

## LIFE LINES

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

**William N. Marmer**, see *JALCA* **93**, 328, 1998

**Eleanor M. Brown**, see *JALCA* **93**, 328, 1998

**Mariliz Gutterres** received a Chemical Engineer degree by Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul - PUCRS, Brazil in 1984, M Sc. from Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul - UFRGS (1996) and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the TU Bergakademie Freiberg and Leather Institute FILK, Germany (2001). Both Master and Ph.D. work emphasized leather processing. She worked as production manager in a tannery from 1985 to 1989. She is, since 1990, a professor at the Chemical Engineering Department at UFRGS where she teaches graduate and post-graduate courses, orients master and doctorate students and co-ordinates research projects about leather technology an environment protection. She received the Sant Jordi Award from the Mexican tannery industry at the IULTCS Congress 2003.

**Joana Baleeiro Passos** received a Chemical Engineer degree from UFRGS, Brazil, in 2004 and M. Sc. Engineer from UFRGS in 2007. The thesis theme was about water reuse in tanneries. While an undergraduate student, she participated in research projects for synthesis of materials based on silica (sol-gel method) and its characterization. She worked as trainee at the Environment State Foundation and now she is working at National Service of Industrial Apprenticeship.

**Patrice Monteiro de Aquim** received a Chemical Engineer from PUCRS, Brazil, in 2002 and M Sc. Engineer from UFRGS in 2004. She is a Ph.D. candidate in Chemical Engineer at UFRGS since 2005. Her master thesis was about mass balances in tanneries. She completed research at PUCRS related to supercritical extraction. She has also worked as trainee in the petrochemical and foods industries.

**Larissa Scherer Severo** has degrees in Chemical Engineer from Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil (2004) and received a M Sc. Engineer from UFRGS in 2007. The thesis theme was about scheduling frameworks applied in the tannery industry. While an undergraduate student, she participated in process control and optimization research projects.

**Jorge O. Trierweiler** followed his degrees in Chemical Engineer from UFRGS (1989) and M.Sc. by COPPE/UF RJ (1996) with a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineer from Dortmund University (1996) with emphasis in process control and optimization. Since 1997 he has been a professor in the Chemical Engineer

Department at UFRGS and head of the GIMSCOP research group (Group for Integration, Modeling, Simulation, Control and Optimization of Process). GIMSCOP has research projects with several companies (Petrobras, Braskem, Ipiranga, Innova, among others) which have resulted in several software and patent applications. The results of these research projects are currently being applied to the actual production processes of the partnering companies.

**Reddy G.V. Ramana** obtained his Ph.D. degree in physical chemistry (polymer science) from the University of Madras, Chennai, India, in the year 1976. He has published more than 50 papers in international journals in the field of polymer science and technology. He is at present working as deputy director, polymer division, Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, T.N., India.

**P. Saravanan** is a leather technologist. He has acquired around 2 years of shop floor experience and 17 years of research experience. He has worked in the areas of quality assurance systems for leather, micro-processor based process systems, organic tannages(chrome-free tannages) and cleaner processing methods.

**D. Premkumar**, no information available.

**R.Wilfred Sugumar** obtained his Ph.D. degree in environmental chemistry in the year 1997 from the University of Madras, Chennai, India. He is at present working as reader in the department of chemistry, Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Chennai, India.

**J.M. Morera**, see *JALCA* **101**, 284, 2006

**E. Bartoli**, see *JALCA* **101**, 376, 2006

**A. Bacardit**, see *JALCA* **101**, 284, 2006

**Ll. Olle**, see *JALCA* **101**, 284, 2006

**V. Díaz** graduated in Technical Industrial Engineering at the Technical University of Catalonia, Spain, in 2006. In 2006 she started her present work in the analytical laboratory of Cargill, an international provider of food, agricultural and risk management products and services, in Martorell, Spain.

**A. Shendrik**: Candidate in the science of Chemistry (PhD) since 1979, Doctor Science of Chemistry since 1996, Professor since 2001. Held the posts of Scientific Worker, Senior Researcher, Leading Researcher and Deputy Manager of

Radical Reactions Research Office in L.M. Litvinenko Physical-Organic and Coal Fuel Chemistry Institute of Academy of Science of Ukraine from 1978 till 1998. He has been working in the Donetsk National University since 1998 in a post of Professor (1998-2001), Head of Biochemistry Department (since 2001) and Dean of Chemical Faculty (since 2003). Field of scientific interest: Phase-transfer catalysis, radical and chain-radical oxidation reaction with molecular oxygen, lipid peroxidation processes, antioxidants. Author of about 150 scientific, educational and methodical works.

**J.F. del Río** graduated in Technical Industrial Engineering at the Technical University of Catalonia, Spain, in 2006. He worked as a finishing technician for two years. Currently he is working in the field of industrial water treatments'.

**G. Fabregat** graduated in Technical Industrial Engineering at the Technical University of Catalonia (Spain) in 2006. She worked as an analyst in smelting for nearly two years. Presently she is studying and researching in the biotechnology field.

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## OBITUARY – JON W. BOUCHARD

It is with a sense of great loss that we report the passing of Jon W. Bouchard in late January, 2008, at the age of 59 years. Jon was most recently the president of the Performance Coatings Division of Stahl (USA), Inc.

He had been with Stahl for more than 40 years, joining Stahl in 1967 and spending his entire career with the company. From 1967 until 1977 he served in a number of capacities, including laboratory technician, technical sales representative and chemist. He became the Technical Director for Paule Chemical (Shoe Finish) in 1977, the Upholstery Leather Manager (Permuthane) in 1983, and General Manager Stahl USA in 1991. In 2004 Jon assumed his current position of

President of the Performance Coatings Division with global responsibility for Permuthane and Picassian polymers.

“With Jon we lose a highly valued colleague who was instrumental in developing the Permuthane business into a highly successful growing part of the Stahl business. Jon was well known and respected by many people in the trade including Stahl management and colleagues all over the world. We offer our sincerest condolences to his parents, children, other members of his family, friends and colleagues from Stahl USA and sincerely hope that they will find the strength to bear this tragic loss.” says Mr Huub van Beijeren, Stahl CEO.



## THE 49<sup>TH</sup> JOHN ARTHUR WILSON MEMORIAL LECTURER

The 49<sup>th</sup> John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture to be presented at the 104<sup>th</sup> ALCA Annual Convention at the Grandover Resort, Greensboro, NC on June 19, 2008 will be given by Dr. Bi Shi. The title of his lecture is “Diversified Applications of Tanning Principles”.

Dr. Bi Shi received his bachelor’s degree from the Polymer Material Department, Chengdu University of Science and Technology, in 1982, and was awarded a Doctor Degree from Leather Engineering Department of Sichuan University in 1992. He carried out research and completed most of his PhD work at the Chemistry Department of Sheffield University, Great Britain from 1990-1992. He is currently the professor and director of The Key Laboratory of Leather Chemistry and Engineering of Ministry of Education in Sichuan University, the Chairman of Science and Technology Committee of China

Leather Industry Association (CLIA), and the vice president of the International Union of Leather of Leather Technologists and Chemists Societies (IULTCS). He is also a Member of the National Congress of China.

Recently, he has concentrated his research on the clean technology of leather making, utilization of tannery waste and alternative use of hide collagen. In these areas, he has published 47 English language papers in international journals and about 170 papers in Chinese journals. Meanwhile, his group has developed more than 10 new technologies which have been widely used in Chinese tanneries.

Further details on the 104<sup>th</sup> ALCA Annual Convention at the Grandover Resort, Greensboro, NC, can be found on our web page: [leatherchemists.org](http://leatherchemists.org)



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# CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE 104<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION JUNE 19-22, 2008

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 meeting of the Association to be held at the Grandover Resort and Convention Center, Greensboro, NC June 19-22, 2008.

**Abstracts must be submitted 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 e-mail address. The abstract should be no longer than 300 English words and preferably furnished as a Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF document.

Manuscripts based on the presentation, in publication-ready form, are expected by May 15, 2008. They should be sent in electronic format (either as an email attachment or on a CD-R) by that date to:

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Presentation 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.

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# 104th ALCA Annual Meeting

## June 19-22, 2007

### Grandover Resort and Conference Center Greensboro, NC



#### Schedule

Thursday, June 19

*Golf Tournament, Opening Reception and Buffet Dinner*

Friday, June 20

*John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture by Professor Bi Shi —  
“Diversified Applications of Tanning Principles”*

*Technical Sessions, Technical Committee Meetings with Lunch,  
and Fun Run*

Saturday, June 21

*Technical Sessions, Annual Business Meeting,  
Activities Awards Luncheon*

#### Additional Social Activities

Friday, June 20

*Country BBQ Buffet with music by Shady Grove Bluegrass Band*

Saturday, June 21

*Reception and Awards Banquet*

*followed by critically acclaimed hypnotist, Dan Sanders*

#### Guest Activities

*Check our website for lots and lots of fun sites to see*

Full details and registration forms  
at [www.leatherchemists.org](http://www.leatherchemists.org).

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