

LIFELINES

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Haojun Fan, see *JALCA* **100**, 22, 2005.

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B. H. Cadirci, see *JALCA* **102**, 129, 2007.

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THE 51ST JOHN ARTHUR WILSON MEMORIAL LECTURE

The 51st John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture will be presented at the 106th ALCA Annual Convention at the Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, WI, on June 11, 2010 by Prof. José M. Adzet, Research Director of "AIICA" Asociacion de Investigacion de las Industrias Del Curtido y Anexas. The title of his lecture is "Transformation of Lime Splits and Trimmings from Hides into Different Collagenic Materials."

Prof. José M. Adzet has been the Research Manager for AIICA since 1994, where he directed AIICA's participation in 25 research projects in collaboration with other scientists within the tanning industry. He has been a contributing author to ten books on leather technology, covering a broad range of subjects. He spent a number of years as the Manager of the Engineering University School and the High Tannery School of Igualada. He has PhDs from both the University of Lyon in France and the Central University of Barcelona in Spain.

More recently, his institute, AIICA, has been actively engaged in a wide range of research of interest to the leather

industry. Areas of interest include leather processing, health and environment, bioprocessing and materials with unique properties. The Institute has also been involved with membrane filtration of wastewaters and the use of histopathological techniques to evaluate the effects of salt on collagen structure.



Prof. José M. Adzet
Research Director of AIICA

For this lecture, Prof. Adzet is preparing to present a wide-ranging review of the transformation of the skin collagen. The referred transformation consists of using the skin to obtain leather (already known), human and canine food, utilization in cosmetics and medicine, as well as the possible industrial application of the thermoplastic collagen to obtain biodegradable compounds.

THE 106TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

JUNE 10 – 13, 2010

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Welcome to an exciting venue of events that will be unfolding for us from June 10 to June 13, 2010. We will host the 106th Annual Meeting at the beautiful Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. It is a first class facility. You can learn more about the Grand Geneva by logging on to their website at <http://www.grandgeneva.com>. Look for the reservation form in your spring mailing which will give all details of the convention. Also, continue checking our website at www.leatherchemists.org for new information and announcements about the 106th Annual Meeting.

Prior to the official opening of the convention, the annual shotgun golf tournament will be held at the Highlands Course beginning at noon. Pre-registration for golfers is a must to facilitate the start of the tournament. Further information on the golf outing will be found in your convention packet going out in March or on our website.

Then the official opening of the convention will begin with Registration on Thursday, June 10, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the registration desk followed by a Cocktail Reception from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Pavillion. Dinner and a bonfire will follow from 8:00 to 11 pm, and conversations with old and new associates of the leather industry will complete the evening.

ALCA President David LeBlanc will open the Technical Program at 8 am on Friday. This year's technical program is being organized by Vice-President Craig Keyser and will offer a wide array of leather technologies covering tanning to

finishing to environmental issues and can be viewed in the coming months under Annual Convention/Technical Program at our website. The 51st John Arthur Wilson Lecture will feature Prof. José M. Adzet, Research Director of "AIICA" Asociacion de Investigacion de las Industrias Del Curtido y Anexas. The title of his lecture is "Transformation of Lime Splits and Trimmings from Hides into Different Collagenic Materials." Our Technical Committees will have an opportunity to meet and have discussions during lunch-time. The technical sessions will end at 4:00 pm followed by the Fun Run at 4:30 pm. Friday's activities will be capped off by a boat cruise and dinner from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

Technical papers will resume Saturday morning at 8 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 in the Pavillion, where prizes will be awarded for the Fun Run and golf outing. Technical papers will resume in the afternoon at 1 pm until 4:45 pm with the Awards Banquet Social Hour beginning at 6:00 pm in the Salon Foyer. Dinner will follow at 7:00 with the awards presentations afterwards. The convention will close with check out on Sunday.

Please make plans now to join us for a wonderful time at the Grand Geneva!

Sarah Drayna
Convention Chair