



105th ALCA Annual Meeting June 18-21, 2009 Oglebay Resort & Conference Center Wheeling, West Virginia, USA

Welcome to an exciting venue of events that will be unfolding for us from June 18 to June 21, 2009.

We will host the 105th Annual Meeting at the beautiful Oglebay Resort & Conference Center in Wheeling, West Virginia. It is a first class facility. You can learn more about Oglebay by logging on to their website at <http://www.oglebay-resort.com>. Continue checking our website at www.leatherchemists.org for new information and announcements about the 105th Annual Meeting.

Prior to the official opening of the convention, the annual shotgun golf tournament will be held at the Speidel Golf Club on the Robert Trent Jones, Sr. course beginning at 1 pm, Thursday, June 18. Pre-registration for golfers is a must to facilitate the start of the tournament. Featuring 36 holes of championship golf, the classic Robert Trent Jones, Sr. designed championship course continues to be one of West Virginia's premier layouts. Registration for golf is included on the back sheet with your convention registration.

The official opening of the convention will begin with Registration on Thursday, June 18, from 5:00 to 7:30 pm in the main lobby with a Cocktail Reception from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at The West Plaza. A buffet dinner from 8:00 to 10:00 pm and conversations with old and new associates of the leather industry will complete the evening.

ALCA President Stephen S. Yanek will open the Technical Program at 8 am on Friday. This year's technical program is being organized by Vice-President David LeBlanc 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 under Annual Convention, Technical Program. The John Arthur Wilson Lecture will feature Eleanor M. Brown, Research Chemist/Lead Scientist with the Eastern Regional Research Center, Agricultural Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Our Technical Committees will have an opportunity to meet and have discussions during lunch-time. The technical sessions will end at 4:15 pm followed by the Fun Run at 5:00 pm. Friday's activities will be capped off by a buffet in the Glessner Ballroom and Monte Carlo night. This will be an exciting evening that you won't want to miss.

Technical papers will resume Saturday morning at 8 am with the Annual Business Meeting ending the morning sessions at 10:45 am. At noon everyone is invited to attend the Activities Awards Luncheon in the Glessner Ballroom where prizes will be awarded for the Fun Run and golf outing plus a drawing for door prizes. Technical papers will resume in the afternoon at 1 pm until 4:00 pm with the Awards Banquet Social Hour beginning at 6:00 pm in the Glessner Ballroom. Dinner will follow at 7:00 with the awards presentations afterwards.

A short list of nearby area activities is listed on the brochure, but please check our website for a complete listing.

Please make plans now to join us for a wonderful time at Oglebay and don't forget to go to our website for updates!

Doug Morrison, Convention Chair

NOTE: This mailer includes ballots for the 2009 Slate of Candidates and bylaws revisions. Please make sure to 1) Check two candidates for councilor on the lilac 2009 Election Ballot and enclose it in the small envelope, 2) Place the small envelope in the large envelope along with the blue and yellow bylaw revisions forms, and 3) Sign and print your name on the back side of the large envelope. All ballots must be received no later than June 1 to be counted.

Tentative Technical Program Starting Friday, June 19

John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture "Collagen a Natural Scaffold for Biology and Engineering"
By Eleanor M. Brown, Research Chemist/Lead Scientist,
Fats, Oils and Animal Coproducts Research Unit, ERRC, ARS, USDA, Wyndmoor, PA

A Sampling of Other Papers to be Presented on Friday and Saturday:

"Natural Weathering Study of a Coating for Upholstery Leather" Anna Bacardit,
EUETII - EAI (UPC), Barcelona, Spain;

"Optimization of Raw Hide Curing Using Two-Component Counter-Current Diffusion Model," Michaela Barinova,
Tomas Bata University, Czech Republic

Cross Linkers, Alex Campbell, Stahl USA, Peabody, MA;

Anti Soiling Coatings, Jurgen Christner, TFL Ledertechnik AG, Basel, Switzerland;

"New Developments in Finishing Technology," Antonio Galiotto, Erretre SRL, Italy;

New Equipment Developments, Steve Gilberg, Tan-Mach, Ltd., Ontario, Canada;

"Composite Drying with Simultaneous Vacuum and Toggling," C. K. Liu, USDA-ERRC, Wyndmoor, PA;

"The Quantification of a Minority Protein-Decorin and its Effects on Quality of Leather," Mila Ramos,
USDA-ERRC, Wyndmoor, PA;

"The Global Recession and its Impact on US Hide Exports" by John Reddington, US Hides, Skins and Leather
Association, Washington, D.C.;

"REACH — Beyond Pre-registration," Lynn E. Rutkowski, LANXESS Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA;

"Influence of Retanning on the Adsorption Capacity of Water on Cattlehide Collagen Fibers," Kevin Tang,
College of Materials Science and Engineering, Zhengzhou University, Zhengzhou, China

"Sustainable Fillers," Maryann M. Taylor, USDA-ERRC, Wyndmoor, PA;

Hide and Leather Trade Issues by John Wittenborn, Leather Industries of America, Washington, D.C.

ACCOMMODATION - TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RATES

- All attendees are to make reservations themselves directly with the Oglebay Resort by calling (304) 243-4000 or (800) 624-6988. You may also fax the enclosed reservation form to 1-304-243-4070 or mail the enclosed form to Oglebay Resort & Conference Center, Rt 88 North, Wheeling, WV 26003;
- A deposit of 1 night's room charges plus 6% sales tax and 6% city hotel tax is payable by May 16, 2009 to secure your booking. The reservation may be guaranteed with a check or valid credit card which will need to be presented at the time of check in;
- Be sure to specify "**American Leather Chemists Association**" reserved block to obtain rates below or use enclosed reservation form;
- The balance of the cost of your accommodation is payable directly to the hotel on departure;
- Cancellation policy of Oglebay is as follows:
 - Refunds/adjustments will be made only when cancellations/changes are received at least 10-days prior to June 16, 2009
- Contracted Rates:

| Room Type | Single | Double |
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| Intermediate | \$252 | \$172 per person |
| Premium | \$285 | \$189 per person |

Reservations received after the cut-off date are subject to availability.

Package rates include lodging each night, breakfast, lunch and dinner, applicable taxes, and food service gratuity.

ACTIVITIES at OGLEBAY

GOOD ZOO & BENEDUM PLANETARIUM

SHOPPING

Looking for souvenirs or gifts for a special occasion? You'll find a wide selection of unique merchandise available in the 7 specialty shops of Oglebay

BISSONNETTE GARDENS

(formerly Waddington Gardens)

ACTIVITIES AT SCHENK LAKE

Walking/jogging trails, pedal boating, fishing, playground, miniature golf, cascading waters

TENNIS FACILITIES, LESSONS, EVENTS

SWIMMING AT THE CRISPIN CENTER

OGLEBAY STABLES

2009 Nominating Committee Candidates

Vice President Elect

◆ **Andreas W. Rhein**

Andy Rhein graduated from Technical High School, Darmstadt, Germany and the Leather Institute Tanning School, Reutlingen, Germany. After graduation he worked for Schweizer Leather in Germany and USA as Technical Director of R&D. He joined Bayer Corp. as their Technical Sales Representative. Since 1996 he has been the Technical Director for Operations at S.B. Foot Tanning Corporation. He has been a member of the ALCA since 1987.

Council Members

◆ **Michael Bley**, an ALCA member since 1987, began his leather apprenticeship during high school in 1976 at Hoyt & Worthen Tanning Corporation in Haverhill, Ma. He completed his apprenticeship with one year at sister company Cuirs Hawtan SA, Port-au-Prince, Haiti along with completing the Corium Correspondence Course. In 1983 he graduated from the West German Tanning School in Reutlingen along with getting West German certification as tanner and master tanner. After graduation he returned to the Hoyt & Worthen group working both in the US and Haiti in various roles throughout the tannery and support functions. In 1990 he joined BASF as a Senior Sales Representative supporting a wide range of leather manufacturers in both wetend and finishing. In 2005 he joined Eagle Ottawa LLC's Product Development group working in R&D and technical support roles.

◆ **Alex Campbell** graduated from the British Leather School, Northampton, England, U.K. in 1981. After his graduation in 1981, he worked for the Scottish Tanning Industry at the Bridge of Weir Leather Co, as a Leather Technologist, Scotland, U.K. In 1989 he joined the Rohm and Haas Company, Philadelphia, USA, as a sales service chemist for their Leather finishing business. At Rohm and Haas between 1989 - 1997 he held technical positions of increasing responsibility in the areas of automotive technical service and R&D. From 1997 - 2008 he held senior positions within the commercial and marketing areas of the Rohm and Haas Leather business. Currently he is employed with Stahl USA, as the Business Manager for the Leather Finish business.

◆ **Goetz Hagen** received his Leather Technical Engineering degree in 1990 from the West German Tanning institute, Reutlingen. Goetz was exposed to the leather industry at a early age of 10 by his Father Walter, who also was also a Reutlingen graduate and enjoyed a career in the leather industry. Throughout the many business assignments in different regions of the world, Goetz became fluent in 4 languages, German, Spanish, Portuguese, and English. From 1990 to 1994 Goetz held positions at 3 different shoe upper tanneries in Leon Mexico. During this time he held positions in R&D and production management. In September 1994 he moved to Germany and started a career with the BASF Global Leather Department. During this time he had responsibilities of Technical Sales Representative for many regions including Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, Portugal and Italy. In April 1998 BASF relocated Goetz to the US. During this time he was based in Menomonee Falls WI, and was assigned with technical sales

responsibilities for the Mid West region and Mexico. In June 2002 BASF once again relocated Goetz to Leon Mexico. At this time he was promoted to Leather Sales Manager for the Mexico and Central America region. After 4 years, Goetz returned to the US and is based at BASF's NAFTA headquarters in Charlotte, NC. Beginning in 2007, Goetz became the Regional Sales Manager for NAFTA and continues this position to the day.

◆ **Tony Khanna** graduated from Government Tanning Institute in India in 1981. Immediately after his graduation, he joined Bawa Group of Companies which is located in Jalandhar, India and worked there until 1989. Tony migrated to the United States and joined Pan American Tanning Company in Gloversville, NY as a R&D chemist. Soon, he joined American Leather (Elmo) where he worked as a finishing department head from 1990-1998. Working up the ranks, he now holds the position as Global Sales Manager at Quaker Color in Quakertown, PA.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULED EVENTS

Thursday, June 18, 2009

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| Council Meeting | 8:00 am |
| Golf Tournament | 1:00 pm |
| Registration | 5:00 pm |
| Registration continues/Welcome Reception | 7:00 pm |
| Buffet Dinner | 8:00 pm |

Friday, June 19, 2009

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| Opening Address | 8:00 am |
| John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture | 8:25 am |
| 1 st Session Technical Papers | 9:30 am |
| 2 nd Session Technical Papers | 10:45 am |
| Lunch with ALCA Technical Committee meetings | 11:45 am |
| 3 rd Session Technical Papers | 1:30 pm |
| 4 th Session Technical Papers | 3:15 pm |
| Fun Run sponsored by World Leather Magazine | 5:00 pm |
| Cocktail Reception | 7:00 pm |
| Buffet and Monte Carlo Night | 8:00 pm |

Saturday, June 20, 2009

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| 5 th Session Technical Papers | 8:00 am |
| 6 th Session Technical Papers | 9:45 am |
| Annual Business Meeting | 11:15 am |
| Activities Awards Luncheon | Noon |
| 7 th Session Technical Papers | 1:00 pm |
| 8 th Session Technical Papers | 2:45 pm |
| Social Hour | 6:00 pm |
| ALCA Awards Banquet | 7:00 pm |

Sunday, June 21, 2009

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| Old and new Council Meeting | 9:00 am |
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GOLF TOURNAMENT

Robert Trent Jones Course Thursday, June 18; 1 pm

Challenge your game on this spectacular course which is the home to the West Virginia LPGA Classic for 11 years. This course is sure to provoke conversation as well as settle some bets!

Club rental extra and payable to course at time of rental.
(registration included with convention registration on back)

**THE AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION
105TH ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM
Oglebay Resort and Conference Center, Wheeling, WV
June 18th -- 21st, 2009**

Please send your registration form to the ALCA office by June 1, 2009. This will save you time at registration to be held on Thursday, June 18, from 5-7:30 p.m. in the main lobby. Late registration will be on Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. Cancellation must be made by June 1 in order to receive a refund.

ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER PRIOR TO: MAY 16, 2009
TO BE LISTED ON REGISTRANT'S LISTING IN TECHNICAL PROGRAM

Registration (Print Clearly)

Name _____ Company _____

Address _____

Email address: _____ Contact Number: _____

***Registration Fee for those staying at
Oglebay Resort (US Funds Only)****
(Check One)

***Registration Fee for those not staying at
Oglebay Resort (US Funds Only)****
(Check One)

- Member **\$325** _____ *Initial*
- Retired Member **\$125** _____ *Initial*
- ALCA Student **\$125** _____ *Initial*
- Nonmember **\$650** _____ *Initial*

- Member **\$625** _____ *Initial*
- Retired Member **\$425** _____ *Initial*
- Nonmember **\$950** _____ *Initial*
- Acc. Guest Meals **\$300** _____ *Initial*

*For those staying at the Oglebay Resort, the registration fee entitles you to participate in most activities, entertainment & special meals sponsored by ALCA for the entire convention. For those not staying at the Oglebay Resort, the registration fee entitles you to participate in the above, plus receive coupons for regular meals. Accompanying guests must pay the \$300 fee to receive meals.

***Please note that the registration fee is in addition to any hotel registration fees, miscellaneous fees, or travel expenses incurred.**

Registration for Golf Tournament — Thursday, June 18, 1 pm, Speidel Golf Club

\$95 for 18 holes including cart rental. Club rental extra. Check if club rental needed: _____ yes Which? _____ right _____ left

Preferred Foursome: _____ Check if 50+ years for senior division _____

**Check, money order, or Visa, MasterCard, and Amex acceptable- funds drawn on a foreign bank must include an additional \$25.00 for bank processing fee. To wire funds – call or email ALCA office – must include \$25.00 for bank processing fee.

Credit Card Type: _____ Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

ACCOMPANYING PERSON'S REGISTRATION

(No fee if staying at designated hotel; otherwise meal fee)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

RETURN this form with your payment to:
ALCA – Attn: Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary
1314 50th Street, Suite 103
Lubbock, TX 79412-2940
or fax to (806) 744-1785