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Cosmeogram

Dinner Hour

Silicate Technology in Hair Care Applications

Ted Williams
 Laponite® Business Development
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Today's hair care products are ever more technically sophisticated in order to delivery new and differentiated benefits to the consumer. In some cases, this can involve leveraging the in-situ interaction of two components. A perfect example of this is the so called coacervate formed between traditional conditioning polymers and surfactants. We can also take advantage of polymer & silicate in-situ interactions within hair care systems to reinforce/modulate existing benefits or provide a means of bringing forth new benefits altogether.

A summary of the general chemistry of platey silicates (aka natural and synthetic clays) will be presented to create a foundation for the ensuing discussion about polymer interactions and hair care applications. The discussion about polymer interactions will focus on the mix of reactions of most relevance to hair care polymers.

With the general chemistry behind us, we will discuss how to take advantage of these interaction two applications with hair care products, 1) network formation in shampoo systems for suspension of macroscopic dispersed phases, and 2) mechanical reinforcement of styling polymers for improved hold and humidity resistance. The closing section will be a discussion directed to new concepts (proven silicate & polymer interaction, but unproven in applications to hair care) for leveraging silicates for next generation hair care products.

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Educational Hour

Treated Pearls - For Unique Formulas

Carl Orr
 Applications Lab Manager
 Kobo Products

While treated pigments and treated fillers have been used extensively in the cosmetic industry for 25 years the use of treated pearls has been limited. When a chemist looks at the amount of treated pigments in a formula and compares it with the amount of pearls used the pearl amount is many times much higher. Currently we are seeing the use of surface treated pearls increase dramatically as the benefits have been discovered and utilized more and more.

Some of the unique benefits and some of the mystique of what treatment to use in which system are presented here. Different surface treatments can give different results depending upon the media they are used in. This system dependency causes confusion to the formulation chemist and many of these questions are answered. The actual mechanism of the chemical bonding to the surface of the pearl and the benefits of using treated pearls in various cosmetics products are shown.

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MONTHLY MEETING

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Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Educational Hour	5:00 pm
Social Hour	6:00 pm
Dinner	7:00 pm
Speaker	8:00 pm

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- 11-12 SCC Annual Scientific Seminar *Boston Marriott, MA*
- 16-17 NYSCC Suppliers' Day *Edison, NJ*
- 23 California Chapter SCC Monthly Meeting *Duke's in Malibu*

JUNE

- 10 California Chapter SCC Summer Event at the Magic Castle

SEPTEMBER

- 26 California Chapter SCC Monthly Meeting *TBA*

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Regulatory Affairs Column will return in June.

Dinner Hour

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About Our Speaker

Ted Williams is responsible for Laponite® Business Development at Southern Clay Products, Inc. He has been with Southern Clay Products, Inc. for 3 years. Prior to that, he was in Business Development for 2 years at Labcyte Inc., a biotech tools company that focuses on acoustic energy movement of biologically active compounds. He spent 2 years at Symyx Technologies Inc. as Business Development working on high throughput materials discovery, a polymers and formulation technology. He spent 10 years with International Paper Company working in R&D on natural products derived from polymers, surface coating technology and was granted 9 US patents. He then spent 4 years in Business Management for International Paper. Ted graduated from University of Missouri-Rolla with a graduate degree as a Synthetic Polymer Chemist.

Educational Hour

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A pressed eyeshadow with 45% of a treated pearl at 60-80 microns is presented which passes three drops while an untreated pearl version does not pass. The theory to explain why it works is presented. A unique powder eyeshadow containing 70% water is also shown. This 'drywater' formula is possible due to the treatment on the pearls.

Formulations and samples of lipsticks are shown with treated pearls. Improved flow lines and texture are observed but again the benefits shown are system dependent. Treating pearls greatly reduces the absorption of the pearls, which keeps the formula viscosity lower. Again, this property enables sticks and pencils with significant improvements that are shown in our examples.

The amount of treatment and type of treatment can also provide a protective effect to systems that are reactive. The latest work shows examples of improvements in DHA and low pH systems as well as in a sunscreen formula containing avobenzone. The system dependency is also shown in nail enamels where improvements in shine have been achieved. The formulas shown exhibit unique benefits due to surface treatments. Solutions to the system dependency are also shown with many examples to help the formulation chemists decide the right treatment to use. This should help save lab time and result in improved and unique products.

About Our Speaker



Carl Orr graduated from Case Western Reserve University in 1971 and started as a chemist at Bonne Bell Cosmetics. His 35-year career has been predominately in color cosmetics. He has worked at Maybelline, the Almay division of Revlon and was also the Executive Director of Estee Lauder Makeup. Carl is currently the Applications Lab Manager at Kobo Products in South Plainfield, NJ. He has held various positions with the Society of Cosmetics Chemists. Carl holds more than 15 patents for cosmetic formulation.



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SAVE THE DATE

The Carolina Chapter of the SCC will host its 2nd Annual Golf Outing/Continuing Education Course on September 27-28. September 27 will be the Golf Outing. September 28 will be the CEP course titled "Hair Color" and will be instructed by Keith Brown. Location to be announced.

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Message From The Chair

Dear Members,

Spring is here, and before you know it, so is our summer break. There is only one more meeting before we stop for the summer. Our May meeting has always been special at Dukes in Malibu. Thank you to Bret Katz, our House Chairman, for planning this and every monthly meeting for the society. The month of May held a few national events, first the mid year scientific seminar in Boston and then the New Jersey suppliers day back to back. I hope a lot of you were able to attend, gain new knowledge and make new contacts.

Again, like last month, I wanted to spotlight a few of the volunteer positions for the SCC board. We are always looking for new volunteers. A lot of you may not know how much is involved, so please look at these additional summaries of some of the positions both elected and appointed that help run our chapter. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact me or any board member.

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Hospitality: Our hospitality chair is responsible for making new introductions at all meetings. Andy Jones is our chair for 2006.

Publicity: The publicity chair is responsible for making sure our members know about our meetings. Having our event dates published in other SCC newsletters, as well as other publications. Tina Marie Lesko is our chair for 2006.

I hope that we will see you all at Dukes in Malibu, look in the Cosmogram for dates and times.

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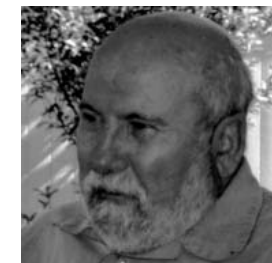
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It's January 8, 1956. The SS Liberté is pulling into New York City's harbor filled with thousands of emigrants ready to start their journey in the United States. A young nineteen year old named Zia Mohseni is on the ship without family or friend. Compelled to leave his family and home town of Kerman, Zia's American Adventure began because Iran's university system did not offer adequate opportunities in higher education. After the two week journey by sea, Zia disembarked the SS Liberté and took his first steps in the United States in pursuit of a higher education and a new dream.

Upon arrival, Zia spent six months perfecting his English at a vocational school in Milwaukee in order to prepare for his collegiate experience. Four years later, he graduated with a degree in Chemistry and a minor in Math from the University of Wisconsin. Two years after that, he completed his graduate studies in BioChemistry from the University of Pittsburgh. In the Spring of 1963, just before he completed his graduate studies, Zia decided to give the books a break and visit a friend in Los Angeles. After a few days in sunny California, Zia was sold – the American Dream was now a California Dream. He called his Pittsburgh roommate and said "Send my things. I'm staying!" He's been in California ever since.

From Kerman, Iran, with short stays in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Pittsburgh, to Los Angeles, California- these were the travels that led him to his first job as a Research Associate at USC. At USC Zia studied collagen biosynthesis under the tutelage of Marcel Mimni. Following his time at USC, he took a position as the manager of the enzyme lab at Cal Biochem, where he studied creatin phosphokinase (CPK) enzymes and helped launch their novel CPK Kit. When the company relocated to San Diego, Zia decided he wasn't prepared to make another move. Instead, he left CalBiochem and took a research position at UCLA where he studied elastin biosynthesis. He would remain at UCLA for 12 years. During this time, Zia also started his own formulation consulting company.

Fast forward 29 years – it's 1985 and funding cutbacks are impacting university research. Sensing that "the end" was near, Zia accepted a full-time position with Jeff Ward at Custom Research Labs (CRL), a private label manufacturer. Working at a private label company that "made everything from A to Z" was both a challenging and engaging experience. Especially difficult was the "trial and error" exercises of duplicating creams and lotions. It was during this time that Zia began perfecting his emulsion technology skills. After CRL, Zia started consulting again, which at one point lead him to a full time position at Gordon Labs in El Segundo, CA.

Throughout his career a few things have remained consistent- his love of science, especially emulsion technology, and his love of acting as a "teacher" or "mentor" to others. Not surprising, some of Zia's fondest memories have come developing these very passions. Zia speaks of the chemists he's mentored and the customers he's worked with over the years with great pride. He has especially enjoyed the opportunity to watch small start-up companies evolve from an idea in someone's head to a successful product line on someone's shelf. It is in this spirit that Zia has found his membership in the SCC to be so rewarding. He has been a long supporter of the SCC's continuing education and scientific meeting programs. He encourages young chemists to get involved in the society and expand their knowledge of cosmetic science & our industry in general. "Don't just do it - learn why," he says.

When Zia is not busy playing his role as chemist and educator, he and his wife of forty years, Hilda, retreat to the garden oasis in their backyard and enjoy visits with their daughter, Roya. The Mohseni garden includes multiple full-grown fruit trees- 5 pomegranate trees, 3 different lemon species, orange, cumquat and Zia's pride and joy, a Royal Persian Mulberry. But it's not only fruit that characterizes this little slice of heaven. Zia's is also proud of their extensive herb garden- a wide array of basil, chive, tarragon and arugula that would make Emeril jealous. And to wash it down - a pair of grape vines- chardonnay and shiraz. As it turns out, winemaking is a big part of the Mohseni family. Zia's son, Eric, recently launched his own wine label "Osseus" (www.osseuswine.com). A meal at the Mohseni household would surely be a special treat, making the old saying "if you are a good chemist, you are a good cook" all too true.

...Stephanie R. Leshney
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• **Cosmetic Chemistry Lab (#0604-04)**. Senior Biology student, with 20 years experience in the esthetics industry. Seeks experience in cosmetic chemistry lab setting. Ideally, this would be for 3 months of full-time internship. Will have BS in Biology with minor in chemistry upon graduation. Interest in skin care product formulation. Will seriously consider all offers, but would prefer to remain in San Francisco Bay Area. Resume available upon request. Contact pinnick@sonoma.edu or call (510) 395-4489.

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Nanotechnology in Cosmetic Formulations

If the press reports are to be believed, nanotechnology is the next "big" technology that will revolutionize life as we know it. But what is nanotechnology? My understanding is that nanotechnology involves materials made by manipulating matter at the "nano-scale", which I take to mean objects (particles) with dimensions in the range of 1-100 nanometers (nm). This agrees reasonably well with a definition of the nano-scale that I have seen repeated in the popular press: "1/100,000th the width of a human hair". If you assume that a human hair is about 80 microns in diameter, 1/100,000th is this size works out to 0.8 nanometer. That is small indeed when you consider that the wavelength of visible light is in the range of about 400-700 nm. At this size scale, matter behaves differently than it does in more conventional forms, which opens up all sorts of possibilities for a variety of industrial and consumer product applications. In electronic devices for example, nanotechnology will enable the production of more efficient computer chips and higher-density storage devices. Some of the more far-fetched ideas involve the construction of tiny robots that could be inserted into the body for diagnosing diseases or repairing organs in-situ.

In cosmetic products, nanotechnology would seem to offer some useful possibilities. If nothing else, having certain ingredients available as nanoparticles would allow the formulation of clear products since these particles are smaller than the wavelength of light and would therefore be transparent when suspended in water or oil. In fact my company already produces emulsions with a particle size in the nano-scale range that are designed to provide a hair conditioning effect in clear formulations. Titanium dioxide or zinc oxide for use as inorganic sunscreens would be desirable to have in nanoparticle form so that the sunscreen formulation would not produce a whitening effect on the skin. In my research for this column I found a reference to a lip care product that claims to provide "SPF protection" that is "invisibly transparent" because it contains 25 nm zinc oxide particles.

If you want to check out the use (or claims) for nanotechnology in cosmetics, I recommend the Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies web site (www.nanotechproject.org). This site maintains an inventory of consumer products that claim to contain nanotechnology as well as a number of useful links to related sites. A recent check of this web site for cosmetic products that claim to utilize nanotechnology produced 32 "hits" (although several of these were listed as "Pending Removal"). Most of the products are from smaller companies, but L'Oréal is well-represented. After browsing through the product descriptions, it seems that most of these products are categorized as nanotechnology products by virtue of the size of some ingredient in the formulation. A typical description is that the formulation contains "nano-particles" but the information listed on the web site does not provide much information about the benefits of such ingredients.

While the possibilities for nanotechnology in cosmetic products seem exciting, there are a few storm clouds on the horizon. Nanotechnology has caught the attention of government regulators as well as environmental and consumer activist groups and some have expressed concern about potential negative health and environmental effects. It remains to be seen if these concerns will lead to negative impression among consumers, but incidents such as the recall of a German product that was reported in the Washington Post don't help the case for nanotechnology in consumer products. The story, which was reported on April 6th, involves the first health-related recall of a nanotechnology product. A German bathroom cleaning product called "Magic Nano" was recalled after 77 people reported respiratory problems associated with using the product. It isn't clear if nanotechnology had anything to do with the respiratory problem, but such incidents are often held up as examples of technology run amok by consumer activists. So a bit of caution would seem to be prudent when considering whether or not your company should jump onto the nanotechnology bandwagon.



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- SECRETARY** This position is an elected position. You must be a SCC General Member. The responsibilities include documentation of all board meetings, approximately four per year, recording and distributing the minutes to all board members. Mauricio Castro is the Secretary for 2006.
- TREASURER-ELECT** This position is an elected 2 year position starting as the Treasurer-Elect and translating into the Treasurer. You must be a SCC General Member. This position is responsible for the chapter finances to both the California board and to the National board. Micki Olsen is the Treasurer for 2006 and Duane Meindertsma is the Treasurer-Elect for 2006.
- SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR** This is a yearly appointed position to a volunteer interested in planning and running the Scientific Seminar. This volunteer must find the venue, speakers and plan the entire event. The budget must be approved by the board, and the event must stay within the by-laws of the chapter. Lee Paler is the Committee Chair and Evelyn Kirton is the Co-Chair for the 2006 event.
- DINNER DANCE** This is a yearly appointed position to a volunteer interested in planning and running the Dinner Dance. This volunteer must plan the entire event. The budget must be approved by the board, and the event must stay within the by-laws of the chapter. Andy Deveraux is the Committee Chair for the 2006 event.
- SPORTS EVENT** This is a yearly appointed position to a volunteer interested in planning and running the sports event. This volunteer must plan the entire event. The budget must be approved by the board, and the event must stay within by-laws of the chapter. Kevin Johnson is the Committee Chair for the 2006 event.

Please contact Heather Naef at h.naef@lipochemicals.com or 714-501-1484 if you are interested in running for one of the elected positions or volunteer positions or just want to nominate a member for the elected positions. All nominations need to be in to Heather by September 1, 2006.

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