

ALFA e-News



April 2003: First ALFA Orator Award Conferred

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ALFA Highlights Apr-Dec 2003

- A simulating lecture by Dr Ramasami marked the AGB
- Email addresses of 163 members updated
- Special get-together on 2nd February 2004
- Executive Committee decides to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Department of leather technology in 2005
- Essay awards, best R&D project work award for M.Tech/Ph.D and Life time achievement award to be instituted to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee

The first ALFA Orator Award lecture was delivered by Dr T Ramasami on 24th April 2003 at B M Das Hall, CLRI. The lecture was titled "Growing in Leather World: India-China Paths". The lecture started with the emphasis on the changing phase of leather trade in the last two centuries. His talk brought out the differences between India and China in their growth in terms of exports. The various paths, which China had taken to become a dominant country in leather sector, were highlighted. The various measures to shape the Indian leather sector to meet the future demands and challenges posed by the global trade by 2010 were put forward. Team India as a concept is needed for bringing out paradigm changes in the leather processing and products. The importance of technology and innovation driven market strategy was pointed out for gaining niche in global trade. The need for inversion of innovation funnel for creative approaches to cut costs, strategically source and save on costs of materials and locate new markets had been emphasized.



The ALFA Orator Award Citation



Greetings

The AC Tech Leather & Footwear Alumni Association has resolved to present an

ALFA Orator Award

to honor personalities who have contributed immensely to the cause of leather as a special feature of the annual general body meeting program.

Dr T Ramasami

has acquired respect and admiration as an outstanding personality in the leather industry for his major contributions as an innovator, educator and applied researcher in the field of leather science and technology. He has delivered the 2003 ALFA Lecture in a manner befitting the cause for which ALFA stands.

The AC Tech Leather & Footwear Alumni Association wishes to express its sincere appreciation for his valuable and stimulating contributions.



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VRS Awards Presented

The first and second rank holders of B.Tech leather technology 2002 batch were awarded the VRS awards for the year. The award constituted a medal and a cash prize. The awards were given away by Dr T. Ramasami. The first prize went to Mr A. Balaji and the second to Ms. A. Sharli. Ms. Sharli's mother received the prize on her behalf.



If you have an Article or News item which is of interest to our fellow members, kindly email it to alfa@vsnl.net and we will publish the same in our newsletters.

ALFIANS win Glories

- ALFA congratulates Dr Ramasami on his being conferred the Great Son of the Soil award by the All India Conference of Intellectuals and for delivering the Dr Elizabeth Mattai Endowment lecture of Univ. of Madras.
- The gold medal winners at the 24th Convocation of the Anna University—Mr M Aravindan for M.Tech Leather, Ms. Duragalakshmi for M.Tech FW and Ms Rasia Banu for B.Tech Leather
- All those who have contributed tirelessly for yet another successful MODEUROPE campaign for India

LERIG 2004 to focus on Paradigm Shifts in Leather Production

Intra-sectoral subsystems as well as product manufacturing and research need to match the needs of sustained and accelerated growth plan of the sector. The themes for focus in the event are:

Invited lectures on a) raw material resources, b) leather chemicals—global bench marks in Indian context and c) new trends in leather processing. Special lectures on a) international projects, b) productivity enhancement, c) modernization, QMS and EMS, d) safety and eco-labeling and e) membrane technologies for TDS control are planned. Other topics for discussion will include modernization of tanneries—experience sharing, accelerated preparedness of tannery sector, panel discussions on action plan for implementation of CREP, R&D priorities for tanning sector, fashion forecasting and strategic sourcing and technologies for high volume markets. For further details see www.cln.org

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