

Lifelines

Sujata Mandal is a Senior Scientist in the CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, India, since 2011. She obtained her PhD degree from Jadavpur University, Kolkata, in 2004. Then she joined CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, as Research Associate and continued as Senior Research Associate till 2011. She did her Postdoctoral research in the research group of Dr. Didier Tichit, Institute Charles Gerhardt, Montpellier, France. Her research interests include analytical science, materials characterization and development of inorganic nanomaterials and nanocomposite materials for various applications.

J. Durga is a Senior Research Fellow (CSIR) at the Leather Processing Department, CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, India. She completed her Masters in Biochemistry in Bharathidasan University (2012). Her research interests include Preparation of enzyme(s) and its application in leather making.

G. Jothi is a retired Senior Technician from the Leather Processing Department, CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, India. He completed his Bachelor Degree and his scientific interests are leather dyeing and color matching.

Ms. Malathy Jawahar (M. Jawahar): see *JALCA* **101**(12), 435, 2006

C. Muralidharan has made notable contributions towards process innovations, technology dissemination, human resource development, standards development, product evaluation, advisory consultancy and analytical services for the leather sector since joining CSIR – Central Leather Research Institute, India, in 1987. He has developed number of process technologies aimed at resource management and waste minimization resulting in more than 40 patents, 90 research papers and many State and Industry recognitions.

Virgilijus Valeika, see *JALCA* **111**, 41, 2016

Birute Sapijanskaite works as an associate professor at the Department of Organic Chemistry, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania. She studied chemistry at Vilnius University, Lithuania and her specialty is Chemist-lecturer. She received her PhD from the Kaunas University of Technology in 2003. Research areas: synthesis of *N*-substituted amino acids, their derivatives; investigation for biologically active substances.

Justa Sirvaityte, see *JALCA* **111**, 41, 2016

Viktorii Plavan received her PhD (1999) and Doctor of Science (2011) from Kiev National University of Technologies & Design, Ukraine. Currently, she is a professor and head of the Department for Applied Ecology, Technology of Polymers and Chemical Fibers at the same University. Her research focuses on the development of eco-friendly technologies for leather production and leather waste and wastewater processing; recycling and reusing of waste products from the light industry and chemistry to produce biopolymers with predictable properties.

Rasa Alaburdaite, received her PhD (2009) from Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania. Currently, she is an associate professor at the Department of Physical and Inorganic Chemistry at the same University. She focuses on the development of bioactive materials for various applications and investigation of coating films from metals' compounds on various polymers.

Long Zhang obtained a Bachelor Degree in Chemical Engineering from Taiyuan University of Science and Technology (Taiyuan, China) in 2015. Since then, he has been studying for a Masters Degree under the supervision of Prof. Wei Lin in the major of Light Industry Technology and Engineering at Sichuan University (Chengdu, China).

Xinyu Zhao studied in the Department of Leather Chemistry and Engineering at Sichuan University during 2013-2017.

Chunhua Wang received a B.S. in Light Industry Biological Technology (2011), a M.S. in Leather Chemistry and Engineering (2014), and a Ph.D. in Leather chemistry and Engineering at Sichuan University. Now she is working in Prof. Wei Lin's group as a Research Assistant at Sichuan University. Her research interests focus on design and developing environmental-friendly coating materials with antibacterial function applied in leather finishing or other fields.

Wei Lin received her Ph.D. in Leather Chemistry and Engineering at Sichuan University (Chengdu) in June 2000. She moved to University of Science and Technology of China (Hefei) in September 2000 as the postdoctoral fellow for two years in Dr. Qingshi Zhu and Dr. Chi Wu's research groups. After an additional postdoctoral research associate in Professor Michal Borkovec's group in the Department of Inorganic, Analytical and Applied Chemistry at University of Geneva during April 2003 to August 2005, she returned to the Department of Leather Chemistry and Engineering at Sichuan University, and promoted to Full Professor in June 2006. Her research interests center on environmental-friendly leather chemicals and leather-making process. She focuses on studying macromolecular structure and property of collagen and its interactions with tanning substances, as well as collagen-based biomass materials. She also focuses on the design and developing environmental-friendly non-chrome tanning agents, and the risk screening of the chemicals used in leather-making.

Zhou Ji-bo, postgraduate, Sichuan University, Biomass chemistry and engineering, Chengdu, China. E-mail: zt1812431172@gmail.com.

Zhou Jian-fei, professor, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China. E-mail: zhoujf2014@scu.edu.cn, major in clean technology of leather manufacture and green leather chemicals.

Li Pei-lin, undergraduate, Sichuan University, Chemical engineering in light industry, Chengdu, China. E-mail: 1587444579@qq.com.

Xue-pin Liao, see *JALCA* **100**, 447, 2005

Bi Shi, see *JALCA* **99**, 220, 2004

ALCA 114th Annual Convention

June 19-22, 2018

Eaglewood Resort & Spa, Itasca, IL

Welcome to an exciting venue of events that will be unfolding for us from June 19 to June 22, 2018.

We will host the 114th Annual Convention at Eaglewood Resort & Spa in Itasca Illinois. You can learn more about by logging on to their website at eaglewoodresort.com.

All details about the convention can be found on this website as they progress. The convention brochure will be online soon. There is a link to it on the home page at the bottom. Also voting for our Slate of Candidates will be done via email. The online convention registration form has been updated and is ready for use or you can print out a form and send it to us. Continue checking the website for new information and announcements about the 114th Annual Convention.

The schedule for 2018 is similar to that of 2016 at Oglebay. Prior to the official opening of the convention, the annual golf tournament will be held at Eaglewood beginning at 12 pm with lunch at the course on Tuesday, June 19. Pre-registration for golfers is a must to facilitate the start of the tournament. Further information on the golf outing can be found under this section as well as our online brochure available in mid-March 2018.

The official opening of the convention will begin with Registration on Tuesday, June 19, from 5 to 7 pm with a cocktail Reception from 6 to 7 pm at the Prairie River. Again this year, Buckman is sponsoring their golf swing analyzer, Larry Shaver, from 6 to 9 pm. Dinner will be from 7 to 9 pm with conversations with old and new associates of the leather industry completing the evening.

ALCA President David Peters will open the Technical Program at 8 am on Wednesday, June 20. This year's technical program is again being organized by Vice President Mike Bley and will offer a wide array of leather technologies covering tanning to finishing to environmental issues and can be viewed in the coming months on our website. The 59th John Arthur Wilson Lecture will feature Jonathan (Jon) Clark, CEO of PrimeAsia. The technical sessions will end at 4:45 pm followed by the Fun Run at 5:30 pm. A reception will be held from 6:30 to 7 pm at the Pavilion followed by dinner from 7 to 8 pm and then bowling, darts, pool and open bar at Kegler's from 8 to 11 pm. This will be an exciting evening that you won't want to miss.

Technical papers will resume Thursday morning at 9 am with the Annual Business Meeting ending the morning sessions at 11:15 am. At noon everyone is invited to attend the Activities Awards Luncheon at Prairie River where prizes will be awarded for the Fun Run and golf outing. Technical papers will resume in the afternoon at 1:30 to 4:15 pm with the Awards Banquet social Hour beginning at 6 pm in Linden Ballroom. Dinner will follow at 7 pm with the awards presentations afterwards. The convention will close out on Friday morning after breakfast from 7 to 10 am.

Please make plans now to join us for a wonderful time at Eaglewood!

Sarah Drayna
2018 Convention Chair

**Please make plans
now to join us for
a wonderful time
at Eaglewood!**

The 59th John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture

by
Jonathan (Jon) Clark

Title: Leather: An Honest Material in a Confusing and Changing Environment.

- The industry must push back against inferior substitutes without the appearance of rejecting innovation and at the same time must continue to embrace and evolve to the ever changing demands of the marketplace.
- The industry must speak truths: transparency is critical to maintain as there are no secrets in the industry that we are concerned about.
- The industry continues to have areas to improve, and sectors which are not compliant, but we know that properly made leather is a sustainable, good material of value.
- Today's processing is safe and environmentally friendly
- Most of the non-finished leather materials (why do we call non leather making proteins waste?) can be used for other things and we can recycle most of our natural resource.
- Most of the alternates are hidden in bad chemistry, poor origins, high levels of real waste, short usable lives, poor after life options and they are only being sold as "leather" because everything else about them is weak and/or overrated.

The 59th John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture will be presented at the 114th Annual Convention by Jon Clark, CEO of PrimeAsia, at 9:00 am on Wednesday, June 19, 2018.

Mr. Clark currently is in his 27th year in the leather industry, starting at Prime Tanning in 1990. He spent his first ten years in the industry learning and working at Prime Tanning in various sales positions. He was appointed as vice president in 1997 and took over the responsibility of expanding and growing Prime Tanning's presence in the global athletic leather market as well as overseeing all sales and service operations in Asia as Prime Tanning expanded manufacturing operations in the region. In 2002 Jon Clark left Prime Tanning and was named president of global marketing for PrimeAsia Leather Company. In November of 2007 he was named CEO of PrimeAsia and is supported by a multi-national senior management team spread throughout the globe.



**2018 John Arthur Wilson
Memorial Lecturer**
Jonathan (Jon) Clark,
CEO PrimeAsia

Few people realize that Leather Making is the world's oldest manufacturing process, thus the world's oldest industry. Tanning—the process of converting hides and skins into leather—is also the world's first science.

Also, because of the pure craftsmanship involved, tanning may well be the world's first art form.

Anyone who doubts that a
sheepskin has up to 30,000
fibers per square inch has
only to count them.

NOTHING TAKES THE
PLACE OF LEATHER

INDEX TO ADVERTISERS

ALCA Annual Meeting	Inside Back Cover
ALCA Information	II
ALCA Information	IV
Buckman Laboratories.....	Inside Front Cover
Chemtan	III
Chemtan	Back Cover
Elementis	VII
Erretre	VI
Lanxess.....	V