The 119th Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists Conference

The 119th Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists (SLTC) Conference was held in Northampton, England on 23rd April 2016. The conference offers the opportunity to share ideas, knowledge, and experiences with others.

The 119th SLTC Conference presented (a) Proctor Memorial Lecture: “From Sheep Yards to SNP Chips - the Changing Face of Rawstock Research” by Dr Sue Cooper, New Zealand Leather & Shoe Research Association; (b) “The Future of Vegetable Tanning” by Nigel Payne & Peter Atkinson, Forestal Mimosa; (c) “Digital Printing onto Leather” by Dr Barry McGregor, Fujifilm; (d) “A Sustainable Future for the Leather Industry” by Mike Tomkin, supported by STAHL; and (e) “Water Saving Processing” by Karl Flowers, ICLT, The University of Northampton. The conference also presented an interesting and important debate on “Chrome VI and the Future Use of Chrome in Leather Manufacture” chaired by Mr Reg Hankey, Pittards, and panels consisting of Dr Dietrich Tegtmeyer, Lanxess; Emeritus Professor Tony Covington, ICLT, The University of Northampton; Mr John Hubbard, SATRA Technology; Dr Warren Bowden, Scottish Leather Group; and Dr Kerry Senior, UK Leather Federation.

Our research posters entitled “Process development of the chamois leather manufacturing” and “Acceleration process of chamois leather tanning” were presented at the conference. The meeting was very fruitful for us to get information and knowledge as well as to meet leather concern people. It was a valuable and important day, including dinner engaged the leather and leather-related experts.

Besides attending the conference, we visited the University of Northampton to discuss areas of potential collaboration, particularly in the field of leather science and technology, between Bogor Agricultural University and the Institute for Creative Leather Technologies (ICLT) of the UoN. In the visit, we arranged a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between IPB and the UoN for a mutual academic collaboration. We hope there are some valuable collaborative activities between the two universities in the near future.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Dr Dorothy Jordan Lloyd
Memorial Trust for providing the award to attend the conference and to visit the University.