Lifelines

Roza Mirzamuratova graduated from the Faculty of Light Industry in 1998 in the city of Taraz and worked as a design engineer at the factory, after which she taught at college. Since 2011, she has been teaching at the M.Auezov South Kazakhstan University. In 2020 she became a doctoral student of M. Auezov South Kazakhstan University Textile and Food Engineering High School, Technology and Design of Light Industry Products Department, Shymkent, Kazakhstan conducting research on the leather industry, has completed an internship at the Ege University. Completed internships in Italy, Turkey and Romania in the framework of ERASMUS +REILEAP –Reinforcing capacities of HEIs for leather and leather products in Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan.

Eser eke bayramoğlu is the world's first female leather professor in the field of leather. She is working as full Professor at Ege University, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Leather Engineering. Currently teaching Leather Microbiology, Hazardous Fungi During Leather Production, Leather Production Practice, Microorganism Control for the Leather Industry, Finishing materials and techniques, Leather handicrafts, Marketing, Parchment Production Technology. She has relevant skills and rich experience on the research of leather making technology and new product development from green chemicals. She also gives lectures about leather technology abroad. Twenty-four awards have been won since 1993 including 17 publication awards. She created a microbiology laboratory in her department. She also worked, as an official consultant, with her graduate students in the establishment of a cosmetic company, Flamel Chemistry, which produces keratin from waste hair and wool.

Rashid Kaldybayev assistant professor at M. Auezov South Kazakhstan University, Textile and Food Engineering High School, Technology and Design of Light Industry Products Department, Shymkent, Kazakhstan. Currently teaches Technology of Light Industry Products, Materials Science, Confection of Materials. Six research projects were carried out, including 2 projects in the framework of ERASMUS. Forty-six articles were published in the Scopus database. A lot of research has been done in the field of Textile and Light Industry.

James Kihara obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Leather Technology from Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, graduating in 2019. Presently, he is concurrently pursuing a Master of Science in Leather Technology at the same institution while holding the position of Graduate Assistant. His research pursuits are centered around the realm of eco-friendly tanning methods, reflecting a commitment to sustainable practices within the leather industry. Accumulating a total of two years in the domains of teaching and research, Mr. Kihara's endeavors exhibit a dedication to the advancement of knowledge and expertise in his chosen field. His work includes a peer-reviewed publication on the extraction and characterization of tannins from banana midribs. Through his scholarly contributions, Mr. James Kihara underscores his enthusiasm for exploring innovative and environmentally conscious approaches within the realm of leather technology.

Benson Ongarora is an accomplished chemistry lecturer with over twelve years of experience in teaching and research in the Department of Chemistry at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology. Benson holds a doctorate degree from Louisiana State University, having completed his studies in chemistry in 2012. His specialty in organic chemistry serves as a good foundation in material chemistry and his skills in synthesis, isolation, characterization and analysis, which have catapulted him to carryout research in various fields. He has successfully supervised six students at Master's level both in the area of chemistry and leather technology. His research in leather technology includes tannage of chamois using oil extracted from tannery fleshing waste among other materials. He has more than eighteen publications in peer reviewed journals on various subjects. He is a reviewer with Team Publons, a part of Web of Science group, besides reviewing for *Journal of the American Leather Chemists Association* (*JALCA*).

Douglas Onyancha earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Egerton University in 2002, followed by the completion of a Master of Science in Chemistry from the same institution in 2006. Subsequently, he pursued a PhD in Chemistry at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, successfully graduating in 2010. With a research emphasis on organometallic compounds and their versatile applications across industries such as leather production, drug delivery, and catalysis, Dr. Onyancha has accrued over 13 years of valuable research experience. As an accomplished academic, Dr. Onyancha has taken on the role of a lecturer within the Department of Chemistry at Dedan Kimathi University since 2012. His dedication to advancing knowledge in his field is evidenced by his publication record, which boasts more than 15 peer-reviewed articles. Organometallics and their dynamic role in material development constitute the primary focus of his scholarly work. Furthermore, his research extends to the realm of cleaner production technologies, where he strives to engineer eco-friendly alternatives to hazardous chemicals in the realm of materials synthesis. In the landscape of academia and research, Dr. Douglas Onyancha's contributions stand as a testament to his commitment to innovation and sustainability within the realm of chemistry and materials science.

M. Suriya is currently working as a Project Assistant in CSIR-CLRI. He has completed his M.Sc. degree in Biophysics and has expertise in biophysical chemistry, and surface sciences. His primary research focus in CSIR-CLRI has been on surface properties of finished leathers, where he has effectively utilized his technical expertise for the benefit of the leather sector.

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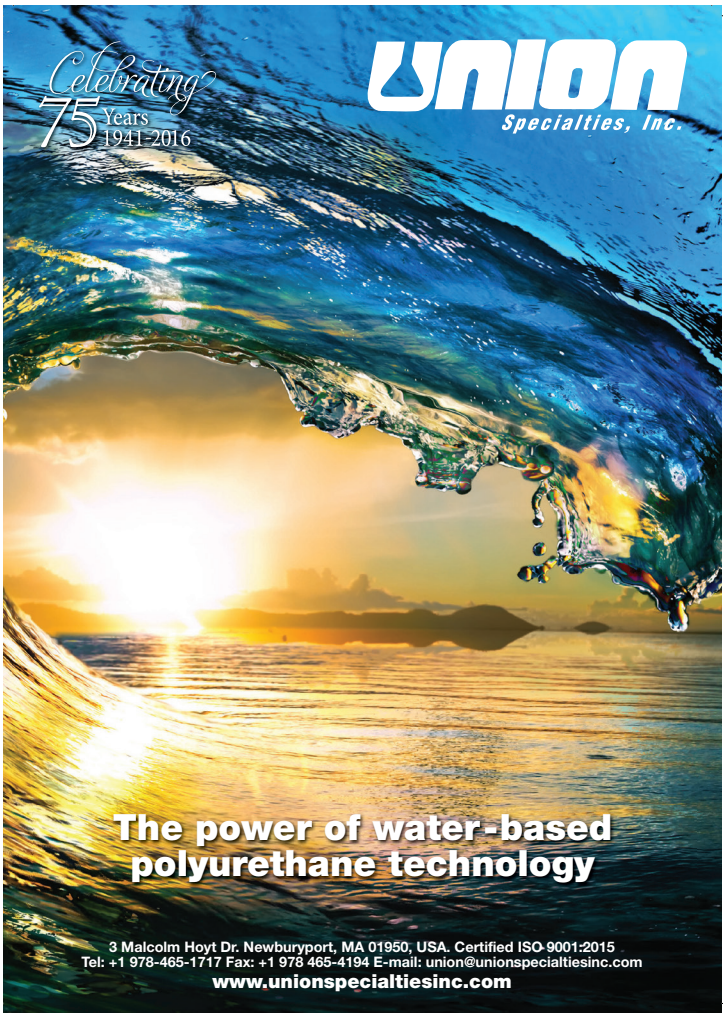

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