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Cheng-Kung Liu, see *JALCA* **94**, 158, 1999

Nicholas P. Latona, see *JALCA* **96**, 401, 2001

Maryann M. Taylor, see *JALCA* **93**, 328, 1998

Renee J. Latona, see *JALCA* **100**, 396, 2005

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Ying Gong, see *JALCA* **106**, 141, 2011

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Wuyong Chen, see *JALCA* **106**, 141, 2011

Carmen Gaidau, see *JALCA* **106**, 110, 2011

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Gokhan Zengin, see *JALCA* **100**, 137, 2005

Altan Asfar, see *JALCA* **106**, 110, 2011

THE AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

2012 SPRING MEETING OF THE RESEARCH LIAISON COMMITTEE

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

Dates: Tuesday April 24th (beginning at 1 PM) – Wednesday April 25th, 2010 (finishing at 12 Noon)

The purpose of the ALCA RLC is to maintain an awareness of ongoing hides and leather research, to foster research collaboration, and to assist the USDA and other public research institutions in establishing research priorities.

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. The RLC polls members of the ALCA, the U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association (USHSLA) and members of the Leather Industries of American (LIA) to identify and prioritize the immediate and long term needs of the industry for hides, skins, leather and their bi-products.

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 and 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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CALL FOR PAPERS
FOR THE 108TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

Grandover Resort and Conference, Greensboro, NC

June 7 -10, 2012

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 Grandover Resort and Conference Center June, 7 - 10, 2012.

Abstracts are preferred via e-mail and must be submitted by **March 31, 2012** 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. An asterisk should denote the name of the speaker, and contact information should be

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Presentations at the convention will be limited to 25 minutes. In accordance with the Association Bylaws, papers covering such presentations are to be submitted to the *Journal of the American Leather Chemists Association* for publication consideration. Those papers are not to be published elsewhere, other than in abstract form, without permission of the *Journal Editor*, Robert F. White. (E-mail: jalcaeditor@prodigy.net)



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News Release

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Meeting of International Leather Organizations in Turkey

Key representatives of the three International organizations that operate within the leather sector – International Council of Tanners (ICT), International Council of Hide Skin & Leather Traders Associations (ICHSLTA) and International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists Societies (IULTCS) – met during the Istanbul Leather Fair to continue discussions on global cooperation in the leather industry. The Istanbul meeting followed initial contact during the ACLE in Shanghai last year and further progress was made during the World Leather Congress held in Rio de Janeiro in November. During the Rio meeting a Memorandum of Understanding was agreed. The MoU document outlines the need for cooperation within the leather industry and recognizes some of the issues and challenges faced by the industry. It makes a general call for all in the leather value chain to work together to enhance the value of leather as a component material in the marketplace. (NOTE: A copy of the MoU* is attached and forms part of this News Release).

Participants in the Istanbul meeting laid out guidelines on how the three independent organizations plan to work together and progress was made outlining several projects of importance to the industry. These include a project on the identity of leather, with the first phase to collect and share national, regional, and international rules and regulations on definitions, labelling and marking of leather; as well as hides, skins and leather product certifications. Discussion was also held on the image of the industry and issues relating to sustainable processing. Further work is foreseen to continue defining some of these initiatives that will be developed on the basis of own resources. Participants did not exclude that certain activities could require the need of external resources, but participants were happy with the progress being made.

The next meeting of this newly formed global leather coordinating committee will be held on March 30th, immediately following the APLF leather fair in Hong Kong.

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