISO 3377-1/IUP 40-1 *Determination of tear load – Part 1: Single edge tear*

ISO 3376/IUP 6 *Determination of tensile strength and percentage of extension.*

ISO 5402-1/IUP20-1 *Determination of flex resistance. Part 1: Flexometer method.*
ISO 5402-2/IUP 39 (former ISO 22288:2006) *Determination of flex resistance. Part 2: Vamp flex method*
ISO 5403-1/IUP 10-1 *Determination of water resistance of flexible leather – Part 1: Repeated linear compression (penetrometer)*
ISO 5404/IUP 11 *Determination of water resistance of heavy leathers*
ISO 14268/IUP15 *Determination of water vapour permeability*
ISO 17076-1/IUP 48-1 *Determination of abrasion resistance – Part 1: Taber method*
ISO 17186/IUP41 *Determination of surface thickness.*
ISO 17227/IUP 35 *Determination of dry heat resistance*
ISO 17235/IUP36 *Determination of softness.*

ISO 11640/IUF 450 *Colour fastness to cycles of to-and-fro rubbing*
ISO 11641/IUF 426 *Colour fastness to perspiration*
ISO 11642/IUF 421 *Colour fastness to water*
ISO 20433/IUF 452 *Colour fastness to crocking*
ISO 17228/IUF 412 *Change in colour with accelerated ageing*

Documents open for discussion

Determination of free and ethoxylated nonylphenols in leather
Determination of organotin compounds in leather by GS/MS method
ISO 3379:1976/IUP 9 *Leather - Determination of distension and strength of grain -- Ball burst test*
ISO 11646/IUP 32 *Leather - Measurement of area*

New work items

Verification/Identification of collagen by microscopy photography.