



**Minutes of the IULTCS Executive Committee Meeting  
20 June 2007 at 13:30 hrs  
Continued on 21 June 2007 at 17:00 hrs.  
Treasury Room, J W Marriott Hotel,  
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington DC 20004, USA.**

The President, Mr M Folachier called the meeting to order at 13:30 hrs. The President passed on good wishes to the Secretary for his wife's recovery and thanked the Secretary for the work he has done, especially for this Congress.

**Attendees:** Attending: Mr M Folachier (President), Mr E L Hurlow (Vice-President), Prof J Cot, Mrs K Streit, Dr H-P Germann, Mr H Schulz, Mrs P Casey de Polzinetti, Dr D Castiello, Dr C T Page, Dr S Rajamani, Prof G Attenburrow, Dr V Candar, Mr C Zhanguang, Madam Zhang Shu Hua and Mr D Sanchez. Also, on 21.06.07, Mr D Banerjee, Dr Bi Shi and Mr A Toumi.

The President welcomed Mr Dilip Banerjee attending on behalf of Mr Arnab Jha, Mr Chen Zhanguang together with Madam Zhang Shu Hua, attending on behalf of Mr Su Chaoying and Mr H Schulz attending on behalf of Dr M Meyer.

**1. Apologies for absence:**

Apologies had been received from: Mr R W Weiss, Dr M Meyer, Dr J Guthrie-Strachan, Mr C Keifer, Mr A Jha and Mr Su Chaoying, Mrs C Adcock, Mr D Tabor and Mr J M V Williams (Secretary/Treasurer).

**2. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 19 September 2006 in Paris, France:**

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

**3. Matters arising from the minutes:**

**a). Report on the XXIX IULTCS Congress in Washington DC, USA, 20-24 June 2007:**

Mr Doug Tabor sent his apologies but was involved with another Congress meeting.

**b). Report on the XVII Latin-American Conference of FLAQTIC/IULTCS in Brazil, 2008:**

On behalf of the Brazilian Association Mrs Katia Strait distributed a leaflet with full details of the Regional Conference. ABQTIC is working to organize the XVII FLAQTIC Conference and the XVIII ABQTIC National Congress from October 8th to 10th, 2008 in Rio de Janeiro city. For this Congress ABQTIC already has six sponsors but hope for four more. About 300 people are expected to attend the congress. A DVD presentation will be made during the closing ceremony on Saturday 23 June 2006 to encourage Delegates to attend.

An IUE meeting will be held during this Conference.

Abstracts must be sent to [abqtic@abqtic.com.br](mailto:abqtic@abqtic.com.br) by 30 November 2007.

Registration costs for the Conference are as follows:

By 30 April 2008:		After 30 April 2008:	
IULTCS Members	USD 300.00	IULTCS Members	USD 350.00
Non-IULTCS Member	USD 350.00	Non-IULTCS Member	USD 400.00
Companion	USD 180.00.	Companion	USD 180.00.

The above amounts include for participants: Opening Cocktail, 2 coffee breaks, 2 lunches, closing dinner party, discussions.

Companion: Opening Cocktail, 2 lunches, closing dinner party. Several outing options will be offered.

Details of Hotel accommodation are also given. More details in IULTCS website:  
<http://www.iultcs.org/latinoamericano.asp>

The IULTCS President expressed his appreciation that the South American Conference had transferred the date to 2008 to avoid clashing with the IULTCS International Congress. He emphasised that we must avoid any clash of the International Congress and Regional Conferences to ensure that both are financially successful. The IULTCS will do its best to support the Regional Conferences.

### **c). Report on the XXX Congress in China, 2009:**

Mr C Zhanguang presented the following report on behalf of the Chinese Association:

The China Leather Industry Association (CLIA) has started the work of organising the XXX IULTCS CONGRESS. The major preparations completed and the tentative schedule are as follows:

#### **1. Time and place**

**Date: Oct. 11-14, 2009** - This is the best time for local weather conditions.

**Location:** Beijing, China - The actual hotel location is still to be fixed as it is not possible to finalise it yet due to the impending Olympic Games with current very high hotel prices. After the Olympics it should be possible to negotiate lower prices.

**Reservation Deadline:** to be fixed.

**Registration fee:** to be fixed but will include the Congress registration, buffet lunch, receptions, night dinner, banquet and tour.

#### **2. Tentative Schedule**

##### **Monday, Oct. 11**

Registration	9:00 a.m. - 21:00 p.m.
IUE Commission Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
IUR and IUT Commission Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
IULTCS Executive Meeting	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
IULTCS pre-convention meeting organisers, executive committees, lecturers, and moderators)	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Exhibitors set up	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Dinner	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

##### **Tuesday, Oct. 12**

Opening Ceremony	8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Heidemann Lecture	9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Visual Display/Break	9:45 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.
Technical Papers	10:20 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Buffet Lunch	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*** Memorial Lecture	1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Technical Papers	2:30 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.
Visual Display/Break	3:10 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Technical Papers	3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
IULTCS Executive Committee Meeting	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Welcome Banquet	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

##### **Wednesdays, Oct. 13**

Technical Papers	8:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.
Visual Display/Break	9:40 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Technical Papers	10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Joint Meeting of IUC/IUF/IUP/IUE/IUT/IUR	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Buffet Lunch	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Technical Papers	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Visual Display/Break	3:00 a.m. - 3:35 a.m.
Technical Papers	3:35 a.m. - 6:00 a.m.

## Thursday, Oct. 14

Technical Papers	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Visual Display/Break	10:00 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.
Meeting of IULTCS Council of Delegates	10:35 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.
Closing Ceremony	11:35 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Lunch	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
<i>Tour of Beijing</i>	1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Joint Meeting of CLIA Organising Committee and IULTCS	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Farewell Banquet	7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

### 3. Organising Committee

The organising committee has been formed which consists of 5 persons from CLIA responsible for:

- Hotel and separated meeting rooms booking;
- Reception, lunch and dinner arrangements;
- Sightseeing and social activities arrangements;
- Making schedule and program of the Congress;
- Budget;
- Publicity campaign/sponsorship and translation services (if necessary).

Person in charge: Mr. Su Chaoying, Secretary General, China Leather Industry Association

### 4. Technical Committee

The Technical Committee will be formed immediately after Washington Congress of 2007.

Person in charge: Dr. Shi Bi, Sichuan University

### 5. Publicity campaign

A series of publicity campaigns have been or will be implemented which include:

- sending out fliers with actual date and site of the congress at this year's congress and among all members of IULTCS and CLIA
- advertisements in leather magazines;
- e-mail correspondence;
- web site announcement, linkage between CLIA and IULTCS web sites;
- brochure making and sending out among all members of IULTCS and CLIA, which includes tentative schedule, social activities, registration form as well as hotel booking form.

### 6. Sponsorship campaign

To be organised by the Organising Committee. It is expected to be initiated in August 2007.

### 7. Key dates set for the Congress

- Abstracts for papers are to be submitted by Dec. 15, 2008.
- Authors of accepted papers will be notified by March 15, 2008.
- Full texts of approved manuscripts must be submitted prior to June 15, 2009.

#### d). Report on the XXXI Congress in Spain, 2011:

The Spanish Leather Chemists Association, AQEIC, accepted the organisation of the XXXI IULTC Congress which will be held in 2011. AQEIC has nominated a Committee to perform this task, and Daniel Sánchez has been appointed Chairman of the same one. The Committee is formed by:

Mr Daniel Sánchez  
Mr Miguel Asensio  
Dr Rita Puig  
Mr Vicente Segarra  
Mr Xavier Marginet  
Dr Agustín Marsal.

It has been decided that Valencia, a city with the essence of the Mediterranean, is to be the venue of this Congress.

Valencia is a city where ancient traditions live side by side with modern life. It has a wide range of activities to suit all tastes, painting exhibitions, concerts, festivals, sporting activities, the City of Arts and Sciences, health tourism, eating and drinking outside, the shopping areas, the Turia Park which runs from west to east across the city and the endless promenade. Besides that, Valencia is hosting this year the America's Cup sailing's event and it is going to be holding also the European Grand Prix of F 1. Furthermore is the capital of a tourist, agricultural and industrial region with a strong tradition of the textile, ceramics, tanning and leather manufacturing.

Although the Leather Industry is going through a worldwide crisis, AQEIC hopes to organise a Congress that will work as a reference point and will be useful to motivate the reactivation of this industrial sector.

To make all this possible we are going to count on the support of several Institutions, the Universities of Valencia, the Regional and Cultural Government of Valencia, the Spanish Ministry of Industry and the European Union.

We want to invite all of you to come and visit our city, Valencia, to be delighted with its charm and the hospitality of its people and to join us with your contributions, papers or just with your presence and so to share in the Congress' success.

From now on we will be informing you, over the next Congresses, of any news that could be taking place regarding the 2011 IULTCS Congress.

#### **4. President's Report:**

##### **a). Report:**

Since our last EC meeting in Paris September 19th last year I have tried to promote the image of the Union and to implement and explain our new strategy in different occasions at different places.

I represented the Union at the 7th Asian Leather Conference in Chengdu (Sichuan China). It was a success and the level of the given lectures represents the level of the research activity for the leather industry in this area of the world.

With the help of Dr Rajamani we suggested that the next Asian Leather Conference should be considered as an IULTCS Regional Congress. Normally the next one should be organised in India and Dr Rajamani said that we have to negotiate at that time with the organisers. Taking into account that the next IULTCS International Congress will take place in Beijing (China) in 2009, the 8th Asian Leather Conference should be organised in 2010.

It took me also a lot of time to find the sponsors to balance the budget for the organisation of the International Leather Forum in Paris next fall. I would like on behalf of the EC members to express my thanks to the boards of CNC, CIDIC and CTC that allowed us to reach the 95K€ needed.

Following the email exchanges you could have seen the difficulties we had to identify the 100 VIPs for the list. To me it is a demonstration of the usefulness of the ILF for we discovered through the answers that people are unaware of the main personalities of the leather world outside the close circle of their acquaintances.

It is only a few weeks ago that we succeeded in finalising the list of some 130 people and to obtain their postal addresses.

With the help of a Press Agency we prepared the Invitation letter, the agenda and program, the registration form and a list of hotels.

Now everybody should have received the documents and we will see how many positive answers will be returned. Depending on that number we will ask for your help to complete the invitations taking into account the representativeness of the continents and of the professions.

I would like to thank now Geoff and Volkan, the chairmen of our two new commissions for the huge job they did for the preparation of the questionnaires needed to introduce the first two round tables.

May I ask you to promote these questionnaires in your countries in order to obtain a maximum of answers. It is possible to download them from the IULTCS website. According to the agreement we have with Leather International, World Leather and IDC/Leder und Häutemarkt, the journals should publish information on the ILF and mainly on the questionnaires I sent to them, but they are too big to be incorporated in the journals.

Following today's meeting of the IUR and the IUT Commissions, we need to prepare lists of research institutes, publication resources, training courses and schools, and details of VIP's, (who's who in the leather industry), as hand-outs to all participants of the ILF meeting. We need to use this information to increase traffic on the IULTCS website to promote ourselves and thus stimulate the sale of banners. A further meeting of the IUR and IUT Commissions has been agreed for Tuesday 21 August in Paris to ensure progress towards the ILF meeting.

Concerning other relationships we decided to reactivate our contacts with ICHSLTA, ICT and COTANCE. I had at least one meeting with the Presidents and Secretaries of the three Federations. They are still interested in better relationships and I should say that our initiative to organise the ILF is one of the major items they wanted to discuss. If I did not succeed to convince them to attend the Washington Congress, all of them promised me to be in Paris.

I had a further meeting with the President and the Secretary of COTANCE following some problems that occurred for the nominations of WG chairs in TC 289. I will let Campbell summarise the problem because I was not there myself.

My only objective during that meeting was to explain the history of the IULTCS commissions and the rules we have for the nominations. As Campbell expressed it very well "What is needed are WG Chairpersons who are technically competent in the area of the WG and with sufficient ability to understand and communicate in English."

IULTCS activity generally speaking, and IU commissions joint working meetings with TC 289 WG, must not be polluted by political issues.

However as nomination of WG convenors follows a specific procedure (candidates are proposed by national standardisation bodies) we "may be" have to communicate before for better co-ordination.

To finish with my activity during the last months and weeks, I was also in Gramado Brazil attending the 16th UNIDO Leather Panel. It gave me the opportunity to talk about the IULTCS activities and to suggest that it was not too late for the registration to the Washington congress.

I promoted also the ILF, asking mainly everybody to fill the questionnaires I distributed. I had a lunch with the past and present Presidents of ABQTIC. I took the opportunity of this meeting to thank them again as they accepted to postpone the FLAQTIC Congress in Rio de Janeiro in 2008 to respect the IULTCS guidelines.

They were preparing a CD to promote the Congress and they asked me to read a speech in front of a Camera to add the IULTCS President message at the beginning of the CD.

Coming back to the IU commissions I would like to express my thanks to the outgoing chairmen for the job they performed and also a special thank to Campbell Page who had agreed to continue.

During this Congress the IULTCS will give the first Award of its history. I am really pleased and honoured to be the President at that particular time and also because this first Award is given to a famous leather chemist who was our President 20 years ago: Dr R.L. Sykes.

At the end of this report I suggest to have particular thought for John Williams. As you know, for well-founded personal reasons, John had to cancel his participation to the Washington Congress and therefore to this EC meeting.

I think that on behalf of all of you, I'll send a message to John saying very simply that we will be thinking of him during this period of time and asking him to transmit to his wife our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

With his usual efficiency he prepared everything perfectly from accounts to President speeches. Fortunately we will have a further opportunity to meet him in Paris in September.

Personally and according to Campbell wishes I ask him to remain our Secretary/Treasurer till the end of the year, in order we transmit our two mandates simultaneously to Elton and Campbell.

In conclusion the re-invigoration of the IULTCS is clearly shown by the next three Congress presentations we will be seeing later this week. It is a pleasure to for the IULTCS to be in so healthy a state.

Following the President's report, Prof Cot congratulated the President for the improved contacts with COTANCE and the ICT and for the formation of the two new Commissions. He thanked the President for all his hard work during his term of office.

It was stressed that the organisers of the Asian Leather Congress in 2010 must write to the IULTCS to confirm arrangements. They must be given seats on the IULTCS Executive Committee to ensure IULTCS recognition. Dr Rajamani will ensure this message is passed on.

**b). Election of Vice-President to serve from 1 January 2010**

There were two nominations for the post, Dr D Castiello and Dr V Candar. After discussions it was agreed that it was unconstitutional to elect another Vice-President so far ahead as the IULTCS would then have two Vice-Presidents elect. The election will be postponed until after the new Vice-President elect, Dr Bi Shi, has taken office. The details of the two suggested candidates will be held for the future election.

**c). Election of new Secretary/Treasurer to serve from 1 January 2008**

Mr John M V Williams had announced his intention of retiring on 31 December 2007. Dr Campbell T Page had offered to stand and other nominations had been requested. As there were no other nominations, Dr Page was elected unanimously, to serve from 1 January 2008.

**5. Secretary/Treasurers Report**

**a). Additional items for the agenda**

There were no additional items for the agenda.

**b). Update on Finances**

The report from the Accountants of their examination of the IULTCS accounts for the two year period 01.01 2005 to 31.12 2006 had been circulated to all the Executive Committee and Members earlier, together with this Secretary/Treasurers report.

The Accountants report shows a working surplus for the period of USD 754.81. We believe that this is very satisfactory considering the considerable but worthwhile expenses in 2005 for publicity materials. The improvement in the IULTCS website and other promotional activities has had a very positive effect of the profile of the IULTCS.

The break-even results for the two year period have been achieved without touching any of our capital investments with UBS Bank and Bristol and West International. Income from Subscriptions has been augmented by fees raised from the posting of Companies' banners on to our website. We are very grateful to these "Supporting Members" for their assistance in sustaining the IULTCS financially. Additional income came from the Delegates fees from the International Congress in Florence, Italy in 2005 and the Regional Congress in Istanbul, Turkey in 2006.

During this two year period it was decided that Executive Committee meetings should be held at more diverse locations to make Members feel more inclusive. This will involve increased travel costs for the Secretary/Treasurer and it was agreed to show the travel expenses of the Secretary/Treasurer separated from other administrative expenses. Consequently it is difficult to draw direct comparisons between the figures for "Office Fees" and "Travel and Subsistence" for the two years to 2004 and the two years to 2006. Adding the two figures together for each of the periods will give a rough comparison. (USD 8,386 for 2004 and USD 7,205 for the 2006 period).

This two year report on the IULTCS accounts is now presented for vote at the Executive Committee meeting on 20 June 2007 and, if accepted, will then be presented to the Council of Delegates meeting for vote on 23 June 2007.

The table below shows the budget and actual income and expenditure for 2006 and the budget for 2007.

## **BUDGET FOR 2007**

### **IULTCS BUDGETS 2006 and 2007**

US\$	2006		2007	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
<b>INCOME</b>				
Subscriptions	8500	10841	8500	
Advertising & Others	2400	3391	2400	
Congress Fees	3000	2298	3900	
<b>TOTAL</b>	13900	16530	14800	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Secretary Honoraria	3850	3933	3850	
Secretary Expenses	500	681	700	
Secretary Travel	3100	3364	3500	
Ex. Committee Travel	920	0	920	
Accountant Fees	3500	0	3500	
Bank Charges	150	325	350	
IULTCS Awards	0	0	800	
Website Maintenance	1000	2658	1000	
Gifts	0	0	150	
<b>TOTAL</b>	13020	10961	14770	
<b>RESULT</b>	880	5569	30	

- **INCOME**

#### **Subscriptions**

Iran failed to renew their Associated Membership fees in 2006 so their membership has lapsed. However we have since had two new Associated members, Romania, who have paid, and Mongolia who have still to pay. Chile have indicated that their Association is not active this year so they will not be paying their subscription fee. It was agreed that they can remain as a "Non-Paid" member and we will invoice them again on 1 January 2008. If they do not pay that, then their membership will cease.

It was proposed by the President, Mr Marc Folachier, and seconded by Mr Volkan Cander that Romania should be accepted as an Associated members and the meeting voted unanimously in favour.

#### **Advertising**

We have only included those Banners that we know are being paid this year.

- **EXPENSES**

#### **Secretary Travel**

This is based on an estimate of the costs for travel to the Washington Congress and travel to the International Leather Forum and Executive Committee meetings in Paris. The airfare for Washington was purchased in 2006 to obtain the advantage of reduced advanced booking fares and was included in the 2006 accounts. A partial refund of this airfare has been obtained and paid back into the IULTCS funds by the Secretary as he was unable to travel to Washington.

#### **IULTCS Award**

Although the winner will not be present in Washington there is the cost of the Plaque and the presentation and reception that is being organised for Dr Sykes in the UK in September.

We anticipate a small excess of income over expenditure during 2007, and it is hoped that we will at least cover our costs for the year.

With the requirement for increased travel by the Secretariat we still need to secure more income in one form or another. Any other forms of income should also be considered. Although our assets are good, we should really try to live within our income each year.

**IULTCS Assets:**

Bristol and West Bond	GBP 15,050	USD 29,347
UBS Bank - Savings A/c	CHF 708	USD 590
UBS - Strategy Fund	CHF 99,252 as at 31.12.06	USD 82,710
Barclays Bank - Current A/c	GBP 11,120 as at 23.04.07	<u>USD 21,684</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>USD 134,331.00</u></b>

Provided we can generate sufficient income from Banners etc. to cover the increasing travel costs of the Secretariat then we should remain in a healthy financial situation.

We continue to keep the IULTCS website up to date, but if there any errors or alterations that need to be made, please let us know.

A proposal to accept the two year accounts was made by the President, Mr Marc Folachier, seconded by Prof Jaime Cot, and the meeting voted unanimously in favour. The accounts will now be presented to the Council of Delegates meeting on 23 June 2007.

The meeting expressed its thanks to the Secretary for his report.

**b). Re-election of certain Regional Representatives**

At the last Executive Committee meeting (19.09.06) we were unable to finalise the new Regional Representatives for Northern Europe and Africa. We can confirm that since then, Mr Abdessatar Toumi from Tunisia has been appointed to represent Africa and Dr Jeffry Guthrie-Strachan has been appointed to represent Northern Europe.

All the recent appointments will be placed before the Council of Delegates for final ratification. The updated list of Regional representatives is as follows:

AREA	REPRESENTATIVE	RE-ELECTION DUE:
North Asia	Dr Bi Shi	2009
South Asia	Mr Arnab Jha	2009
Eastern Europe	Mr Michael Meyer	2009
Latin Europe	Mr Domencio Castiello	2009
North Latin America	Mr Ricardo Weiss	2009
South Latin America	Mrs Patricia Casey de Polzinetti	2009
USA	Mr Douglas Tabor	2009
Central Latin-America	Mrs Kátia Fernanda Streit	2010
Central Europe	Dr Ing Heinz-Peter Germann	2011
Northern Europe	Dr Jeffry Guthrie-Strachan	2010
Africa	Mr Abdessatar Toumi	2010

**c). Amendments to Statutes, Internal Regulations and Congress Guidelines.**

Amendments to the Statutes, already approved by the Executive Committee, have been circulated earlier to all Members for their approval at the Council of Delegates meeting on 23 June 2007.

Further suggested amendments to the Congress Guidelines have been circulated to the Executive Committee. The amendment circulated on 26.02.07 dealing with clarification of Oral presentations and Visual Displays was discussed and then proposed by Mr Volkan Cander, and seconded by Prof Jaime Cot and the meeting voted unanimously in favour. *(See Annex 1 for full details).*

The outcome will be presented to the Council of Delegates meeting on 23 June 2007.

The amendment circulated on 24.04.07 dealing with payment of Congress Registration Fees in advance was discussed but it was felt that this required re-wording. The Vice-President, Mr Elton Hurlow, offered to re-write it and forward it to the Secretary for circulation again. It will be discussed again at the next Executive Committee meeting in September 2007.

## **6. Reports of the Regional Representatives:**

### **NORTH AMERICA - MR D TABOR**

No report

### **CENTRAL EUROPE - DR.-ING H-P GERMANN**

VGCT has held its annual General Meeting from May 10 – 11, 2007 at Bad Reichenhall in the Bavarian Alps, close to the Austrian boarder, with a total number of 82 participants – including participants from VESLIC/Switzerland and VOELT/Austria.

A meeting of the Board of VGCT was followed by the General meeting of members in the afternoon of May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 which included the reports of the President (Dr. H. Birkhofer), the Treasurer (Dr. H.-P. Germann) and the representatives of the 2 Technical Commissions ("Leather testing and quality assessment" – Dr. H. Schulz on behalf of the chairman Dr. H.-J. Kellert and "Chemical auxiliaries" – chairman Dr. H. Francke). Current members as at May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 are 376, in total.

The meetings were followed by a Welcome party in a traditional restaurant on an alpine pasture, in the evening of the same day. On the occasion of this event, the annual VGCT-prizes were awarded to Philipp Schaefer ("Jahrespreis 2007") – in recognition of his guiding development work in the application of the microcapsule techniques in leather finishing – and to Jutta Knödler ("Anerkennungspreis") – in recognition of her great and successful engagement in the environmental matters concerning the leather industry.

The Technical Conference on May 11<sup>th</sup> started with a presentation on more recent research and a review on the "Iceman" by Dr. A. Puentener (President of VESLIC) that was followed by 6 papers on different technical subjects.

The Social Programme in the afternoon of the second day of the conference included a sightseeing tour by bus and a visit to the famous salt-mine of Berchtesgaden where the visitors could take a short boat trip on the amazing salt lake underground.

Next year's General Meeting of VGCT will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Reutlingen in connection with LGR's annual Seminar Meeting (March 4 – 6, 2008).

The next meeting of the VGCT board will take place on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in Ludwigshafen.

### **LATIN EUROPE - DR D CASTIELLO**

#### **ITALY**

AICC has organised a one day meeting for his members, in the Tuscany District in March, on the theme "The problems of COV (Organic Volatile Compounds) the state of things, realised interventions and in phase of realisation in the various district". This meeting has had a great participation, and the representatives of the Italian Tannery District have prepared reports on the situation in the various areas.

In May there will be another meeting organised by AICC, in the Campania District, on the theme "The European Chemical Tannery in light of the REACH" (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemical)

AICC is also working hard to try to co-operate with the various sector schools present here in Italy, to help them to give to the students a good grounding with internship and lessons given by expert.

AICC is also working on the development of its library.

#### **SPAIN**

No report received

#### **FRANCE**

##### **Board of administrators**

- March 16th 2006 and October 26<sup>th</sup> 2006

##### **General assembly**

- Friday 13 October 2006 in Ecculy - ITECH

### **Tannery commission (National committee)**

- March 17<sup>th</sup> 2006 - Chemical substances database for the tanning industry
  - White spots and leather
  - Reptile production
- October 26<sup>th</sup> 2006 - Chemical substances database for the tanning industry
  - Dyeing and metamerism

### **Regional meetings**

#### **North East of France**

- May 11<sup>th</sup> 2006 - Cementing in the footwear industry. Visit: FORETHIA in VESOUL

#### **North-West area of FRANCE**

- 12<sup>th</sup> May 2005 - Spraying techniques

#### **South East of FRANCE**

- June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005 - Fat liquoring
- June 26<sup>th</sup> 2006 - Visit of STAUBLI, world leader in the production of weaving loom
  - Presentation of the logistic organisation of the company

#### **South West of FRANCE**

- March 15<sup>th</sup> 2006 - Formaldehyde: Carcinogenic compound? Consequence for the tanning industry. 40 people participated

### **European Congress in Istanbul from 24 to 27 May 2006**

10 people of the French association have participated.

Nathalie HUMBERT (CTC) has presented her work on “Chemical analysis”

Thierry PONCET presented his work on VOC treatment in the tanning industry

### **XXIX International Congress of the IULTCS on June 2007 in Washington DC (USA).**

15 people of the French association will join the IULTCS meeting in Washington. Eric VALOT (CTC) will present his work on Leather Traceability

### **5th leather and leather goods industries meeting - October 26th and October 27th**

Around 100 people (hides and skin trades, tanners, leathers goods and footwear industries) have participated to the event. Two visits have been organised: Atelier AS which produces the famous HERMES “Carré de Soie” and SOFILETTA, textile company that produces technical textiles.

Technical presentations:

- Leather industries and globalisation
- Know-how Predictable Management
- Global warming and Leather, leathers goods and footwear industries

### **Member of the board**

**President** Olivier GAND – ITECH; **Next chairman:** René LIAUZON – Tannerie BCS

**Last chairman:** Philippe ALFONSI - Tanneries du PUY; **Secretary:** Thierry PONCET – CTC

**Secretary Assistant:** Marie-Claude GAZAROSSIAN – CTC; **Treasurer:** Stellio Capuzzi– BTC France;

**Treasurer assistant:** Patrioche JOLY– Gordon Choisy

### **TURKEY**

Main Activities carried out by Turkish Leather Technologist and Chemist Society during the Period of June 2005 – December 2005. Tasks have been completed as Reporter at the Agriculture and Industry sub-commissions of the Governmental Planning Agency.

During the period preparations for II IULTCS Eurocongress have been carried out.

### **January 2006 – June 2006**

During IDF 2006 – Istanbul Leather Fair, DETEK has organised informative seminars on “the ToxProof Document and related Tests that show non-existence of dangerous substances in the Leather Products” which is

deemed to be very important of the whole Sector, especially during the European Union joining phase, and a joint project of TÜV Reinland and STR Laboratories are presented by Dr. Dirk Von Charznowski.

In March a General Assembly has taken place.

In May 24-27 the II Eurocongress is held. The works have been initiated as per the establishment of IUR and IUT Commissions, ILF as “Istanbul Initiative” that is decided upon during the II. Eurocongress

### **July 2006- December 2006**

July: A supportive scientific award with is initiated by one of Leather Industrialists, Mr. Kasim Hilmi Utku in order to promote the local participants’ works.

Cooperation with TSE (Turkish Standards Institute) has initiated.

September: the IUR Commission meeting took place in Paris, France and Mr. Dr. Volkan Candar has participated.

October: DETEK was invited and participated to the Izmir (Turkey) Ege University Leather Engineering Graduation Ceremony.

In November a joint meeting is held together with Ege University Leather Engineering.

In December, at the IDF 2006 – Istanbul Leather Fair-Mr. Volkan Candar has made a presentation on Solutions regarding the Increasing the attraction of leather and enhancing its areas of usage and Mr. Mete Mutlu has made a presentation on Cromojet method and Fur Leathers Dye.

### **January 2006-May 2007-05-14**

February: DETEK, has participated with 3 lecturers to an international workshop on the Quality and Process Control in Leather and Footwear Industry which took place in the city of Bursa, Turkey that is organized by the Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) on February 26, 2007 with the cooperation of Turkish Ministry of Industry and United Nations Development Organization (UNIDO).

In April 2007, the issuance of DETEK journal of “Leather Science” is published as a refereed journal.

### **NORTH LATIN-AMERICA - MR RICARDO WEISS WASHKE**

No report received.

### **AFRICA - MR ABDESSATAR TOUMI**

One of the missions of a regional representative is to identify the future members, (African enterprises, institutions and individual persons), of the IULTCS. We have identified contacts in Niger, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Mali, Morocco, Marrakech, Mauritania, Senegal, Sudan and Uganda. A detailed list of names and addresses is available upon request to the Secretary of the IULTCS.

The activity of next months will consist in obtaining the participation of these future members in the international Forum for the development of the leather (tannery, raw hides) which will be held in Paris in the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2007. Unfortunately, we could not contact these countries for the Washington Congress due to a lack of time.

### **CENTRAL LATIN-AMERICA - MRS KATIA FERNANDA STREIT**

#### **BRAZIL**

Brazilian Association of Chemists and Technicians of Leather Industry – ABQTIC

President: Mr. José Waldir Dilkin; Vice-president: Mr. Jorge Schoder

#### **Technical meetings:**

Once a month ABQTIC organises a technical meeting in its head-office, where technical issues are presented by experts from leather institutes, universities, chemical suppliers and tanneries.

#### **Vice-presidencies actions**

ABQTIC also has 10 vice-presidencies around the country in the regions where there is a significant numbers of tanneries. These vice-presidencies are responsible for organize technical meetings in each region and also give support for other activities from ABQTIC, as the two days technical meeting that started in 2007, with the purpose of integration of all ABQTIC’s members.

### **Decentralization and integration:**

As ABQTIC head-office is situated in the south part of Brazil (blue in map), and Brazil is a large country, the board of directors, together with the technical and scientific committees started to organize technical meetings of two days around the whole Country, to improve the integration of the leather sector and to act as a diffusing of knowledge to the leather technicians. In 2007 ABQTIQ has already scheduled these meetings in the following regions:

- March, 2007 Center-West Region (cream in the map)
- June, 2007 North/Northeast Region (yellow and green in the map)
- October, 2007 South Region (blue in the map)



area: 8.547.403 km<sup>2</sup>  
population: 170.000.000 (2000)  
capital: Brasilia (cream in the map)  
  
tanneries: 813 (2004) S=326; SE=289;  
NE=86; CW=75; N=37  
production: 43.100.000 leathers (2005)

### **XVII FLAQTIC Congress:**

ABQTIC is also working to organize the XVII FLAQTIC Congress and the XVIII ABQTIC National Congress from October 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Rio de Janeiro city (orange in the map). More details in IULTCS website: <http://www.iultcs.org/latinoamericano.asp>

### **COLOMBIA**

Asociación Colombiana de Químicos y Técnicos de la Industria del Cuero, ACOLCUR. President - Mr Juan Manuel Salazar

During the past two years we managed to produced four editions of our magazine in which various types of information related to economics of our sector, environment, finishing, environment activities within different regions of Colombia and chemical products were published.

Additionally we published every two years a magazine that we called Vademecum, in which all the chemical products distributed locally are organized for the use of the technical personal that works inside the tanneries. This publication has become a day to day reference to the technical people in our industry.

Additionally with the permission of the IUE and the IULTCS we translated and printed a small guide called "Technical guide for the protection of environmental aspects in the tanneries" in which the IUE guideline documents were included.

ACOLCUR organized during its past two years its annual two day event. The 2005 event was carried out in Bogota and the 2006 event was carried out near Armenia. Both events achieved the goals that we ruled on attendance and quality of the information exposed to our members.

Since 2005 our managing board felt the need to direct strategies that would help to protect and clarify information about our industry. We actually joined forces with the National Association of Industries (leather chamber) and in some cases with the National Service of Learning (SENA).

We have managed to become an important body in the newly created space by the Ministry of Environment called "Mesa Sectorial del Cuero" in which ACOLCUR acts as a consultant body and have continued our work in the committees of the Colombian National Standard Institution in which ACOLCUR has pushed the adoption of our IULTCS/ISO standards as Colombian standards.

Today we are working in the next activities

- Seminar of Sampling of tanneries effluents that will be carried out in Bogota next 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2007 by a lecture from the SENAI Brazil. This is a join activity with the Ministry of Environment and the National Association of Industries.
- Our XIV annual meeting that will be located near and will take place November 29,30, 2007

## **SOUTH LATIN-AMERICA - MRS PATRICIA CASEY DE POLINETTI**

### **ARGENTINA - Association: AAQTIC**

Summary for the second semester 2006 and January –May 2007 activities

- **September 28 and 29th, 2006: First Technical Workshop of the National Tanning Industry.**

The event took place in Buenos Aires, at Paseo La Plaza, which is a nice theatre in downtown. There were 300 attendants, most of them from Argentina but we also received colleagues from other countries, like Brazil, Uruguay, Chile and Bolivia. During the workshop, 10 technical papers were presented. Some of them unpublished ones but others had already been published in other magazines or Congresses. The technical level of the workshop was very good and the presentations have been very attractive for tanners and technicians. The technical works were about all the different tannery processes from the beam house to the finishing, including how to handle the solid waste, quality controls applied to the tannery industry and Quality System matters.

During the workshop a round table about “ Management of solid waste – Marking up possibilities “ took place. The panelists made the approach to the waste solids marking up possibilities from different points of view. Hair recovering, energy generation from leather trims, leather board production, etc. They also discussed the different regulatory and cost problems which enhance the importance of decreasing solid waste and look for economical alternatives.

- **Celebration of the Tanner’s Day and AAQTIC Ordinary Assembly:**

**November 1st, 2006:** the AAQTIC members, leather technicians and chemical suppliers, celebrated the Tanners’ day with a cocktail and at the same time, the Ordinary Assembly to vote the members of the New Commission Board took place. The elected President and Vice President are Claudio Salvador and Patricia Casey, respectively.

**November 23rd, 2006:** Round table on “Research at the tanning industry”. Launching of the monograph concourse for young leather technicians (under 35 years old).

A power point presentation was exhibited about the evaluation done on the technical works (papers) that have been presented for the First Argentine Workshop. Lic. Victor Vera (INTI – Leather) talked about the Research and Development projects at CITEC. He explained what are the research matters about new technologies for leather coating and painting. Claudio Salvador, AAQTIC President, invited and encouraged the young technicians to participate actively, presenting technical works for the II Technical Workshop of the national Tanning Industry which will take place at the end of 2008. He told the attendants it is very important to read an old but very interesting book, named "Invitation to research in chemistry", by Reid, on which the author emphasised the characteristics of the amateur researchers and the added value of their work. All the monographs of the concourse will be assessed and the best will be presented at the II National Workshop.

- **Conferences:**

**December 14th, 2006: Study of Grain Abrasion on hides,** by Eng. Ricardo Tournier, AUQTIC President. He presented a real production problem on which he applied problem solving methods and root cause Analysis, using tools such as fishbone diagram.

**April 12th, 2007: Management Operative System,** by Eng. Jorge Kohn (Setec). He talked about the importance of monitoring the industrial processes and how to choose the key indicators. A simulation of a virtual company and how a management strategy is developed, was a very interesting topic for the attendees.

**April 24th, 2007: Special Leathers with high water and stain resistance** by Eng. Agnes Ivos (Dupont). She presented a new recipe to obtain leather with high resistance to stains and water, called Hydrology.

**May 10th, 2007: Presentation of the new AAQTIC web page**

The new design of the web page has bigger capacity and links to the most important web pages of the argentine tanning industry and international web pages. [www.aaqtic.org.ar](http://www.aaqtic.org.ar)

### **Activities scheduled for the second semester 2007 (To be confirmed)**

- **Conferences:**

Wet White and metal free leathers.

Instruments to control colour.

Waste water treatment by electro-digestion.

- **Courses:**

Tannery activities for people not involved in Production. "Finishing hides for non technical people".

**CHILE - Association: ACHITEC**

During year 2006 a new Commission Board is in activity. The President is Mr Ilhabaca. They did no activities and also did not pay the IULTCS fees for 2007. To maintain the relationship with IULTCS and FLAQTIC, I am sending them updated information of the Commissions activities and the Congresses.

**URUGUAY - Association: AUQTIC**

Summary for 2006 and January –May 2007 activities

We have been able to put in order the bookkeeping that allows us to give legal continuity to our association. We paid the IULTCS fees and to date we have 140 members. We have a free entry web page through the CUERONET web site <http://www.cueronet.com/auqtic/index.htm>. We have made an agreement with the Association of Chemical Engineers which allows us to access their facilities (where we carry out the meetings of the Commission Board) and to use their library, to which we are sending all the books donated by the members and all written information we receive.

We had the opportunity of organizing four technical conferences, given ad-honorem by well known technicians, with the support of the chemical companies they represent:

- a) "Studies of causes that generate abrasion of the grain in bovine leathers", Engineer Ricardo Tournier, August 11, 2006
- b) "Retanning, new Polymeric Products", BASF, Mr. Karl Pflanz, August 17, 2006
- c) "Free Formaldehyde in leathers and chemical products", SILVATEAM (PROQUÍM), Engineer Thomas Dieter Liedt, October 27, 2006
- d) "Fat agents and Fat applying Processes", Tec. Aníbal López, TRUMPLER INTERNATIONAL (Quimicolor) November 24, 2006

Activities during 2007 - This year we have not started our activities. In June we have scheduled a conference about sheepskins: "Characteristic of the skins, defects, conservation" by Mr. Bernardo Goldberg.

**SOUTH ASIA - MR ARNAB KUMAR JHA**

No report received

**EASTERN EUROPE - DR. M MEYER**

No report received

**NORTHERN EUROPE - DR JEFFRY GUTHRIE-STRACHAN**

**SLTC Council**

A successful SLTC Conference was held in the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport on 23rd September 2006. There were eight speakers including the Wolstenholme Memorial Lecture by Mike Redwood entitled: "The Challenges of the Leather Industry".

Convention arrangements are underway to celebrate the 110th anniversary of SLTC in Chester in September. A rich mix of papers is planned for the conference, from all areas of the process cycle. Overseas members are welcome and specific approaches have been made to the Nordic group and NVLST in Holland

Council has embarked on a gradual process of modernising and improving the website and has discussed an investment in video equipment that would allow for conference papers to be presented, streamed from the website on demand.

A keyword search facility has been added to the site and the library of abstracts that can be searched is to be actively expanded. The decision has been made to offer an e-journal in addition to the hard copy. Currently due to the costs of producing this, there is a small extra charge for this service. As the future looks more IT-based, this may not be the long term-view. The need to attract more members overseas is paramount and finding ways of enhancing the "value" of membership for all are important steps for Council to take. By these measures, long-term finance will be secured and improved.

Dr Amanda Long has resigned from her posts the on IULTCS standards panels and the society wishes to extend their thanks to her for many years of excellent service. The SLTC is considering replacements to maintain their interests on the various committees.

#### **SLTC (Northampton Section)**

The Northampton Section works closely with the British School of Leather Technology (BSLT) and their students. Five industrially related presentations are held throughout the year as well as a Quiz night and International Christmas Dinner.

#### **SLTC (South African Section)**

Due to the unfortunate early resignation of our past President Craig Boyd, and the unprepared nature of our depleted committee for a 2006 convention, it was postponed, possibly the first time this has happened in the South African Section's history.

The declining number of attendants at our conventions prompted a review for the 2007 convention. Heather Geddes was appointed as Secretary and conference organiser for our society. It was decided to introduce a number of strategies for the 2007 convention: a smaller, cost effective venue with some character, hold the convention during a period that was historically quieter for the majority of tanneries, and publish a "call for papers" in the local and international trade magazines and JSLTC. The convention was held at the Everglades Hotel in June, a period in the year that tends to be a little quieter than the rest. The convention had an informative and interesting programme, with a number of speakers from overseas. Roy Thompson was the guest speaker with a talk entitled: "The Groote Schuur Leather: Preserving South Africa's Heritage". The strategy appears to have been extremely successful as, together with a positive upturn in the local industry, 85 delegates registered for the convention, the largest number for many years.

The committee is up to full strength with the appointment of a number of "new" members at the Convention AGM.

#### **SLTC (Australian Section)**

Due to the ongoing and continuing contraction of the Australian Leather Industry, the SLTC (Australian Section) has not recently held many regular meetings mainly due to the wide geographical distribution of our membership and the associated costs of travel and accommodation involved. The principal activity is to organise the collection and payment of membership fees/subscriptions for the SLTC and for Mutual Membership ALCA Journals, and for the dissemination of information to our membership.

#### **Norway**

The Nordic Group has not been active in a structured manner for some time. The meeting and discussions on technical issues is done through the body of Nordic Leather Research Council. Some individual members of the Group have attended the congresses, and we have had representatives on the various committees. The NLRC also have a training program that is supported by the whole industry, and as such we hope will be the basis for further technicians that again will play an active role in IULTCS. The tanning industry in the four Nordic Countries is increasingly specialised in their respective fields, and have implemented innovative technologies especially in the environmental field.

A successful and enjoyable Nordic Tanner's Council meeting was held in Flekkfjord from 31 May-1 June 2007 which included a visit to the Areenes Tannery and a gala evening.

#### **Sweden**

At the time of writing, no information was received from Sweden.

#### **NORTH ASIA - PROF. BISHI**

The Asian International Conference of Leather Science and Technology (AICLST) is the most important and grand conference in the field of leather sector in the Asian and has been held every two years in one of Asian countries since 1992.

The most recent conference, the 7th Asian International Conference of Leather Science and Technology was held on October 16-18, 2006 in Sichuan University, Chengdu, China. About 200 representatives from all over the world took part in the conference, just citing a few of big shots as follows:

Name	Title	Place of work
Shuhua Zhang	Director of Council	China leather Industry Association, Beijing, China
Bi Shi	Professor	The Key laboratory of Leather Chemistry and Engineering of Ministry of Education, China
Tetsuo Imai	Doctor	Tokyo Metropolitan Leather Technology Research Institute, Tokyo, Japan
Byung Wook Min	Doctor	Korea Institute of Footwear & Leather Technology, Busan, Korea
Dennis C. Shelly	Professor	Leather Research Institute, Dept of Chem. & Biochem., Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas USA
S Rajamani	Doctor	Department of Environmental Technology, Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, India
Marc Folachier	President	IULTCS, France
Petr Hlaváèek1	Doctor	Tomas Bata University, Faculty of Technology Zlin, The Czech Republic

Furthermore, 149 academic papers were compiled in the proceedings and 40 representatives had made presentation in English, which had reached a climax of all previous conferences and created an unprecedented grand occasion. The main topics of these papers and number distribution between these topics were as follows:

Topic	Number of papers	Percentage (%)
Clean technology for leather/fur manufacturing	34	22.8
Green/low-toxic leather chemicals	20	13.4
Leather goods design	11	7.3
Analysis and testing approaches in leather industry	9	6.0
Novel processing technology in leather industry	37	24.8
Environmental protection and reuse of leather wastes	20	13.4
Utilisation of hide/skin collagen	18	12.1

These main topics fully reflected the latest research achievements and development tendency of leather science and technology in Asian, as well as in the world.

In addition, just as the circumstance of proceedings of the 6th Asian International Conference of Leather Science and Technology, the proceedings of the 7th Asian International Conference of Leather Science and Technology were completely indexed by ISTP, which has an extremely important meaning for extending the influence of this conference as well as for promoting the development of leather science and technology.

As we know, the 29th conference of International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists Societies (IULTCS) will be hold on June 20-23, 2007 in Washington, USA and the 30th conference of IULTCS will be hold on June 8-11, 2009 in Beijing, China. The 8th Asian International Conference of Leather Science and Technology should be scheduled in 2008. However, the intervals between these conferences are too short to carefully prepare and arrange the 8th Asian International Conference of Leather Science and Technology. After intensive consulting with representatives from China, Japan, Korea and India, an agreement is reached to hold the 8th AICLST in 2010 in India.

## 7. IULTCS Commission Reports:

### a). IUC/IUF/IUP Commissions - Report by Dr Campbell T Page, Chair of the IUF Commission.

#### Combined IUC, IUF and IUP meetings were held in 2006 & 2007 at:

- Milan, Italy, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006
- Milan, Italy, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2006
- EMPA, Switzerland, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2007

#### Next meeting:

- CTC, Lyon, France, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2007

#### Chairpersons

**IUC** Dr Amanda Long, up to Jan. 2007

**IUF** Dr Campbell Page

**IUP** Dr Andrew Hudson, up to Dec. 2006

At the plenary meeting of CEN TC 289 in March 2007, Dr Xavier Marginet was selected to chair the Chemical Testing Working group (WG1) and Mr Mike Wilson was selected to chair the Physical Testing Working group (WG2). Subsequently these 2 experts had been nominated to be appointed as the Chairmen of the IUC and IUP respectively. The IUC and IUP Commission members had been circulated with the proposed nominations and, by the deadline date (18<sup>th</sup> June 2007), no further nominations had been received. Dr Page proposed that Dr Xavier Marginet be the new IUC Chair and that Mr Mike Wilson be the new IUP Chair. This was seconded by Prof Jaume Cot and the meeting voted unanimously in favour.

The Commission members acknowledge the excellent work carried out by Dr Hudson (3 years as IUP Chair) and especially by Dr Long (7 years as IUC Chair). We sincerely thank them and wish them both much success in their careers.

### **General comments**

The combined IUC, IUF and IUP meetings are held together with the CEN TC 289 WG1, WG2 and WG3 meetings as for the leather industry many of the CEN and IU experts are the same people. Typically 15 – 20 people attend these technical meetings.

Minutes of the meetings are circulated worldwide to any experts who cannot attend. If anyone wishes to be added to the circulation they are most welcome. All comments received are tabled at the meetings and discussed.

The co-ordination between IULTCS, ISO and CEN has developed very positively over the last years, thanks to the efforts of Dr Amanda Long. We now have a good situation where we are able to jointly progress leather test methods as IU, ISO and EN Standards. This avoids any conflict over how to test leather. Further, for an industry the size of the leather industry, it is essential that the limited technical expert resources we have are focused on a single test procedure.

Details of the individual work items are given in the minutes of the IUC, IUF and IUP meeting which are available on the IULTCS website. An overview of the activities for 2006 and 2007 is given below.

I thank all those who have given their time and expertise to keep these important Commissions going.

### **IUC Commission**

#### **Completed Standards**

- EN ISO 17070 | IUC 25 – Determination of the content of pentachlorophenol in leather

#### **Updates of existing Standards**

- EN ISO 4098 | IUC 6 – Determination of water soluble matter, water soluble inorganic matter and water soluble organic matter
- EN ISO 4684 | IUC 5 – Determination of volatile matter

#### **Standards in final vote stage**

- prEN ISO FDIS 17075 | IUC 18 – Determination of Chromium VI content
- prEN FDIS ISO 5398 – 1 | IUC 8 – Part 1 – Determination of chromic oxide - Quantification by titration.
- prEN FDIS ISO 5398 – 3 | IUC 8 – Part 3 – Determination of chromic oxide - Atomic Absorption Method
- prEN FDIS ISO 5398 – 4 | IUC 8 – Part 4 – Determination of chromic oxide - Inductively Coupled Plasma
- prEN ISO FDIS 17226-1 | IUC 19 – Determination of Formaldehyde content in leather by HPLC
- prEN ISO FDIS 17226-2 | IUC 19 – Determination of Formaldehyde content in leather by colourimetric analysis

#### **Updates of existing Standards**

- EN ISO 4044 | IUC 3 – Preparation of chemical test samples
- EN ISO 4045 | IUC 11 – Determination of pH value
- EN ISO 4048 | IUC 4 – Determination of Substances Soluble in Dichloromethane

#### **Standards at the inquiry stage**

- pr EN ISO DIS 5398 – 2 | IUC 8 – Part 2 – Determination of chromic oxide - Colourimetric Method

### **Active work items**

- CEN ISO/TS 17234:2003 | IUC 20 - Determination of Azo colourants in dyed leather. (*To be converted to a full EN ISO Standard*)
- Determination of formaldehyde content in leather processing chemicals (*A draft document is ready for progressing*)
- Allergens in leather (*A discussion document only has been prepared at this stage*)

### **Proposals for new work items**

- Determination of extractable total chromium (*A draft document is in preparation*)
- Determination of organotin compounds in leather (*A draft document is in preparation*)
- Nonylphenol ethoxylates (*To date no one has submitted a draft document*)
- Biocides

### **IUP Commission**

#### **Completed Standards**

- ISO 17017 | EN 14288 | IUP 46 – Determination of fogging characteristics
- ISO 17074 | EN 14326 | IUP 47 – Determination of horizontal spread of flame
- ISO 17076 | EN 14327 | IUP 48 – Determination of abrasion resistance of automotive leather
- ISO 17230 | EN 14289 | IUP 45 - Determination of water penetration pressure
- ISO 17231 | EN 14340 | IUP 37 - Determination of water repellency of garment leather
- ISO 17232 | EN 13540 | IUP 38 – Determination of heat resistance of patent leather
- ISO 22288 | EN 13335 | IUP 39 – Determination of flex resistance by Vamp flex method
- EN ISO 23910 | IUP 44 – Measurement of stitch tear resistance

#### **Updates of existing Standards**

- EN ISO 2419 | IUP 1 & 3 – Sample preparation and conditioning

#### **Approved as a Technical Specification**

- prEN 14689 | IUP 49 – Determination of Bagginess, Creep and Relaxation

#### **Standards in final vote stage**

- EN ISO FDIS 26082 | IUP 53 – Determination of Soiling for automotive leather

#### **Standards at the inquiry stage**

- EN ISO DIS 26081 | IUP 50 – Determination of Soiling for domestic and contract upholstery leather

### **Active work items**

- Dynamic water resistance of shoe upper leather by the Maeser water penetration tester

### **IUF Commission**

#### **Completed Standards**

- EN ISO 17228 | IUF 452 – Change in colour with accelerated ageing

#### **Standards at the inquiry stage**

#### **Updates of existing Standards**

- EN ISO 11643 | IUP 434 – Colour fastness of small samples to solvent solutions
- EN ISO 11644 | IUP 470 – Determination of adhesion of finish to leather

Dr Page emphasised again that meetings are open to all who are interested in test methods. Electronic communication allows all to be informed and to participate. He called on all Regional Representatives to work towards implementing IULTCS methods as country standards. In future, all regional representatives will be sent copies of the minutes of all meetings.

However it was pointed out that some countries local standards bodies do not accept that local leather groups are making ISO standards and not an ISO Technical Committee. It was agreed that ISO will be requested to issue a statement explaining the status of the IULTCS Commissions for Chemical, Fastness and Physical test methods, possibly including details of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ISO and the IULTCS. It was felt that local standards organisations would probably not accept just a copy of the MoU so the involvement of ISO in convincing them will be necessary.

The President and Dr Page sought permission for the Executive Committee to discuss an Memorandum of Understanding between CEN TC 289 and IULTCS concerning the appointment of Chairs to the Work Groups. This suggestion was proposed by Dr Volkan Cander, seconded by Dr Heinz-Peter Germann and approved unanimously.

**b). IUE Commission - Report by Dr S Rajamani, Chair of the IUE Commission.**

The International Union of Environment (IUE) Commission is one of the four Commissions of International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists Societies (IULTCS) with technical member representation from more than 30 countries from the entire world Leather Sector. The Commission meets every year in one of the member countries and interacts on the environmental issues and technological solutions to tackle the pollution problems in the leather sector. The technical guidelines prepared for environmental protection aspects for the leather industry based on the field requirements and experiences in different countries is being regularly updated and disseminate through IULTCS website.

The 2005 IUE meeting was held on 09 March 2005 at Florence, along with IULTCS Congress Italy. IUE Commission has developed an IUE document with all relevant technical input. The updated IUE document consists of 11 chapters starting from “IUE Recommendations on Cleaner Technologies for Leather Production” and ending with “IUE Recommendations for Occupational Health and Safety in the use of Chemicals in Tanneries”. The IUE 10 document for "Restricted Products in Leather” will be released shortly. Action has been initiated to draft new chapters such as sludge and unutilised solid waste management, world environmental update in the IUE document.

The 2006 meeting of IUE Commission was held at Istanbul, Turkey during 23 & 24 May 2006 linking the II EURO Congress. A field visit to the Environmental facilities operating at Tusla Leather Complex has been organised during the Istanbul meeting. The IUE documents are widely disseminated through IULTCS website and the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) document, translation in other languages and publication through country associations etc.

The 2007 meeting of IUE Commission is scheduled on 20 June 2007 at Washington DC along with IULTCS Congress. IUE World Environmental update is scheduled for presentation on 21 June 07 in the IULTCS Congress.

The IUE Chairman interacts closely with China Leather Industry Association and other Asian Associations to include more members from Asian Region to IULTCS. The Chairman interacted with Mr. Ivan Kral, UNIDO to disseminate IUE documents as the UNIDO recognised publication with due reorganisation to IUE / IULTCS contribution.

The meeting expressed its thanks to Dr Rajamani for his continued focus and for the clarity of the role and purpose of the IUE Commission. The President emphasised that the main goal is to continue with the dissemination of all the IUE information.

**c). IUT Commission - Report by Prof Geoff Attenburrow, Chair of the IUT Commission.**

The inaugural meeting of IUT was held in Paris on 19 September 2006 and the aims and scope of IUT were defined as follows:

- To form a network of Schools/Colleges/Universities who are involved in training/education in leather technology and related areas.
- To compare and benchmark the various programmes on offer.
- To better understand what type of training of human resource is needed to achieve the successful commercial exploitation of leather.
- To formulate new cooperative developments between training providers
- To promote the exchange of students/teachers between institutions

IUT seeks to have a global membership and currently Spain, Germany, Italy, India, France, USA and UK are represented.

A list of courses and syllabus details of are being assembled.

A questionnaire seeking views on the training and education of leather professionals has been developed and distributed to a wide range of individuals. The results of the questionnaire will be made available on the IULTCS website.

A second IUT meeting was held on 20 June in Washington DC and discussed the forthcoming IUT workshop at the International Leather Forum in Paris in September 2007. The next IUT meeting will be held at the Conseil National du Cuir in Paris on 21 August 2007.

**d) IUR Commission - Report by Dr Volkan Candar, Chair of the IUR Commission**

Dr Candar described the work of the IUR Commission to date. He stressed the need for a good response to the IUR Questionnaire that had been circulated widely. This would give a good perspective for the ILF meeting and would assist in the aim of developing a network of research institutions around the world.

Dr Candar was seeking assistance in the preparation of two documents for the ILF meeting. The first would be a list of research centres around the world and the second would be a survey of research topics which had been investigated in recent years.

All members of the IULTCS had been circulated asking them to assist in the collection of this information.

The President stressed that the new IUT and IUR Commission were not just instituted for the International Leather Forum (ILF) meeting in September. This ILF meeting is just the first in what it is hoped will be a series of meetings and the IUT and IUR will have a continuing role to play. The IULTCS is ideally placed to deal with the unification of Research and Training and to act as a "think tank" for the industry. There has been a lot of work involved in trying to identify the 100 VIP's of the industry as, clearly, there are more than 100 working for the industry. Some may be disappointed not to receive an invitation to the ILF meeting and the IULTCS apologies for those that have been missed. It is hoped to put a "who's who" concerning the VIP's on the IULTCS website in due course.

**8. Any Other Business**

Mr Elton Hurlow displayed the Shield which will be presented to Dr Sykes and the first recipient of the "IULTCS Merit Award for Excellence in the Leather Industry". The meeting expressed its thank to Mr Hurlow and to ALCA for organising this.

The evaluation meeting with the ALCA Congress team and with the Chinese delegation will be held on Saturday 23 July, after the Council of Delegates meeting.

**9. Date and Location of next Executive Committee Meeting**

The next meeting of the IULTCS Executive Committee will be held on Tuesday 18 September 2007 at a site within the Paris Exhibition Centre during the Leather Fair. Full details will, be circulated nearer the time

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## ANNEX 1

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO IULTCS CONGRESS GUIDELINES

It is felt that the IULTCS Congress Guidelines require further clarification concerning Oral Presentations and Visual Displays. The following amendments to the Congress Guidelines are proposed and these are shown in *Italics*:

A). **"2. The Technical Programme"** - This is amended to read:

#### **2. The Technical Programme - Oral Presentations**

The *Oral Presentations* of the technical programme of the Congress *are* normally carried out in one conference room. The organisation of the details of the scientific technological programme is the responsibility of the Host Society.

B). **"3. A Visual Display Section"** - This is amended to read:

#### **3. The Technical Programme - Visual Displays**

A separate area is set aside for *Visual Display* presentations that can be visited by the delegates during coffee breaks and the end of the lectures. A specific time should be allotted during the Congress when visual display authors will be present for discussion with delegates. To ensure good access for delegates, the displays must be located close to the coffee facilities, preferably in the same room. *Further details of Visual Displays are given later in this document.*

#### **C). Selection of lectures**

After the closing date, the Host Society should present the abstracts to an internationally selected Scientific and Technical Committee for a professional vetting of the lectures. At least two members of the Executive Committee of the IULTCS should sit on this Scientific and Technical Committee. The lectures may be on fundamental scientific topics or on technological themes close to practice. *The International Scientific and Technical Committee will choose a suitable number of Oral Presentations and the rest, if they show an acceptable scientific level, will go for Visual Display. It is important that the Visual Display should be given the same category and treatment as Oral Presentations.*

#### **D). Visual Displays**

A new section to be added just BEFORE **"IULTCS Flag and IULTCS Anthem"**.

- *The Visual Display Area should be located close to the coffee facilities.*
- *Individual separated stands with three walls, so that posters can be displayed. An area of 6 m<sup>2</sup> is recommended. (See Diagram 1 for illustration).*
- *Furnished with a table and two or three chairs and with an electrical plug connection. The Host Association should supply, if is ordered and paid for, any additional equipment, such as slides, TV, CD, DVD, video, etc.*
- *The front of the stand should display the name of the author's paper with the reference stand number.*
- *A letterbox (plastic) to collect questions raised by the Delegates while visiting the Visual Display Area. These questions will be answered by the authors during the Visual Display discussion in the main Auditorium.*
- *The Technical Programme will clearly specify 1.0 to 1.5 hours for the visits to the Visual Display Area, and during this period there will be no Oral Presentations in the Auditorium.*

- *To raise the profile of these visual display presentations it is suggested time be allowed in the main technical programme for a selection of the visual display authors to have 5 minutes to summarise the work on display. Members of the Organising Committee will make the selection and will control these presentations. One question collected from the letterbox would be put to the authors by the Chair of the session. This aspect must be strictly controlled and no questions from the floor would be allowed.*
- *Each day a new set of Visual Displays will replace the ones from the day before and so on successively. For a three day Congress it would be possible to present up to 7 Oral Presentations and a total of, say, 30 Visual Displays per day, depending on the number of visual display stands available.*

**Diagram 1:**

Diagram of proposed Stand for Visual Displays

