



61st Annual convention of the South African branch of the SLTC

The 61st Annual convention of the South African branch of the SLTC was held at the Drakensberg hotel, Kwa-Zulu-Natal in May 2012.

A refreshingly diverse group of delegates attended this meeting representing a wide spread of industry, government, supply houses and tanneries. These were mainly from South Africa, but included delegates from Lesotho, Zimbabwe, The Netherlands and Canada.

The keynote speaker was Trevor van der Vyver, from Maxlite Solar Systems, who provided an insight into solar water heating in tanneries around the world. Associated subject matter included an explanation of the national electricity supplier's energy incentives.

The themes then turned to different aspects relating to the tanners' bacterial adversaries. Clear talks on formaldehyde testing, automotive anti-soiling agents, and an overview showed microscopic insights of various nefarious stains. The director of the leather and footwear division of the South African Department of Trade and Industry presented a macroeconomic perspective.

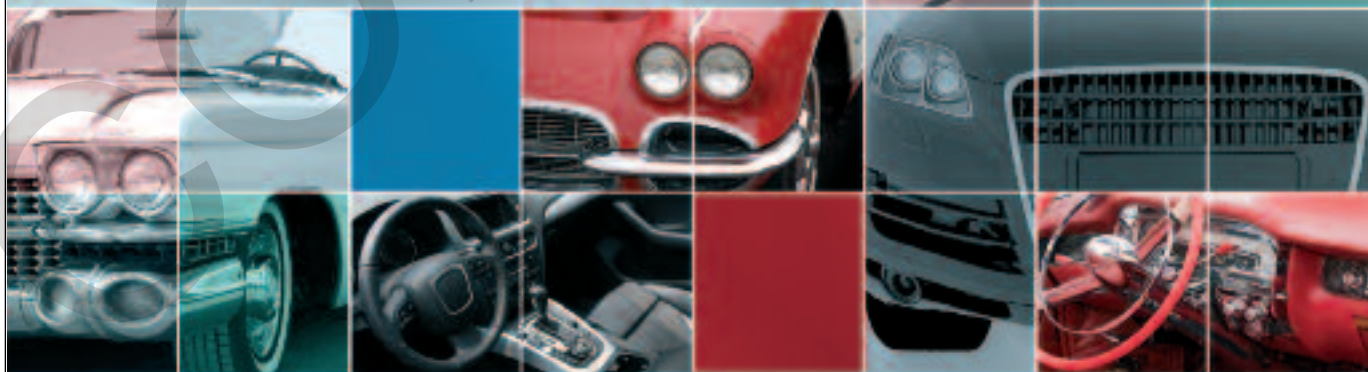
At the Annual General meeting, the local SLTC gave its committee a mandate to explore closer electronic dialogue with the parent group in the U.K. ☉



SLTC Committee members at the 61st Annual Convention meeting, May 2012.

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