

Associazione Italiana dei Chimici del Cuoio



Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists

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The history of SLTC

- The International Association of Leather Trades Chemists was formed in London in 1897
- The Association was primarily European
- The first elected President was Alfred Seymour-Jones
- The main purpose was to set up the Official Methods of Analysis – most importantly, the analysis of vegetable tannins
- SLTC remained the publisher of Official Methods up to 2005, when it was taken over by IULTCS and ISO

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Alfred Seymour-Jones

The first President of IALTC and therefore the first president of what was to become SLTC and IULTCS

The history of SLTC

- The IALTC established a technical journal called 'Collegium', first published in 1902.
- In 1914 the Great War began, leading to tension between the leather sectors of the United Kingdom and its Allies and Germany
- In 1917 this reached a climax when the UK broke the ties with Germany and Collegium

The history of SLTC

- This was the beginning of the Journal of the International Association of Leather Trades Chemists, JIALTC
- The first issue was in July 1917, edited by Professor Henry R. Procter
- Later it would become The Journal of the International Society of Leather Trades Chemists, JISLTC
- then the Journal of the Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists, JSLTC

The history of SLTC

- From the first issue to the end of the war, November 1918 when the guns finally fell silent, the war was not mentioned in JIALTC
- ... with the following exception, a letter from Italy was published.

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Milano

Nov. 12, 1917

As we presume that amongst the welcome Military Contingents that Great Britain is sending to Italy to valuably and brilliantly co-operate with the French Contingents and Our Troops, you may have relatives and friends, or relatives and friends' friends, we take the liberty and pleasure to hereby solicit from you the favour and privilege of being placed in a position to do for any one of them everything which is now and will be later in our power to do in order to make their stay in this town and country as easy and agreeable as possible under the present circumstances.

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You will much oblige therefore to address them all to us: we want all your boys to feel, and your friends in particular, that more than ever they are coming to a friendly country amongst old friends.

*With Kindest regards,
Very sincerely yours,
Dr. R. Lepetit*

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Translation

In a time of war in Europe, the leather industry in Milan extended a welcome to British and Allied Soldiers – to make them feel at home.

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1997

The centenary of the IULTCS (and arguably of SLTC) was celebrated in London.

The gala dinner was held at the Banqueting House.

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SLTC now

- **Groups/Sections**
Australia,
South Africa,
Northampton,
Bangladesh,
East Africa
- **Annual Conference**
Procter Memorial Lecture
Atkin Memorial Lecture
Wolstenholme Memorial Lecture

SLTC now

Professional Grades

Licentiate (LSLTC) – member of SLTC for two years

Associate (ASLTC) – member of SLTC for three years and worked in industry for three years

Fellow (FSLTC) – member of SLTC for ten years and reached seniority in the leather industry

The SLTC Leather Technologists Pocket Book

- 1912: Procter's Leather Chemists Pocket Book
- 1937: Atkins and Thompson, third edition of Procter's Pocket Book
- 1999: The Leather Technologists Pocket Book

The SLTC Leather Technologists Pocket Book

- Technology/processing 10 chapters
- Analysis/testing 5 chapters
- Science 4 chapters
- General topics 2 chapters
- Effluent 1 chapter

The SLTC Leather Technologists Pocket Book

- Content still current and relevant
- Progress in processing technology is relatively slow
- Aspects of science addressed have not changed
- Everything else is useful

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