



**Minutes of the IULTCS Executive Committee Meeting
14th November 2010 at 09:30 hrs
ILTA,
Kolkata, India.**

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting

The Executive Secretary called the meeting to order at 09.40 hrs.

1. Attendees

Dr Bi Shi (President), Dr Campbell Page (Secretary-Treasurer), Elton Hurlow (Past-President), Dr Gianluigi Calvanese, Luis Labastida, Arnab Jha, Dr S. Rajamani, Dr Keiji Yoshimura, Thomas Yu, Chen Zhanguang.

Guests: Ivan Kral (UNIDO), Susanta Mallick (ILTA), Rosario Mascolo (AIIC), George Huang (TILA), Dr Kazuharu Nakagawa (JLTA), Wolram Scholz (SLTC), Li Yu Zhong (CLIA).

Apologies: Dr Volkan Candar, Patricia Casey, Joan Carles Castell, Dr Luisa Cabeza, Su Chaoying, Jean-Pierre Gualino, Dr Heinz-Peter Germann, Mainul Haque, Dr Jeffry Guthrie-Strachan, Roberto Kamelman, Christine Ohren-Bird, Gloria Diaz, Vicente Segarra, Dr Dietrich Tegtmeier, Dr Ahab Tuomi, Ricardo Weiss and Mike Wilson.

The Secretary welcomed the EC members and guest members to the meeting at the ILTA offices in Kolkata. He thanked the ILTA for their organisation of the AICLST Conference and for providing the transport and room for the EC meeting.

The President, Bi Shi, welcomed everyone, especially those guests from IULTCS Member Societies. A special welcome was given to Ivan Kral from UNIDO.

2. Minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting, 29th March 2010 in Hong Kong

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, 27th - 30th 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, 29th - 31th, 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) Membership & Subscriptions

Since the last EC meeting in Hong Kong we are happy to have 2 new Associate Members, ITAB-YC from Indonesia and LASRA from New Zealand.

The Secretary reported that to date all Member Societies except Mexico and the Associate Members Rumania and Greece have paid their subscriptions for 2010. Uruguay has paid their subscriptions for 2010 and 2011.

b) Financial situation

The accounts and assets of the IULTCS were reported in detail at the EC meeting in March. The investments have not changed since then. The IULTCS has a current bank account balance of 48308 EUR. The current bank account earns a small amount of interest and is being kept at a reasonably high level since interest rates for EUR and CHF investments are currently at very low levels.

The accounts for 2010 are in line with the 2010 Budget approved at the EC meeting in March.

c) Website advertising (Supporting Members)

The income from advertising Banners on the IULTCS website is an 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. Merit Award nominations

The secretary notified that nominations for the IULTCS Merit Award were open and Members would be circulated with the details directly after this EC Meeting. Nominations close with the Secretary on 14th March 2011.

The IULTCS Executive Committee will select the Award winner at the next EC meeting in Hong Kong, so there was enough time to invite them to the next Congress in Valencia to be presented with the Award. The Merit Award is the highest IULTCS Award and recognises excellence in the field of leather science.

6. Progress reports on planning and arrangements for IULTCS Congresses

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

An up-to-date Congress report has been circulated by separate e-mail on 2nd February 2011.

The President of AQEIC, Luis Labastida presented the report on the progress of the 31st IULTCS Congress in Valencia. Rooms have been reserved in the SH Valencia Palace hotel and the preliminary Congress program and fees were presented. Elton Hurlow commented that while the financial responsibility for running of the Congress is with AQEIC, the proposed fees were high and could discourage some people from attending. The IULTCS asked that AQEIC review these and if necessary they can be discussed again at the March EC meeting.

Activities carried out for the preparation of the IULTCS Congress, Valencia 2011

Promotion of the Congress

Different actions have been undertaken:

· *Advertising in magazines:*

JALCA; Cuoio, Pelli and Materie Concianti; Lederpiel; Mecanipel, Bulletin AQEIC, Leather International, World Leather, Acolcur, CEC-FECUR.

· *Presentation of the IULTCS Congress in Congresses and Conferences of the sector:*

In previous years: Mexico, Bogotá (Colombia), Brasil, Beijin (China), Peñíscola (Spain).

In 2010: Hong Kong (APLF, attended by Mr Daniel Sánchez, in march), Arnedo (Spain) (AQEIC Congress in May), Kolkata (VIIIth AICLST attended by Mr Luis M^a Labastida, in November)

· *Broadcast in web pages:*

Leatherbiz Leather, CueroNet, AQEIC, IULTCS.

· *Diffusion via mail and email to associations, companies and individuals from the sector:*

E-mails to companies: 260

E-mails to Research Centres: 440

Mail to Research Centres and companies: 124

All shipments were made in triplicate: May, July and October 2010.

· *Diffusion to all AQEIC partners*

· *Contacts with universities, technical colleges and research centres of Spain have been carried out in November 2010.*

Financial support

Financial support to Spanish Official Institutions has been asked in 2010. All of these actions are pending resolution. Additional funds will be requested in 2011 to Official Institutions and private companies.

External support

A contract has been signed with Grupo Pacifico, which will be in charge of the logistical organization of the Congress.

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>December 15th, 2010 (date extended from November)</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 (registration), 28th to 30th, 2011</i>

b) XXXII IULTCS Congress – Istanbul, Turkey, 29th – 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, for the Istanbul Congress has been established.

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

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

ABQTIC has started the planning for this Congress.

d) XXXIV IULTCS Congress – 2017

The ILTA asked to be considered as the host Society for the 2017 Congress. The EC decided that the assignment of the 2017 Congress would be made at the EC meeting during the 2011 Congress in Valencia. At the next EC meeting it would be announced that any Member wishing to hold the Congress should send in their request.

e) Regional Conferences

- 8th AICLST – 2010 – Kolkata, India

The 8th Asian International Conference of Leather Science and Technology is being held in conjunction with this EC meeting. It is attended by a large number of leather experts from the Asian region. The theme of the program is, “Leather 2020: Challenges and opportunities.” This AICLST Conference is jointly organised by ILTA and CLRI in association with the Council of Trade Bodies.”

- 9th AICLST – 12th – 14th November 2012 – Taipei, Taiwan

Thomas Yu and George Huang from TILA presented the request to hold the next AICLST Conference in Taipei. It was agreed unanimously to accept this proposal from TILA.

- XVIII FLAQTIC Conference - 9th – 11th October 2012 – Montevideo, Uruguay

The Uruguayan Association of Leather Industry Chemists and Technicians (AUQTIC) are organising the 18th 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 9th – 11th October 2012. More information is available on the conference website at www.flaqtic2012.org.

7. 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 Tegtmeier, vice-president of the leather business unit at Lanxess.

b) CLIA - China

China reported they have been:

- translating papers from the Beijing Congress;
- organised a technical conference on leather chemicals in July 2010;
- organised their annual meeting in Sept. 2010;
- working with 9 different universities and preparing the abstracts for the IULTCS Congress in Valencia;
- promoting the Chinese leather mark and eco-leather mark.

c) ACOLCUR – Colombia

Gloria Diaz reported that Acolcur Colombia, through its environmental committee, is supporting the tanning industry in Colombia by developing an explanatory document to clarify to the environmental authorities the parameters of discharges that are achievable by the leather industry to sewers and surface water.

**New parameters proposed by the authorities to discharge to sewers and surface waters
for Colombian tanning Industry**

Parameter	Sewer	Surface Waters
COD	<800 mg/l	<400 mg/l
BOD	<300 mg/l	<200 mg/l
Suspended solids	<400 mg/l	<200 mg/l
Settled solids	<10 mg/l	<2 mg/l
Oil / grease	<100mg/l	<20 mg/l
Phenols	<0,2 mg/l	<0,2 mg/l
Detectable substances to methylene blue	<8,0 mg/l	<5,0 mg/l
Sulfates (SO4=)	<1000mg/l	<300 mg/l
Sulfides (S=)	<5,0 mg/l	<2,0 mg/l
Chromium	<1,0 mg/l	<0,5 mg/l
Chromium VI	<0,5 mg/l	<0,2 mg/l
Color		<50 U Pt-Co
pH	5-9	6-8
Mercury (Hg)	<0,02 mg/l	<0,01 mg/l
T°C	<30°C	+/- 3°C about T° River
N-NO3	-	<2 mg/l
N-NO2	-	<2 mg/l
N-NH3	-	<5,0 mg/l
N	-	<10 mg/l
Other parameters under discussion		
Chlorides (Cl-)	<1000 mg/l	<500 mg/l
Calcium (Ca)	<150 mg/l	<80 mg/l
Sodium (Na)	<35 mg/l	<35 mg/l
Parameters to take In Situ		
Flow m3/d		
Conductivity mS		

The basis for this proposal of the authorities is a World Bank document. This document was based on recommendations of IUE 2004, however; ACOLCUR do not understand why the tables on the page 11 of this document, show tannery discharge values so low. In Colombia it is not allowed to use rainwater or sewers water, to dilute any industrial effluent.

Acolcur is required, with technical information and sustainable international experience, to produce coherent and actually reachable parameters by the tannery industries without dilution.

In ACOLCUR, we have reviewed the documents IUE 5 and IUE 6 several times. Specifically, if you have a COD removal it can be between 85-95% (see IUE 5) with treatment primary or chemical + extended aeration, and you have values 200-400 mg/l. This result is given for COD values of input before primary treatment of between 2666-4000 mg/l. Reported COD values of input that are monitored in Colombian tanneries (after doing hair recovery, oxidation of sulfides and recycling of pickling and chromium baths) can be between 6000-15000 mg/l (that is, much higher).

Were the values of biological treatment of IUE5 with the mixture of tannery wastewater with sewer waters?

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

VGCT held its 62nd General Meeting in combination with the 37th annual Seminar Meeting of the Lederinstitut Gerberschule Reutlingen (LGR) from March 16th – 18th, 2010. Some 80 participants from 10 different countries attended the seminar with the topic “*Leather finishing*”.

The technical programme comprised presentations of 11 technical papers with the subject matter including cross-linking of finishes for improved performance, new anti-soiling finishing systems, wax and oil finishing for fashion leathers, and the challenges and possibilities of NMP-free finishing. In addition, application methods were discussed including innovative roller coating techniques, pressurized spray cabinets and infra-red drying, as well as savings in chemicals and energy while spraying. The topics of health and safety matters and sustainable leather manufacture and finishing completed the programme.

The presentations were in German and English, with simultaneous translations of the papers and the following discussions. A high number of practical tanners and finishers (more than 40% of those present) ensured that questions and responses to the presentations remained close to the practical subjects of leather finishing.

On Wednesday, March 17th, 2010 a meeting of the Board of VGCT was followed by the General meeting of members which included the reports of the President (Dr. Gerhard Nickolaus), Treasurer (Dr. Heinz-Peter Germann) and the representatives of the two Technical Commissions („Leather testing and quality assessment“ and „Chemical auxiliaries“). In rotation, new elections took place with Dr. Thomas Schroeer being elected VGCT president and Dr. Gerhard Nickolaus vice-president. The VGCT event was completed by a Welcome party in Reutlingen’s beautiful mountain restaurant on “Achalm”, in the evening of the same day.

Next year’s 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) will be organized.

f) ILTA – India

Since Oct. 2009 the Indian Leather Technologists’ Association has been very much concerned for the forthcoming programmes of its Diamond Jubilee Celebration, a year long programme to start on 14th August, 2010.

In addition to our regular and cultural program a few workshops will be conducted on different subjects related to cleaner production in terms of process, systems, use of chemicals and optimization of energy. On successful completion of workshops, manuals will be released for further implementation to the willing tanneries. Assistance from regional Centre of CLRI and from Govt. College of Engineering and Leather Technology in Kolkata will be extended for implementation of this program.

The Entrepreneur Development of India, a Govt. supported body entrusted the job of standardization, procurement and other techno-economic studies for arranging assured quality materials supply to the small and cottage level manufacturers of Santiniketan Goods, for which India is famous for decades together as a traditional item of goods. Our member has submitted the Detail Project Report.

Like other years, LEXPO, the fair for Leather Exposition have been conducted in Kolkata and Siliguri (a metropolitan city in North Bengal) successfully having good impact among the common people. Village women were provided training for making toys and ornaments, etc., from leather trimmings.

Sanjay Sen Memorial Lecture (delivered on the birthday of Mr. Sanjay Sen, a past president of ILTA and IULTCS) was delivered by Dr.K.V.Raghavan, life member of ILTA and former Director of CLRI and Institute Of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad and now the chairman of the Research Council of CLRI and Atomic Energy Regulatory Board. The title of the lecture was “The E factor in leather chemicals : the Green Road Map.”

The 44th Leather Research Industry Get Together was conducted on 29 - 30 January 2010 at CLRI with the support of all the stakeholders from the Indian leather sector. The theme was BIOTAN (Bio related innovative options for tannery applications.).

The program started with B.M.Das Memorial Lecture, delivered by Dr. Heinz-Peter Germann of Germany titled “Sustainable Leather Manufacture - Realistic objective or Wishful Thinking ?”

Dr. Rajamani, Chairman of the IUE Commission of IULTCS gave an insight to the participants about the technological documents prepared for Tanning Industry. He shared his experience on Solid Waste Management and disposal in different countries.

The 8th Asian International Conference of Leather Science and Technology, a part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration is being held from 12-14 Nov. 2010. The theme of the program is, "Leather 2020: Challenges and opportunities." The AICLST Conference is a joint presentation of ILTA and CLRI in association with the Council of Trade Bodies."

g) ITAB-YC - Indonesia

Thank you for the information about the IULTCS activities for 2011. The ITAB-YC will probably have not so many chances to follow these activities, because in 2011, we have a busy time with seminars, leather and leather product exhibition that will be held nationally in Indonesia. The exhibition is usually attended by some foreign visitors, who do business with the tanners in Indonesia.

Activities:

- 1) Socialization benefits of ITAB - YC becoming a member of IULTCS, to the Tanning Industry is not yet a member of the ITAB - YC.
- 2) Inventory the problems faced by the Tanning Industry in Indonesia, particularly in technology and the regulation and to inform IULTCS to help try and obtain a solution.
- 3) Appointed by the Indonesian Tanners Association, to organize its National Congress, on 11th February 2011, in Yogyakarta.

The purpose of the National Congress of the Indonesian Tanners Association is:

- Liability Management Association, the period 2008 - 2011
- Election Board Indonesian Tanners Association, the period 2011-2014
- Discussion of the problems faced by the Tanning Industry in Indonesia, among other things:
- Lack of leather raw materials, both from domestic and abroad (imports), to import the raw hide & skins (including: pickle, wetblue, crust) currently only allowed from countries that declared free of Foot and Mouth disease
- Waste from the leather tanning industry, whether liquid, solid and gas, are still categorized as hazardous and toxic wastes, including waste from pickle leather, wet blue, crust and finished leather. Especially for discussion we would like input / opinions from members of IULTCS, whether in other countries such provisions apply also? I have tried to contact the colleagues who joined IULTCS, but not yet received a satisfactory answer.

On the occasion of discussions in the Indonesian Tanners Association meeting, I would like to ask you briefly about the information paper states that in Europe & USA, other Asian countries, etc., there are no restrictions / concerns against the import of raw hide/ skins, pickle, wet blue from the State that has not been declared free of Foot and Mouth disease. Also papers on opinions from experts in IULTCS, that leather products, including leather solid waste that is reused into other products, are not containing Chrome VI. I need your information as soon as possible.

The expected participations at the meeting is about 150 peoples, from leather tanneries, chemical suppliers, raw hide & skins collector and supplier of machinery & spare parts.

Thank you for your attention and good cooperation.

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.

i) JLTA – Japan

JLTA annual meeting and technical meeting were held on 3rd Dec, 2010 at Tokyo.

Seminars for consumers and retailers about leather and leather goods were held in various regions, such as Tokyo, Yokohama, and Fukuoka.

Research project about practical application and development of ecological leather has been conducted with JALT staff and leather related laboratories, such as Tokyo Metropolitan Leather Technology Center, Technology Research Institute of Osaka Prefecture, Hyogo Prefectural Institute of Technology, etc. In November, 5 persons participated in the Asian International Conference of Leather Science and Technology in Kolkata, India.

Now, we have been compiling the dictionary of leather and leather goods since July 2010.

j) AQEIC – Spain

AQEIC held their national conference in May 2010 which was attended by 60 people. Otherwise AQEIC is busy with arrangements for the 2011 IULTCS Congress.

k) SLTC – UK

Wolfram Scholz reported that a tanning group in Scotland have installed a gasification plant that is converting some 30'000 tons of leather waste into energy and heat.

SLTC have re-launched their JSLTC journal with a new look. Electronic versions are also now possible. The SLTC Conference in 2011 is scheduled for 7th May (see www.sltc.org) at Northampton University.

l) ALCA – USA

The 106th ALCA annual meeting was held at Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, on 10 -13 June, 2010 and was well attended. Professor Jose M. Adzet presented the John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture.

The JALCA journal is now available as an ezine (electronic) version.

8. Activity reports from the IULTCS Commissions

a) IUC, IUF and IUP Leather Test Method Commissions

Campbell Page reported briefly on the last meeting at Pirmasens on the 7th September 2010. The minutes of the combined IUC/IUF/IUP leather test methods meeting are available on the IULTCS website at: www.iultcs.org/commissions.asp.

Members are reminded that draft versions of proposed new test methods are available to download on the IULTCS website at: 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: 15th March 2011 at UNIC in Milan, Italy and after that on 27th Sept. 2011 at the IULTCS Congress in Valencia.]

b) IUE Environmental Commission

Dr. S. Rajamani reported the IUE Commission continues to be active. The last meeting was just 2 days ago during the AICLST Conference in Kolkata and was well attended. The minutes will be circulated. At the AICLST Conference, Dr Rajamani presented an Environmental update in the World Leather Sector.

Joint publications with Argentina, China, India and Spain on leather environmental updates have been published in the Leather News India journal. Further joint publications with Brazil, Turkey and Italy are in preparation.

The next IUE meeting will take place at the IULTCS Congress in Valencia, Spain on 27th September 2011.

c) IUT Training Commission

Jeffrey Guthrie-Strachan reported that he attended the opening of the Training School for the Tanning sector in Turbigo, Italy. The aim of the school is to give professional training in all aspects of leather from tanning through to fashion, including the utilisation of exchanges with different leather schools with specialised expertise. Jeffrey gave a presentation on the IULTCS and the need to have better trained technicians to meet the changing needs of the leather industry.

d) IUR Research Commission

An IUR meeting was held during the Shanghai leather Fair.

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

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 Journal/Magazine distribution list are made as received.

There have been 4 communications to the leather industry media since the last EC meeting.

DATE	HEADLINE / TOPIC	COMMENTS
4 Oct, 2010	Meeting of Leather Industry Test Method Experts in Pirmasens	Update on IUC/P/F activities
16 Aug, 2010	LASRA joins IULTCS	New Zealand joins as Associate Member
14 July, 2010	ITAB-YC joins IULTCS	Indonesia joins as Associate Member
10 May, 2010	IUR issues 1st IULTCS Certificate of Approval for a Research Project	Prof. Kuo's successful bid for IUR certification

The IUL Chair has also had various direct communications with other legitimate industry organizations on matters of common interest such as the identity of leather, labeling, use of preservation salt, abuse of terms such as “synthetic leather”, development of a Restricted Substance Lists by the brands. These activities are ongoing.

9. IULTCS Certificate of Membership

Our new member Indonesia has proposed that IULTCS could help members to obtain assistance to attend leather conferences if the IULTCS could provide a certificate of Membership. This received strong support from the Executive members. Elton Hurlow proposed that there be different certificates for each group. Firstly, one for the Member Societies of IULTCS, then another for the individual members of these Societies. Who are members of the Member Societies would need to be controlled by the Societies. The proposal is for a landscape type certificate and Elton Hurlow agreed to prepare some examples for confirmation at the March meeting in Hong Kong.

10. Next ILF meeting

The aim of the ILF meetings is to have the whole supply chain in the leather industry to sit down and discuss in a non-political, non-commercial way how we could work better together to everyone's benefit. There was nothing new on the next ILF to report at this stage.

UNIDO & Leather Panel Meeting: Ivan Kral (UNIDO) gave a short report on the activities of the UNIDO. Several IULTCS EC members had taken part in the Leather Panel meeting held in Addis Ababa in 2010. The meeting brought together different groups of leather industry people to discuss problems and solutions. The next Leather Panel meeting is scheduled for 2012 in China.

Ivan commented that UNIDO can help with the publication and distribution of information. For example, the UNIDO documents could be added to the IULTCS website. Bi Shi, Campbell Page and Elton Hurlow were nominated to follow this up.

11. 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.

12. Any other business

- Use of the name "leather"

Since the last EC meeting there has been an exchange of e-mails concerning the apparent increasing use of the word "leather" for materials that are made synthetically. For example, a press article highlighting a new production facility in China for upholstery "leather" was actually a new factory for the manufacture of a polyurethane material.

CLIA helped us to understand that in the Chinese language, that for the word "leather" there is not always the clear distinction between natural and synthetic materials as in many other languages. In Europe the word "leather" is being defined in European Standards and COTANCE is working to have the description of materials in articles also more clearly defined.

A "Leather Naturally" Group has been formed in the UK with the aim to promote the material leather as a sustainable natural material.

- IULTCS logo

The EC agreed that Members could use the IULTCS logo when preparing publicity material. The different logos and guidelines are available to download from the IULTCS website. TILA noted that the resolution was poor if the logo was magnified.

After the meeting contact was made with Prof. Jaume Cot, who was involved in the preparation of the IULTCS logo. He commented that the logo files were in a special format for use by graphic design experts. The format was such to allow a lot of magnification without any loss of resolution; however, it needed someone familiar with graphics design programs to do this.

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 Hong Kong Leather Fair, 30th March – 1st April 2011.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 30th March 2011, at ALPF Hong Kong Leather Fair, Hong Kong Exhibition & Convention Center, Hong Kong.
(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 declared the IULTCS Executive meeting closed.

Campbell Page
IULTCS Secretary
14th Feb. 2011

