

ALFA e-News



ALFA hosts Technical Seminar

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The first meeting of the reconstituted executive committee unanimously endorsed the decision to host technical seminars which would benefit fellow members as well as students of the leather technology program.

Accordingly Shri CS Gnanasekaran, Vice President, ALFA was authorized to plan a seminar on leather finishing. The first Technical Seminar organized by the ALFA was held on 10 December 2002. The lecture was delivered by Mr Tim Amos, the Managing Director of Stahl India (P) Ltd. Titled 'Latest Trends in Leather Finishing', the seminar focused on several fundamental aspects involved in leather finishing. The specifications for various end products in leather, the demand pull and other factors involved were highlighted. The specifications were correlated to high performance products like PU basecoat resins, PU topcoats, crosslinkers etc. "Fashion gives the wearer a sense of well-being" he said. Upgradation techniques found place in the presentation as a method for transition of low graded raw material



into expensive leather. The role of finishing materials like cationics, opaque binders, film forming materials and finishing techniques like roller coating and embossing on the finish were highlighted. Mr Amos also found time to answer a few questions from the audience.

Attended by well over 100 members, the BM Das Hall was over-packed. Held exactly to dot time, the seminar was co-sponsored by M/s. Sri Manjunatha Corporation and M/s. Sunshine chemicals

dealers for M/s. Stahl India. Mr PT Mallesam, the President of ALFA invited the gathering while Mr CS Gnanasekaran, Vice President ALFA proposed the vote of thanks. The seminar was followed by dinner. The EC ALFA acknowledges the contributions of Mr CS Gnanasekaran for the successful conduct of the Technical Seminar. The text of the lecture delivered by Mr Tim Amos can be downloaded from the ALFA website.

Activities Planned for 2003

- To hold technical seminars of interest to members and students of leather technology
- To resource funds for activities of ALFA through web based advertisements
- Special Get-Together on 2nd February 2003
- ACB on 24th April 2003 at CLRI



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WEDDING BELLS

1. Shri TS Ranganathan and Smt. Mythili Ranganathan celebrated the marriage of their son Shri TS Ravichandran with Sow. CK Vjajalakshmi on 9th December 2002 at Vasundara Kalyana Mandapam, Chennai—33
2. Sri A Muthupalaniappan and Smt. Seetalakshmi Muthupalaniappan celebrated the marriage of their son Chi. Arun with Sow Anitha at Kalaignar Arangam, Chennai—18 on 9th December 2002

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ALFA website also hosts advertisements from sponsors. Initially two sponsors have come forward to advertise through ALFA.

LERIG—2003—Global Benchmarks for Leather Sector

LERIG 2003 focused on Global Benchmarks for Leather Sector. Sessions on resource audit—chemicals, trade practices, system productivity, machines and materials and environmental practices were held. A round table on environment and social audit was also held. Inaugurated by Dr VS Ramamurthy, Secretary DST on 27th, several recommendations were made during LERIG 2003. Earlier, the B M Das memorial lecture was delivered by Mr Karsten Schutt of Diechsmann group on "market intelligence a pre-requisite for developing countries for creating a healthy and successful competition". Those of our alumni who could not make it to the

LERIG can download some of the lecture materials from the website <http://clrim.org>. An MoU for an international consortia of 6 nations was also signed during the LERIG 2003.

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

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