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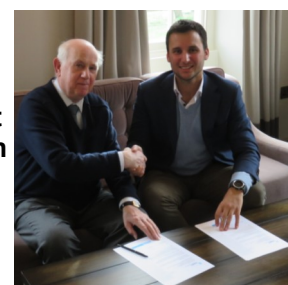
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## 110 Attended Excellent Guild Conference and Exhibition

With more exhibition stands than we have ever had at an event such as this, which allowed suppliers and cleaners an opportunity to network and share thoughts and ideas. Free entry encouraged many non members to attend on the Sunday although the adverse weather forecast for the weekend unfortunately kept some away who had booked in to attend. With nine separate presentations from speakers, plus a panel hastily put together of dry cleaners each with something different to offer to attract more business and to improve profitability, it was a fast paced day but each session had something different, a message with new ideas and fresh thinking to share with delegates. There was a buzz of interest, a keenness to gain fresh knowledge and the post bag following the conference has been full of praise on the outcome of the day.

### On the eve of the Conference Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Leon Wennekes, Secretary General of CINET and Ken Cupitt FGCL, Chairman of Council of the Guild, signed an agreement "That the Guild should Brand and Market an E-Learning Package created by CINET Exclusively in the UK". It was agreed that the Guild will edit and add where it thought necessary and CINET will market Guild text books within its membership in a reciprocal agreement.



**Alternatives to single use plastics** - In previous issues we have mentioned work on finding alternatives to polythene for packaging and we had this as a topic at the Guild Conference in the form of a general discussion, an open forum. It is still early days in the search for suitable alternatives to plastic film in packaging because biodegradable alternatives must be suitable to withstand the warm humid atmosphere within a dry cleaning premises without commencing to early degrade at that point. Also, overprinting of biodegradable alternatives can compromise degradability making them a new problem rather than a solution. Alternatives such as the reusable garment cover may be a short term measure, and these could be made of woven polyester or compressed fibre/felt, or polypropylene, and the customer brings them back for future use. Some cleaners operating this system also clean these for the customer and we have information on cleaning felt in this month's Technical Bulletin. Briefly discussed was going back to packaging in paper but this is more expensive and is not waterproof. Can you help by advising us on what alternatives to plastic film you have come across, or already use. Send any information via email to [enquiries@gcl.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@gcl.org.uk)

**News On The Research Project** - Professor John Dean and Dr Stephen Reed of Northumbria University, with the help of some senior Guild members and a number of cleaners in the North East of England, work started on this project in January to investigate the cross-bio contamination of textiles in both wet and dry cleaning in low temperature processes. Your Guild, in cooperation with the Worshipful Company of Launderers', and the Northumbria University, are co funding the research project. We will keep you updated on progress.

### Do You Know Members Can Advertise Their Business on the Guild's Website

An advantage to your business and demonstrates to the general public your proficiency by belonging to the Guild. Check out the Guild's Web Site and if your business is not there please pass on your details to the secretariat. The general public can check out the Guild's website for a registered member in their area. We are promoting competent cleaners who are members and who keep abreast of developments by monthly bulletins and alerts as well as attending conferences.

**Itemised pay statements for workers** From 6th April 2019, the Employment Rights Act 1996 (Itemised Pay Statement) (Amendment) Order 2018 will require employers to include the number of hours employees are being paid for on their payslips, where pay varies by reference to time worked.

**Guild Members are dedicated to the care of garments, care for the environment, and care with skill and knowledge to serve the customer to the best of their ability.**

Guild AGM Wednesday  
19th June 2019 to be held at  
the IBIS Hotel, Piele Road,  
Haydock, St Helens.  
WA11 0GR  
Commencing at 12 Noon



Calling all  
cleaners—We are  
planning a one  
day training  
course in the  
Milton Keynes,  
Wolveron,  
Newport Pagnell,

Stony Stratford area of  
Buckinghamshire and these have  
been very popular in the  
past. If you are interested in  
attending one on a Sunday  
please register your interest  
as we require 10 delegates to  
make the training viable.

Contact

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**Guild Membership Renewal?** Your Membership Subscription for the year 2019/2020 will become due for renewal from the end of March 2019. Remember that you can now pay on line by visiting the Guild Website at [www.gcl.org.uk](http://www.gcl.org.uk), or alternatively, Telephone 01698 322669. Paying on time saves money and time in having to check and chase late payers. Contact [enquiries@gcl.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@gcl.org.uk)

Guild Web Site has been upgraded visit <http://gcl.org.uk> to see what

See this month a Technical Bulletin dealing with Felt fabrics and an Amber Alert regarding a Celine coloured trouser made from a silk and cotton mixture fabric where abrasion has caused damage which looks like colour loss.

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