



106th ALCA Annual Meeting June 10-13, 2010 Grand Geneva Resort & Spa Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, USA

Tentative Technical Program starting Friday, June 11

John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture “Transformation of Lime Splits and Trimmings from Hides into Different Collagenic Materials,” by Prof. José M. Adzet, Research Director, “AIIICA” Asociacion de Investigacion de las Industrias Del Curtido y Anexas, Igalada, Spain

Eastern Regional Research Center Panel Discussion with Eleanor M. Brown, Maryann M. Taylor, Cheng-Kung Liu, and Mila L. Aldema-Ramos; Various topics and future projects for the ERRC

Environmental Affairs Committee Panel Discussion with Dietrich Tegtmeier of LANXESS, Kim Dirks of Tyson Foods, Nicholas Cory of the Leather Research Laboratory, and John Smith of S.B. Foot Tanning Co. Topics: ECO Technologies and LWG; Analysis involved in the RSL

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

**“Is Our Basic Raw Material Beyond Control? — A Global Hide & Leather Supply Review,”
David Peters, West Bloomfield, MI;**

**“Study of the Effect of Temperature, Relative Humidity and UV Radiation on Leather Aging,” Anna Bacardit,
EUETII - EAI (UPC), Barcelona, Spain;**

**“Economic Aspects of Biodiesel Production from Tannery Waste Fats,” Karel Kolomaznik,
Tomas Bata University, Czech Republic;**

“Wireless Gauging: The Digital Evolution of Thickness Measurement,” Eric Powers, Axis Consulting, St. Paul, MN;

**“Fungal Growth on Wetblue: Methods to Measure Impact on Leather Quality Part II”, Luis Zugno,
Buckman International, Memphis, TN;**

“Current Issues Facing the US Leather Industry,” John Wittenborn, Leather Industries of America, Washington, D.C.;

ASTM Overview, Christine M. DeJong, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA;

Waterproof, Goetz Hagen, BASF, Charlotte, NC;

“The Challenge of Flame Retardant Leathers”, Mike Kiser, Flame Seal Inc., Houston, TX;

**“Spectroscopic Investigations to Determine Tanning Structure in Leather,” Graham S. Lampard,
Craftsman Binders, Northampton, UK;**

**“Modern Approach to Automatic Control of Enzymatic Hydrolysis of Tannery Waste,” Vladimir Vasek,
Tomas Bata University, Czech Republic;**

“Application Possibilities of Collagen from Chrome Tanned Leather Waste,” Jan Matyasovsky, VIPO a.s., Slovakia;

**“Acrylic-Urethane Hybrid Polymers: Materials with High Potential for Leather Finishing, Leon Krings,
Stahl Europe BV, Waalwijk, Netherlands;**

“Study of the Application of Ultrasound in a Vegetable Tannage,” J.C. Castell, AIIICA, Igalada, Spain

TENTATIVE SCHEDULED EVENTS

Thursday, June 10

Council Meeting including hotel staff	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Evergreen 1
Golf Tournament	12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Highlands Course
Exhibitors set up	5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Evergreen Foyer
Main Registration	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Registration Desk
Social Events Registration	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Registration Desk
Cocktail Reception	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Pavillion
Dinner/Bonfire	8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Pavillion

Friday, June 11

Breakfast buffet opens	7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Grand Cafe
Registration	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Evergreen Foyer
Opening Address	8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Evergreen 2, 3
John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture	8:25 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.	Evergreen 2, 3
1 st Session Technical Papers	9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Evergreen 2, 3
2 nd Session Technical Papers	10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Evergreen 2, 3
Lunch with Technical Committee Meetings	11:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Evergreen 1
3 rd Session Technical Papers	1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Evergreen 2, 3
4 th Session Technical Papers	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Evergreen 2, 3
Fun Run	4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Meet by Pavillion
Dinner/boat cruise	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Meet in Lobby

Saturday, June 12

Breakfast buffet opens	7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Grand Cafe
Registration	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Evergreen Foyer
5 th Session Technical Papers	8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Evergreen 2, 3
6 th Session Technical Papers	9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Evergreen 2, 3
Annual Business Meeting	11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Evergreen 2, 3
Activities Awards Luncheon	noon – 1:00 p.m.	Pavillion
7 th Session Technical Papers	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Evergreen 2, 3
8 th Session Technical Papers	2:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Evergreen 2, 3
Social Hour	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Salon Foyer
ALCA Awards Banquet	7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Salon B & C

Sunday, June 13

Breakfast buffet opens	7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Grand Cafe
Old and new council Meeting	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Geneva Bay Boardroom

ACCOMMODATION - TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RATES

- All attendees are to make reservations themselves directly with the Grand Geneva Resort by calling (800) 558-3417. You may also fax the enclosed reservation form to 1-262-249-4587 or mail the enclosed form to Grand Geneva Resort & Spa, 7036 Grand Geneva Way, Lake Geneva, WI 53147, Attention: Guest Room Reservations;
- To confirm your reservation, a deposit of 1 night's lodging plus tax is required; they accept American Express, Visa, MasterCard, Diner's Club or Discover Card;
- Be sure to specify Block Reference 74KOAK 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 Grand Geneva is as follows:
 - Must be received 72 hours prior to arrival date or deposit will be forfeited
- Contracted Rates:

Room Type	
Single	\$350/per person/day
Double	\$248/per person/day

Reservations received after the cut-off date **May 10, 2010** will be accepted on a space and rate available basis.

Package rates include overnight accommodations, campus fee, lodging tax, breakfast, lunch, dinner, service charge and tax.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Highlands Golf Course — Thursday, June 10; 12 pm

A Scottish style course, The Highlands is an original Pete Dye and Jack Nicklaus creation, transformed in 1996 by Bob Cupp and updated once again in 2006 by Bob Lohmann, with a major redesign on holes 9, 12 and 15.

Club rental extra and payable to course at time of rental. Dress code: No denim allowed. Shorts must be hemmed. Collared shirts required.
(registration included with convention registration on back)

NOTE: This mailer includes ballots for the 2010 Slate of Candidates. Please make sure to 1) Check two candidates for councilor on the lilac 2010 Election Ballot and enclose it in the small envelope, 2) Place the small envelope in the large envelope, 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.

2010 Nominating Committee Candidates

Vice President Elect

◆ Steven Gilberg

Began work experience at Tanco Chemicals in 1993 beginning in the lab followed by production and quality duties in 1995.

Began working with sister company Tanmach Equipment in 1998 representing machine manufacturers in North America.

Served as secretary of SLAIC (Society of Leather and Allied Industries) - 1998-2000 VP SLAIC 2000-2004 ALCA member since 2004

Council Members

◆ **Ulrich Blank** graduated from the leather institute in Reutlingen (Germany) in 1989. He worked for 2 years at tannery Haeuser in Backnang / Germany before he was offered in 1991 a position as the manager for the wet end department at Gustaf Zingg in Maracaibo / Venezuela. In 1993 he joined Sandoz in Spain as a traveling technician where he worked until 1995 at which time he was promoted to "Technical Manager" for the region Greater China posted in Shanghai.

In 1999 he moved to Leon / Mexico to become "Head of Business Unit Leather" for Clariant Mexico.

Ulrich joined Dr. Boehme (later DyStar) in 2001 as the Regional Manager Americas and was employed there until October 2009. Currently Ulrich holds the position of area sales manager at Smit & Zoon, a Dutch leather chemical specialist.

Ulrich lives with his wife and two daughters in Charlotte, NC.

◆ **Tony Khanna** began his leather education in Government Tanning Institute in Jalandhar, India. He graduated in 1981 and began working in Bawa Skin Company in Jalandhar, India. Tony then moved to USA in 1989 and joined American Leather/Elmo in New Jersey where he worked until 1998. Moving to Pennsylvania, he shifted

focus from finishing hides to manufacturing/selling leather finishing chemicals with Quaker Color until 2009. Currently Tony is pursuing his own leather business. He has been with ALCA for several years and is looking forward to being part of this great Association for many years to come.

◆ **Cheng-Kung Liu** (also known as C. K. Liu) received his Ph.D. degree in Fiber and Polymer Science from North Carolina State University. He is a Research Materials Engineer in the Fats, Oils and Animal Coproducts Research Unit of Eastern Regional Research Center, Agricultural Research Service, USDA. Currently, he serves as the Acting Research Leader for his Research Unit and the Lead Scientist for the research project entitled "New and Efficient Processes for Making Quality Leather." With over 30 years of research experience, C.-K has authored or coauthored more than 90 scientific publications. He has been awarded 33 U.S. patents and 58 foreign patents. Before joining USDA in 1996, he worked for U. S. Surgical Corp., leading an engineering team and conducting research projects on new bio-absorbable polymers, surgical sutures and medical textiles. Since he joined USDA in 1996, his research efforts have been focusing on the optimization of mechanical operations in the leather-making processes, the improvement of leather quality, and nondestructive testing. The American Leather Chemists Association (ALCA) awarded him the Alsop Award, in 2001. C.-K. has been an active member of the ALCA since 1996. He is a member of ALCA Technical Committees of Methods and Specifications, Uses of Collagen and Its Coproducts, and Environmental Affairs. He has served as the Chair of nomination committee for the Alsop award and a member of nomination committee for John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lectures. He is also a member of the Fiber Society, the American Chemical Society and its division of Polymeric Materials, Science and Engineering.

◆ **Andy Porter** is a 1986 graduate of Arizona State University. He has 21 years of accumulated experience in the design, manufacture and implementation of chemical systems for the leather industry. Andy is the Vice President of Prime Leather Finishes Co. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has been an ALCA member since 2005.

ACTIVITIES at GRAND GENEVA

FITNESS CENTER

Junior Olympic Size Aquatic/Lap Pool
Separate Ladies' & Mens' Steam Room, Sauna, & Whirlpool
Aerobics Studio
35' Indoor Climbing Wall (additional fee)
Strength & Conditioning Equipment
Indoor/Outdoor Tennis (additional fee)
Basketball
Volleyball

35' CLIMBING WALL

Open to anyone 8 and above
Hours: Mon-Fri 3-8; Sat 10-6; Sun 10:30-3
Extended Hours During School Vacations
Expert Instruction and Safe Environment

MOOSE MOUNTAIN FALLS WATERPARK

Climbing. Swimming. Going fast. 35-foot-high slides take you on an epic 300-foot adventure of twists and turns, which finally comes to an end in a heated pool. For a tamer ride, The Lazy River drifts more than 500 calm, relaxing feet.

GOLF

SWIMMING

KAYAKING AND CANOEING

DAN PATCH STABLES

The stables offer experiences guides that are very familiar with the horses and will help you choose just the right one. The 45-minute guided trail rides offer a scenic view of hundreds of acres of beautiful Grand Geneva. In addition to trail rides the stables offer pony rides, a free petting farm and horse drawn carriage rides.

GREATER LAKE GENEVA AREA

The surrounding Lake Geneva is ripe for exploring. You can sightsee with a lake cruise or tour historic downtown where shops hold rare antiques, unique gifts and delicious Wisconsin made confections. Or visit area attractions from a Wild West general store to the Lake Geneva Raceway. You can also visit Yerkes Observatory which hosts the world's largest refracting telescope, walk around Geneva Lake's 20 mile path, or enjoy one of the many water sports on the lake.

KIDS ARE GRAND

Designed to give kids hours of stimulating activities while parents have the freedom to enjoy golfing, a spa treatment, or a romantic dinner. Kids Are Grand is designed for children 4-12 years of age. Two themed sessions daily, Monday through Sunday: 10 am to 1 pm - \$40 per child; 1 pm to 4 pm - \$40 per child. Weekend evening sessions, Friday through Sunday: 6 pm to 10 pm - \$50 per child.

JOGGING AND HIKING

BIKING

**THE AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION
106TH ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM
Grand Geneva Resort & Spa, Lake Geneva, WI
June 10th -- 13th, 2010**

Please send your registration form to the ALCA office by May 15, 2010. This will save you time at registration to be held on Thursday, June 10, from 5-7 p.m. at the Registration Desk. Late registration will be on Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. Cancellation must be made by May 15 in order to receive a refund.

ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER PRIOR TO: MAY 7, 2010
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
Grand Geneva Resort (US Funds Only)****
(Check One)

- Member \$325 _____ Initial
- Member plus guest \$375 _____ Initial
- Retired Member \$125 _____ Initial
- ALCA Student \$125 _____ Initial
- Nonmember \$650 _____ Initial

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

- Member \$625 _____ Initial
- Member plus guest \$975 _____ Initial
- Retired Member \$425 _____ Initial
- Nonmember \$950 _____ Initial
- Day Rate (Fri. or Sat.) \$125 _____ Initial
(includes lunch only)

*For those staying at the Grand Geneva 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 Grand Geneva Resort, the registration fee (except for the day rate) entitles you to participate in the above, plus receive coupons for regular 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 10, 12 pm, The Highlands Golf Course

\$130 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 American Express acceptable- funds drawn on a foreign bank must include an additional \$25.00 for bank processing fee. To wire funds call or email the ALCA for information.

Credit Card Type: _____ Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

ACCOMPANYING GUEST'S REGISTRATION

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

RETURN this form with your payment to:
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