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AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

2010 SPRING MEETING OF THE RESEARCH LIAISON COMMITTEE

USDA, ARS, EASTERN REGIONAL RESEARCH CENTER, WYNDMOOR, PA

Dates: Tuesday April 27th (beginning at 1 PM) – Wednesday April 28th, 2010 (finishing at 12 Noon)

The ALCA RLC, which liaises with the Fats, Oils and Animal Coproducts Research Unit of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service, serves a vital role to assist the USDA in aligning projects and research to meet industry needs.

The Research Liaison Committee meets twice a year, once in April at the USDA Eastern Regional Research Center and then during the ALCA annual convention in June to review industry trends and requirements. In 2008, the RLC polled members of the ALCA, the U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association (USHSLA) and members of the Leather Industries of America (LIA) to identify and prioritize the immediate and long term needs of the industry.

Membership and attendance to the RLC Spring Meeting is open to those affiliated with leather manufacture. Those attending represent tanners, production management, product

development executives, researchers, scientists, consultants, chemical suppliers, industry & trade lobbyists, students and those connected to the study & usage of collagen.

Proposed topics include:

- A recap of the global and U.S. raw material market
- An update on issues pertaining to the U.S. hide & leather industry (USHSLA)
- A regulatory and trade update
- A recap of domestic leather activity
- Reports from ERRC from hides and leather program covering such areas as pretanning, physical properties of leather, alternative tannages, byproduct utilization and finishing, leather quality (UV resistance) and non-destructive testing.

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**2010 CALL FOR PAPERS
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LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

JUNE 10 – 13, 2010

If you have recently completed or will shortly be completing research studies relevant to hide preservation, hide and leather defects, leather manufacturing technology, new product development, tannery equipment development, leather properties and specifications, tannery environmental management, or other related subjects, you are encouraged to present the results of this research at the next annual convention of the Association to be held at the Grand Geneva, Lake Geneva, WI, June 10 – 13, 2010.

Abstracts are preferred via email and must be submitted by **March 31, 2010** to the Chair of the Technical Program:

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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 in the Microsoft Word format. Manuscripts based on the presentation, **in publication-ready form**, are to be sent to the editor in electronic format as an e-mail attachment by **May 15, 2010** (see revised Publication Policy on our website: leatherchemists.org).

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