



From the desk of General Secretary



POSTPONMENT OF ELECTION FOR CONSTITUTING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ILTA FOR THE TERM 2021 – 2023

A long discussion had taken place in the 540th meeting of the Executive Committee on the possibility of conducting the Election for reconstitution of the New Executive Committee of ILTA for the term 2021–2023. After thorough discussion it was concluded that holding election within existing constitutional system of casting of votes by physical presence of the Members under Kolkata, Howrah & both 24 Parganas jurisdiction, is not suitable.

It was therefore unanimously resolved that, due to new wave of acute PandemicCOVID, the present situation to conduct Election for constitution of the Executive Committee of ILTA for the term 2021-2023 is not at all suitable for casting votes physically as per our constitution.

Hence, it was decided by the Committee to postpone the Election process till the situation become normal and suitable to conduct the Election. Till then the present Committee both Central & Regional will continue to function as it is. The committee would review the situation at a regular interval and try to start the Election process as early as possible depending on the situation.

It was also decided that a letter of intimation regarding postponement of Election would be forwarded to all the Members, the Presidents of the Regional Committees of ILTA and RoC as early as possible.

WEBINAR ON “LEATHER FACT”



The Webinar on the topic “Leather Fact” was organized by ILTA, which was an initiative of the Seminar Committee of ILTA, on 12th March 2021 at 7.00 pm on digital platform.

The Speakers of the day were Mr. Egbert Dijkers, Global Director Sustainability at Smith & Zoom / Chair Leather Naturally and Dr. Wouter Hendriksen, Manager, Research & Development and Zoologist at Nera.

Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay, Former Principal, Govt. College of Engg. & Leather Technology and MCKV Inst. of Engg. acted as the moderator of the programme.

The programme started with the Introductory Speech delivered by Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA followed by the Welcome Address delivered by Mr. Arnab Jha, President, ILTA.

On conclusion of the Welcome Address, Mr. Susanta Mallick, requested Mr. Subir Dutta, Coordinator, ILTA Seminar Committee to introduce the speakers of the program. Mr. Dutta did so and requested Mr. Edbarg Dijkers, the 1st speaker of the day to deliver his presentation.



Mr. Dikkers then delivered his lecture titled “**Leather & Circular Economy**” which contained a few highly informative and interesting theories, explanations and proposals regarding recycling of leather. He even explained that how recycled leather products could be branded also.



On conclusion of Mr. Dikkers’s presentation Mr. Subir Dutta invited Dr. WouterHendriksen, the 2nd speaker of the day to deliver his speech.

Mr. Hendriksen then delivered his lecture titled “**Leather Biodegradability**”, which contained the real definition and process of Biodegradability. He explained the modern theories and chemical analysis for biodegrading of leather. He described the fields where his organization NERA is methodically working for biodegradability.



On conclusion of the lecture Mr. Dutta introduced Dr. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay, former Principal of GCELT and MCKV Inst. of Engg.and call him on for moderation, sum up of the lectures and handling the Q&A session.

Dr. Chattopadhyay briefly discussed on the holistic views of the modern sustainable technology which is deeply related with the above speeches related to sustainable development and circular economy.

Both the speakers replied a lot of questions from the audience and advised that if any more questions are there, they could send it to them directly and both of them committed for replying them.

On conclusion of the session Mr. Subir Dutta requested Mr. Susanta Mallick to offer Vote of Thanks and with it the programme became over.

There were around 70 - 80 participants over Zoom platform and more than 70 viewers participated on the ILTA HR Face Book Live.

This video recording of the entire program is also available on the official YouTube channel of ILTA (**ILTA Online**) and the website of the Association – www.iltaonleather.org

WEBINAR ON “10th PROF. MONI BANERJEE MEMORIAL LECTURE”



Due to Pandemic COVID this year “Prof. Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture” was organized by our association through digital platform at 7.00 pm on 15th March’ 2021.

The program resumed with the introductory speech delivered by Mr. SusantaMallick, General Secretary, ILTA. Mr. Mallick



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briefed the biography of Prof. Moni Banerjee and called on Mr. Arnab Jha, President, ILTA to deliver the Welcome Address. In his address Mr. Jha recalled late Prof. Banerjee as a national stalwart in leather industry and also the days he had passed with Prof. Banerjee during Banerjee's principalship in GCELT Kolkata.

On conclusion of the Welcome Address, Mr. Mallick announced the name of the following students who stood topper in different Diploma Examinations in 2020 from different institutes and winner of Prof. Moni Banerjee Memorial Award - 2020 :-

- a) Mr. Amarta Sen, being topper in the Diploma in Leather Footwear Technology Examination' 2020 from Central Footwear Training Center, Budge Budge.
- b) Mr. Danish Akbar, being topper in the Diploma in Leather Goods Technology Examination' 2020 from Central Footwear Training Center, Budge Budge.
- c) Ms. Maria Samsi, being topper in the Diploma in Leather Footwear Manufacture & Design Examination' 2020 from Central Footwear Training Institute, Agra.

Mr. Mallick then announced that Dr. Chandana Banerjee (Sarkar), daughter of Late Prof. Moni Banerjee would like to donate a sum of Rs. 2 lacs to ILTA for the development of our association, in memory of her beloved father. Members of ILTA and the audience paid a sincere thanks to Dr. (Mrs.) Banerjee (Sarkar).

Thereafter Mr. Mallick invited Mr. Abhijit Banerjee, son of Late Prof. Moni Banerjee to deliver few words about his beloved father. In his address Mr. Banerjee described his father as a man of visionary. He recalled his father as a pure academician, creator of entrepreneurs as well as a responsible father and a family man also. He also highlighted some unknown stories of late Prof. Banerjee which were exclusively reserved with him till his death. Then Mr. Mallick read out a citation from Dr. Chandana Banerjee (Sarkar) on behalf of her family members.

Mr. Mallick thereafter requested Mr. Jha to introduce Prof. (Dr.) Sanjoy Chakraborty, the speaker of the prestigious "Prof Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture"

Mr. Jha then gave a brief introduction of Prof. Chakraborty, Officer-in-Charge, Govt. College of Engineering & Leather Technology (GCELT), Kolkata and invited him to deliver his presentation.



Before his main speech Prof. Chakraborty recalled his student hood when he got lessons from his teacher Prof. Moni Banerjee. He paid his heartfelt homage to Prof. Banerjee and started to deliver the Prestigious Prof. Moni Banerjee Memorial Lecture titled "**Exploration of Chemical Science for Greener Technology**". It was a highly informative and technical sound presentation for the academicians and students of leather and chemical technology. The lecture took an excellent shape when another renowned academician Prof. Buddhadeb Chattopadhyay, former Principal GCELT and MCKV Inst. of Engg. interacted with Prof. Chakraborty and shared some of his R & D works on international level regarding leather industry. Audience was enriched with the conversation between two extra ordinary personalities taken place.





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The programme came to end with offering Vote of Thanks by Mr. Susanta Mallick, Genl. Secretary ILTA.

There were around 50 – 60 participantsover Zoom platform and more than 100 viewers participated on the ILTA HR Face Book Live.

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WEBINAR ON “BRANDING OF LEATHER”



A Webinar on the topic “**Branding of Leather**” was organized by ILTA, which was an initiative of the HRD Committee of ILTA, on 26th March’ 2021 at 7.00 pm on digital platform.

The Speakers of the day were Mr. Claudio Maffioletti, CEO, Indo Italian Chamber of Commerce, Prof. Dr. Ashok Banerjee, Former President, Calcutta Management Association and Mr. Gualtiero Gualberto, CEO, C & E Ltd.

The programme started with the Introductory Speech delivered by Mr. Susanta Mallick, General Secretary, ILTA followed by the Welcome Address delivered by Mr. Arnab Jha, President, ILTA.

Mr. Mallick then introduced the 1st speaker of the day Mr. Maffioletti and invited him to deliver his key note address. Mr. Maffioletti then delivered his lecture titled “**Leather & Sustainability – Italy’s experience for India’s growth**”.



He described the current scenario of Indo-Italian relation in trade, commerce and industry, especially on the growth of leather and leather chemicalindustry.



Mr. Mallick then introduced the 2nd speaker of the day Prof. Ashok Banerjee and invited him to deliver his presentation. Prof. Banerjee then delivered his lecture titled “**Brand Management**”.





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In his speech Prof. Banerjee described that how in modern days the term Branding is important. He highlighted some pros & cons of Branding and responsibility of a house to emphasize their quality control in order to maintain their Brand. He also mentioned that in this competitive modern age Branding is compulsory for leather industry. Because leather is now not only a natural product, it's a fashion item also. So, Branding is necessary for this industry now. Then he described different ways of making a product or a logo branded.



Mr. Mallick then introduced the last and 3rd speaker of the day Mr. Gualtieri Gualberto and invited him to deliver his presentation. Mr. Gualberto then delivered his lecture as a case study on “**How Italians have managed to create what is universally recognized, in the global market, as the sound of the *Italian brand***”.



Mr. Gualberto in his lecture elaborated that how in global leather industry Italy has been able to establish the “Made in Italy” brand through their designing, colour exploration, new machineries, high quality leather chemicals and controlled processing of leather by using modern sustainable green technology.

There was an excellent group discussion taken place after the lectures were over, where knowledge sharing and exchange of opinions among the stalwarts were main attraction. Also there was nice Q&A session taken place which was conducted by Mr. Susanta Mallick.

The programme came to end with offering Vote of Thanks by Mr. Ratan Chowdhury, Coordinator, HRD Committee of ILTA.

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LEXPO IN KOLKATA AND SILIGURI

- ❖ The Kolkata LEXPO – XXXXI has been proposed to be organized at Kolkata Ice Skating Rink from 18th to 26th September’ 2021, 11.00 am to 8.00 pm every day. We have already deposited the booking money for the fair to the KISR authority.
- ❖ The Siliguri LEXPO – XXVI has been proposed to be organized at Kanchenjunga Krirangan Ground, Siliguri from 26th December’2021 to 10th January’ 2022. Provisional allotment of the ground has been obtained and the final ground allotment confirmation is expected to receive by middle of May’2021.

Latest progress and status report regarding organizing both the proposed fairs will be informed in due course.



BEREAVEMENT

With profound grief and a heavy heart we announce the sad demise of Goutam Sarkar on 14th April, 2021. He was a Life Member of our Association.

May his soul rest in peace and May God give strength to the members of the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL OF ILTA

An official **YouTube** Channel of our Association (**ILTA Online**) has been launched from 1st November' 2020. You may follow and view all the video recordings of different Seminar & Symposiums on this channel by opening it time to time.

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General Secretary and the Members of the Executive Committee are available to interact with members at 19.30 hrs, over Phone / Conference call on every Thursday