

ACTech Leather & Footwear Alumni Association

#### 2004-05 A Preview

##### ALFA Orator Award—2004

The AC Tech Leather & Footwear Alumni Association began its activities for the period 2004-05 with the Second ALFA Orator Award Lecture. Delivered by Shri OK Kaul of M/s. Tata International, on the topic 'Journey towards excellence', the lecture was attended by over 75 alumni and 60 students of leather technology branch of the Anna University. The ALFA Orator Award 2005 has been conferred on Shri NR Jagannathan, former President ALFA

##### Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

ALFA laid down its plans for the celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of the Department of Leather Technology. The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations were inaugurated on May 11, the Technology Day of India by His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Shri P Rama Mohan Rao. On this occasion, His Excellency, released the Diamond Jubilee Brochure of the Department of Leather Technology. The meeting held at the Triple Helix Auditorium was well attended by over 150 alumni. CLRI also brought out a DVD on 60 years of leather education.

##### First in the World of Leather

Some of our fellow alumni excelled during the year. While several of them made noteworthy contributions in the area of colors for Modeurop, in the research field there were several firsts. Dr T Ramasami was conferred the Fellowship



Shri OK Kaul receiving the Second ALFA Orator Award from Shri PT Madhusudan - 24 April 2004

of the Indian National Academy of Science. Dr J Raghava Rao, received the Burhani Foundation—NEERI Award. Dr KJ Sreeram won the CSIR Young Scientist Award in Engineering Sciences while Dr P Thanikaivelan won the INAE Innovation Potential—Student Project Award for his PhD work.

##### Special Get Together turns Family Event

The Special Get Together on 2nd February 2005 turned into a family event. Held at the Madras Race Club, the get together was well attended by over 100 alumni, most of them with their family.

##### CLRI Foundation Day Celebrations

As has been conventional ALFA co-sponsored this year's one day symposium on Innovations in Leather Science and Technology, as a part of the foundation day celebrations today.

##### Membership Strength

The membership strength is now 830.

#### 2004-05 Highlights

- Second ALFA Orator Award conferred on Shri OK Kaul
- Diamond Jubilee Celebrations inaugurated by His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu
- First in the world of leather—Alumni excel not just in leather but in engineering & sciences
- Special Get Together turns into family event
- Membership strength increases to 830

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## 2004—05 A Preview



Second ALFA Orator Award 2005. From Left— A view of the attendees, Shri OK Kaul and Shri PT Mallesam on the dais and Shri OK Kaul delivering the Orator Award Lecture



AGB 2005—From Left—Shri PT Mallesam welcoming the members, Dr KJ Seeram presenting the Secretary's report, Dr C Muralidharan presenting the treasurer's report and dinner which followed there after



Special Get Together 2005—From left—EC Members with Shri NC Krishnan, Informal exchange amongst members, Ms. With her mother, Family members introducing themselves, Prof. Andrew Harsthouse, spl invitee from Scotland with Dr Ranasani, children's games in progress, batch mates meet



First in the World of Leather—Dr T Ranasani being conferred the FNA, Dr J Raghava Rao receiving the Burhani Foundation NEEED award from Dr AP Mitra, Dr KJ Seeram receiving the CSIR Young Scientist Award from Shri Kapil Sibal and Dr P Thankabalan receiving the INWAE Student Project Award

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Inaugurated

The tone was set for the celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of the Department of Leather Technology on May 11, 2004 with the release of the Diamond Jubilee brochure by His Excellency, the Governor of Tamil Nadu. On the occasion ALFA honored the first Director of AC College of Technology, Prof. GS Laddha. The function was well attended and covered by the media.

Various committees were constituted to make the event a remarkable success. Though earlier planned as a one year event culminating with the AGB 2005, due to paucity of funds the same has now been extended as a two year event to culminate with the AGB 2006.

A Treatise in Leather Science and Technology is on the anvil. About 60% of the papers written by international and national experts have been received till date.

A photo story of ALFA is also in the making. Some photographs received from members have been posted on the ALFA website.



## ALFA— Photo Story



*Photos bring about reminiscences of the past. Some photographs depicting the growth of ALFA are posted here*



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