

LIFE LINES

Nicolas Blanc obtained a postgraduate degree in analytical chemistry in 2004 at the University of Strasbourg. He began to work for CTC in 2004 and since 2005, he is a PhD student while maintaining his job duty at CTC. He is evaluating the capabilities of various analytical techniques, especially chromatography techniques. His works deals with the determination of allergens and/or harmful compounds in leather and textile products. These compounds go from flame retardants (like polybromodiphenylether), tanning agents (hexavalent chromium), allergenic or carcinogenic dyes, to azo dyes.

Nathalie Humbert obtained a degree in a generalist engineer school in 1997 from the University of Dijon (France). After 2 years in Industry, she joined the French Centre Technique du Cuir (CTC) where she obtained her PhD degree in chemistry. Promoted Research associate, she led several international researches for the leather textile and the water sectors. For example, she has studied, chloroalcan and organotin compounds, pesticides and so on. At present she is the head of the chemical laboratory as regards product (footwear, leather and textile articles) and she manages the development of chemical methods.

Jean-Claude Cannot holds a PhD in physical chemistry. He studied at the University of Bourgogne in Dijon in 1986. After 9 years in the industry, he started to work for CTC (Research center for the leather sector in France). Jean-Claude Cannot has led several international research projects founded by the European Commission (for determination of heavy metal content in footwear, personal protective equipment footwear resisting to chemical). He is in charge of several standardization committees (leather, footwear, safety footwear). At the present time, Jean-Claude Cannot is the Sustainable Development Manager of CTC.

Alain Berthod is professeur agrégé at the Université de Lyon. He is appointed as Research director at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, UMR5180 P. Lanteri, Villeurbanne, France. He graduated in Chemistry in 1973 (University of Lyon, France). He obtained his Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry in 1979. His research interests were in separation science, liquid chromatography, chiral separations and countercurrent chromatography. He authored or co-authored two books, 21 book chapters and more than 170 research articles. He gave more than 160 invited talks, presentations, communications and/or poster presentations at a variety of International Symposia and Universities. He is or was appointed as a member of the editorial board of *Analytical Chemistry*, *Talanta*, *Journal of Chromatography A*, *Separation Science and Technologies*, *Current Analytical Chemistry*, *Current Pharmaceutical Analysis* and *Journal of Liquid Chromatography & Related Technologies*. He is editor of *Separation & Purification Reviews* and consulted for article evaluations by most journals in the field of

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Dennis C. Shelly, see *JALCA* **99**, 269, 2004

Swarna V. Kanth, see *JALCA* **101**, 435, 2006

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P. Saravanan, see *JALCA* **95**, 333, 2000

J. Raghava Rao, see *JALCA* **93**, 156, 1998

Balachandran Unni Nair, see *JALCA* **93**, 156, 1998

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OBITUARY — DENNIS C. SHELLY

Dennis C. Shelly, 53, of Lubbock, TX, died on Friday, November 21, 2008 in College Station, TX, as a result of a motor vehicle accident. He had been on a development leave from Texas Tech University to do research at Texas A&M University.

Born on February 16, 1955 in Chambersburg, PA, he was the son of Harry C. and Joan L. Armstrong Shelly of Coatesville, PA. A 1973 graduate of James Buchanan High School, he attended Huntington College, Huntington, IN, and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. In 1978 he married Jean Shoop. In 1982 he received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Analytical Chemistry from Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. Following graduation he worked for Eli Lilly and Co., Indianapolis, IN. Realizing that he wanted to teach he accepted a post-doctoral fellowship at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. Following his post-doctoral fellowship he taught chemistry as an assistant professor at Steven's Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ. In 1990, he accepted a position at Texas Tech University teaching chemistry.

Dennis had a passion for leather research and was Director of the Leather Research Institute and the Engineered Protein Materials Lab at Texas Tech University. His long-standing organizational memberships included the American Leather Chemists Association (ALCA), Leather Industries of America, Society of Applied Spectroscopy and American Chemical Society. Dennis was a well-respected leather researcher throughout the world. In addition to his research abroad, he often lectured and presented seminars in China, India, Vietnam, Eastern Russia and the United States. Dennis was instrumental in the move of the ALCA to Lubbock, TX in October of 1999. He served the Association as a Councilor from 2001 to 2004 and filled a vacancy as a Councilor in 2005. He filled a vacancy left by the Vice President Elect of the Association, Terry Hughes, in 2004 through 2005, becoming Vice President from 2005-2006 and President from 2006-2007. He served on the O'Flaherty Nominating Committee on 2000 and was a member of the Methods and Specifications Committee from 2002 to the present. He was also a member of the Editorial Board for the Association's Journal from 2004 to the present, the Research Liaison Committee from 1996 to present, and the Uses of Collagen Committee from 1999 to the present. He chaired the Ways & Means Committee from 2000 to the present.

In 2005 Dennis was awarded the ALCA Alsop Award for outstanding scientific contributions to the leather industry. This is the highest recognition for scientific excellence that this 105 year old professional scientific Association can bestow upon one of its members.

Aside from his parents, he is survived by his two sons, Ian M. Shelly of Columbia, MO, and Lieutenant Graham P. Shelly, United States Army, of Lacey, WA, and one sister, Cindy (and husband Peter, a niece Jeannette, a nephew Nathaniel) VanderWerff of West Chester, PA. Funeral services were held in Chambersburg, PA at Geisel Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Baker officiating. Interment followed at St. Thomas Cemetery, St. Thomas, PA. A Memorial Service for his many friends, colleagues and students, former and current, was held in Bowman Chapel at First United Methodist Church, Lubbock, TX, where Dennis was a member, on December 5, 2008.

Suggested memorials include the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, 730 N. Franklin Street, Suite 501, Chicago, IL 60610-7224, or by visiting dbsalliance.org or to the Robert M. Lollar Memorial Fund or the Randall Rowles Scholarship Fund of the ALCA.



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Each abstract should begin with the title in capital letters, followed by the authors' names. The name of the speaker should be denoted by an asterisk, and contact information should be provided that includes an email address. The abstract should be no longer than 300 English words and preferably furnished as a Microsoft Word or Adobe* .PDF document.

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