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INVITATION

#greenleather2016

15 December 2015

5.00 pm – 7.00 pm CET

Istituto Conciario G. Galilei, via Vicenza 49, 36071 Arzignano (Vicenza), Italy

online streaming at <https://goo.gl/ssHnCx>

*After 19 months of experimentation, **greenLIFE** presents innovations in the tanning industry, which aims for environmental and economic sustainability.*

Is it possible to reduce the environmental impact of the tanning industry while maintaining its competitiveness? The European Union, through the LIFE programme, funded half the greenLIFE project, Green Leather Industry for the Environment. Launched in June 2014, greenLIFE today – after following the results obtained in the first 19 months of experimentation – looks to the future. With **#greenleather2016**, the project disseminates its achievements in terms of reducing environmental impact and reusing waste and by-products for the benefit of other industrial sectors.

The event will be held on **December 15 in the auditorium of the Higher Technical Institute G. Galilei of Arzignano (province of Vicenza, Italy) from 5 pm to 7 pm CET**. For 50 years, this school has been a driving force for the most important industry of the area, the tanning industry. The companies sponsoring the project are **Dani** and **Gruppo Mastrotto, Ikem, Ilsa, and Acque del Chiampo**.

The innovations so far achieved through the greenLIFE project include a new oxidative hair removal technique that can now be carried out at an industrial scale; identifying possible outlets in other industries for proteins and keratins retrieved thanks to advanced waste management processing; and presenting new natural tanning and high-efficiency products within a system approach that monitors the present and anticipates the future, through the analysis of the entire product range and industrial activities lifecycle.

Science and research, combined with commitment and the ability to look ahead in an innovative way for the common goal of preserving natural resources, helps to improve the environmental performance of the Italian tanning sector, which accounts for 65 per cent of the European production of tanned leather and 18 per cent of world production.

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Programme

Institutional greetings

- **Guido Zilli**, Project Coordinator, Dani Group: **From greenLIFE to #greenleather2016**
- **Mariano Mecenero**, Dani Group: **We bring on an industrial scale a new technique of oxidative hair removal**
- **Giorgio Pozza**, Gruppo Mastrotto: **High-value tanning by-products for use in biocompatible and sustainable technologies**
- **Marco Colombina**, Ikem: **New organic tanning from renewable sources**
- **Franco Cavazza**, Ilsa: **Recovery processes for the production of fertilizers based on hydrolysed proteins derived from by-products of the phases of liming and chromium-free tanning**
- **Daniele Refosco**, Acque del Chiampo: **Full cycle tanneries – The LCA (life cycle assessment) between now and the future**

Conclusion

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- To ensure involvement of global operators, the event will be **streamed online** with simultaneous translation into English at <https://goo.gl/ssHnCx>.
 - **To register** <https://goo.gl/HVhwFC>
 - **Tweetchat** #greenleather2016

Project social media

<https://twitter.com/greenLIFEproj>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/greenlife-project>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8i5qJMwBtnzOi_DDuCYoQ

<http://www.slideshare.net/greenLIFEproject>

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