



118th ALCA Annual Convention

May 21–24, 2024

Hershey Lodge, Hershey PA. USA

Technical Program starting Wednesday, May 22

John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture

By Panos Mytaros, CEO, ECCO Group

Other Papers to be Presented on Wednesday and Thursday

New Method for Producing Leather by Dr. Benjamin Autenrieth, - Trumpler GmbH & Co. KG Chemische Fabrik, Germany

Media Obsession with Leather and Market Trends by Jacquelyn Smith, - Pangea Made, Inc., Rochester Hills, MI

Developments biobased chemicals, using LCA & LCC assessments by Ricardo Pasqual - GSC Group, Vicenza, Italy

Interaction between zeolites(read Zeology) and collagen by Dr. Wouter Hendriksen, - Smit & Zoon, Netherlands
Tannery Rending - a sustainable opportunity for leather makers. by Dr. Detrich Tegtmeyer - TFL, Germany

Partnering with chemical suppliers to achieve zero hazardous chemicals in leather products. - Camille Mori - Chief Sustainability Officer @ Prime Asia Company

Automotive Leather: Opportunities and Challenges to Sustainability - Roger Pinto - Product Development @ Pangea Made, Inc - Rochester Hills, MI

Tracibility and Sustainability - Deborah Taylor, Managing Director - Sustainable Leather Foundation

"A comparative survey of the behavior of basifying agents in chrome-tanning processes". by Olga Ballus - Cromogenia

Organic-Silicone Hybrid Polymers by Pete LeBaron, PhD. - Global Head of TS&D CHT USA

Innovative Modified Natural Tannins for Ecofriendly Leather - Valentina Beghetto, Professor - University of Venice

Enhancing Leather Haptics through Sustainable Chemistry by Myron Hooks & Tim Roggow, R&D - Dow - Collegeville, PA

Collagen and Keratin Biopolymers - Modifications and Possibilities for their Applications, by Prof. Ing. Jan Sedlichik, Phd. - Technical University in Zvolen

Issues and Developments affecting the Hide and Leather Industry, by Steve Sothmann - DTB AgriTrade LLP

State of the Industry - focus on trends, by Gary Raines, FDRA

Schedule Overview

Tuesday, May 21

Council Meeting including hotel staff	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Sign in @ golf course for golfers	11:15 a.m.
Golf tournament	11:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Registration packets pick up	4:30 p.m.- 5:45 p.m.
Opening Reception	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Dinner	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22

LHCA Exec. Committee Meeting	7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Editorial Board Meeting	8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Registration	8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Opening Address	8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Break	10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
1st Session Technical Papers	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Lunch	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
2nd Session Technical Papers	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Break	3:00 pm. - 3:15 p.m.
3rd Session	3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
LHCA Board Meeting (open to all)	3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Fun Run	4:45 p.m - 5:30 p.m.
Reception	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Dinner & Entertainment	7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 23

Old and New Council Meeting	8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
LHCA LRL Board Meeting	8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
4th Session Technical Papers	9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Break	10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
5th Session Technical Papers	11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Sports Activities Awards Luncheon	12:00 p.m.— 1:30 p.m.
6th Session Technical Papers	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Break	3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
7th Session Technical Papers	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Social Hour	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
ALCA Dinner Banquet	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday, May 24

Departure	8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
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ACCOMMODATION—TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RATES

All attendees are to make their own reservations by using the booking link provided on the ALCA web- site. If making reservations by phone contact Hershey Lodge @ 717-520-5431 and ask about the American Leather Chemists Association block.

To confirm your reservation a deposit of 1 night's lodging plus tax is required

Hotel requires 14 day cancellation notice, as our rate includes meals, they need to plan in advance for number of guests.

Reservations must be made by April 19, 2024. Room block may not cover all room requests so we encourage you to book early to get a room as well as your room preference.

Rate is \$179 + tax for Monday night and then \$399.60 per night for a single occupancy Tuesday through Thursday. The \$399.60 rate includes room, and group meals package. Double rate is \$620.20 and includes daily group meals for 2 people Tuesday through Thursday.