



## News Release from the IULTCS

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### ***Shahruk Nur-A-Tomal to receive IUR Research Grant***

The judging panel of the IULTCS Research Commission (IUR) is pleased to announce the recipient of the second **Young Leather Scientist Grant**. The winner of the €1000 grant is Mr. Md Shahruk Nur-A-Tomal of the Khulna University of Engineering & Technology in Bangladesh. He is a final year undergraduate student at the Dept. of Leather Engineering and the title of his research project which caught the eyes of the judges was: *“A novel method to preserve goat skin with indigenous plant extract to reduce chloride load in the effluent”*.

It is well known that the most pernicious effluent challenge faced by the leather industry worldwide is the problem of TDS, and specifically the contribution from curing salt. In regions where ambient temperatures make the holding of hides and skins for later processing by icing or chilling not viable, and the local slaughter and collection practices make immediate processing not economically feasible, salting is currently the only real alternative. Minimizing and eliminating salt for this purpose has long been a goal of the IULTCS and leather scientists worldwide. Research on this topic, especially work focused on finding local solutions to this problem should be supported. *“It helps stimulate research interest and creative solutions to similar problems worldwide”* was the opinion of the judges.

Dr. Luis Zugno, IUR Chair, shared that there were 11 applications for the award from 6 different countries representing a wide range of interesting and innovative research topics. *“We are delighted with the quality of the submissions”*, he stated, saying *“the YLSG Award is gaining momentum”*. The next Award for 2017 is already in the planning stages, further details will be provided later this year.



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