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Currently Dean of Faculty of Forestry at University of Toronto, Dr. Sain specializes in advanced nanocellulose technology, biocomposites and bio-nanocomposites at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Forestry. He is cross-appointed to the Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry. He is a fellow of Royal Society of Chemistry, UK and Fellow of Academy of Canadian Engineers.



Prof. Sain is globally known for his pioneering work on Biocar Initiative and in 2009 issue of *Toronto Life* magazine featured his idea as the second best among 25 World Changing Ideas from the Smartest Torontonians. Dr. Sain holds several awards; few recent ones are Plastic Innovation Award and KALEV PUGI Award for his innovation and contribution to Industry. Author of more than 400 papers and is designated as a hi-cited researcher, Prof. Sain hugely contributed to the society at large by translating research to commercialization. He has tens of patents and is world known for his expertise to transform research idea into commercialization. Until now he has done more than 30 technology transfer to industry and created new companies for making products ranging from packaging to automotive to building construction materials. Prof. Sain's research activities are documented by global television networks, magazines and radio interviews.

He is also co-author of world's first book on Cellulose nanocomposites and has co-edited a number of books. He is involved in many global strategic research policy developments, standardization, research funding strategic councils in advisory role. He is highly acclaimed engineering consultant in materials engineering and works with almost 100 companies worldwide.

Prof. Sain's role as a pioneer in creating non-profit organizations that is highly meaningful for society at large. He is the founding member of Canadian natural Composite Association, Ontario BioAuto Council and many more. He has championed world's WPC industry by actively perusing his vision of global important of this green and emerging industry. He chaired many of these global committees and helped nurturing this industry to over billion dollar market.

## **Mohini Sain**

### **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

- PhD (Chemical Engineering), Technical University (CZ)

**1988**

Thesis: Contribution towards Covulcanization of Natural Rubber-Polyolefin Blends

Supervisor: Prof. Ing. Josef Beniska, DSc.

- Master of Technology, MSc.E (Polymer Technology), IIT

**1983**

Thesis: Determination of Moisture Diffusivity Coefficient in Coagulated Natural Rubber

Slabs. Supervisor: Prof. D. K. Guha

- Bachelor of Technology, BSc.E, Calcutta University

**1981**

Undergrad Thesis: "Enhancing Strength of Elastomer Blends using Cork waste"

- Bachelor of Chemistry (Honours), BSc. (Hons), Calcutta University

**1976**

### **ACADEMIC AND INDUSTRIAL APPOINTMENTS**

**2003 - Present**

**Dean**, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto

**Professor** (University of Toronto)

- Cross-appointment: Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry, University of Toronto
- Director, Centre for Biocomposites and Biomaterials Processing (August 2004)
- Adjunct Professor, Lulea Technical University; Lulea, Sweden
- Adjunct Professor, Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Toronto
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of New Brunswick, University of Waterloo and University of Guelph
- Adjunct Professor, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- Chief Science Officer (CSO) BioAuto Council, Canada
- Founder President, Director and Secretary, Greencore Composites Inc.
- Founder President, GreenNano Technologies Inc.

**May 1999 - December 2003**

**Associate Professor** (University of Toronto and University of New Brunswick)

- Appointment with tenure, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto
- Cross-appointment, Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry, University of Toronto
- Adjunct Professor, Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Toronto
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of New Brunswick
- Appointed to University of Toronto Graduate Faculty
- Appointment in April 1999, University of New Brunswick (with the condition that I be considered for promotion to Full Professor in 2001)
- Department of Chemical Engineering, University of New Brunswick
- Associate Chair, Pulp and Paper Research and Education Centre (1999-2001)
- Director of Graduate Studies of Department of Chemical Engineering (1999-2001)
- Appointed to UNB Graduate Faculty

**1997-1999**

**Tenured Research Faculty - Agent de recherche** (Pulp and Paper Research Centre, Université de Québec à Trois Rivières)

- Permanent Appointment (tenure) in June 1997

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### **1996- 1997**

**Research Associate and adjunct member** (Pulp and Paper Research Centre, University of Toronto)

- 10 months – appointment on research leave from University of Quebec

### **1993- 1996**

**Agent de recherche, Graduate Faculty Appointment** (Pulp and Paper Research Centre, Université de Québec à Trois Rivières)

### **1994 to 1995**

**Polymer Scientist** (Aspen Research Corp., a subs. of Andersen Corp., St. Paul, USA)

- on research leave from University of Quebec

### **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER HONOURS**

- Fellow of Canadian Association of Engineers, 2013
- Canadian Plastics Industry Innovation Award, 2012
- Fellow of Royal Society of Chemistry, UK, 2012
- Pugi innovation Award 2010; Society of Plastic Industries ( National)
- Doctorate honorary cosa , 2010, Technical University, Bratislava ( International)
- Senior Grant Achiever Award 2007-2008 (International)
- SPE- Significant Contribution to Industry Achievement Award, 2002, USA
- NSERC-Industry- University SYNERGY AWARD, 2001, NSERC & Conf. Board of Canada
- Outstanding Researcher, INS Recognition, 1994, USA
- NSERC International Fellow, 1991, Govt. of Canada
- Czechoslovak Govt. Fellow, 1985-1988, INCAB Prize, 1983, India
- Indian National Scholar, 1973

### **EDITORIAL ROLE**

- Member of Board, Journal of Bioresource, Journal of Bio-based materials and Bioenergy
- Co-Editor : Cellulose Composite for Electronic Devices
- Co-Editor : Book on “Lignin in Polymer Composites”
- Co-Editor : Book on “Wood Composite”
- Co-Editor : Book on “Wood-Polymer Composites; Biofiber Reinforcements in Composite Materials”
- Co-Editor : Book on “Bio-nanocomposites from Renewable Materials”
- Co-Editor : Four volumes(I to IV) Handbook of Green Materials
- Co-Editor: “BioResources”, an Online Journal Devoted to the Science and Engineering of Biomass from Lignocellulosic Sources for New End Uses and New Capabilities

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

- CPPA- Canadian Pulp and Paper Association (Technical section)
- PEO- Professional Engineer of Ontario
- SPE- Plastic Society
- Tappi- Technical Association of Pulp of Paper Industries
- Canadian Natural Composite Council
- American Chemical Society
- CAE – Canadian Academy of Engineering
- Royal Society of UK

## **TEACHING**

I believe in teaching skills that initiate, encourage and nurture creativity among students, provide unlimited scope to express their ideas by solving problem assignments and reviewing research papers critical to the subject matters. I also strongly encourage students to develop technical communication skill by providing them opportunities to present their research papers and scientific review related to advanced research issues in class room environment. My conceptual approach combined with integrated knowledge sources allows promoting a vibrant learning environment in class room as well as in out-of-class student activities. My approach to involve students in my own research projects that relates to the practice of science and engineering principles delivered in class. I encourage students to involve in group and collaborative activities to overcome challenges that demands multi-facet skills.

## **ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN RECENT YEARS**

### **(1997-2005) Program and Course Development**

#### **University of Toronto**

In co-operation with Pulp and Paper Centre and Department of Chemical Engineering, I prepared the required documentations for a New M.Eng. Program Development via Distant Education at University of New Brunswick. Subsequently I acted as a Coordinator of the program during my tenure at the same university.

- FOR1288H WOOD COMPOSITES PROCESSING
- FOR1286H NATURAL FIBRE PRODUCTION
- FOR1292H LONG TERM PERFORMANCE & DURABILITY OF WOOD (With Paul Cooper and Ning Yan)

### **Courses Teaching (Undergrad and Grad)**

#### **University of Toronto**

- F300S: Forest Products in Sustainable Forestry 26L, 26P (**Arts & Science Faculty**)
- Green Processes Chemistry (**Arts & Science Faculty**)
- FOR 424 Design and Manufacturing of Innovative and Sustainable Materials (**Eng. Faculty**)
- FOR 420 Natural Composites Processing (**Arts and Science**)

## **GRADUATE COURSES**

### **2001-2015 University of Toronto**

- FOR1288H Green Composite Processing
- FOR 1282H Chemistry of Lignocellulosics

### **1997-2001 Department of Chemical Engineering, University of New Brunswick**

- ChE 5913 Pulp production (3 cr)
- ChE 6811 Introduction to research methods (2 cr of 5 cr)

### **Pulp and Paper Research Centre, Department of Engineering, University of Quebec**

- CHM1002 Projet de fin d'etudes (Final year project, 4 cr)
- GNC-1024 Activites de synthese en genie chimique (Chemical Eng. Thesis project) (4 cr)

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**GRADUATE SUPERVISIONS****Completed:** 7 MSc, 20 PhD**In Progress:** 1 MSc, 12 PhD

Other supervision:      Research Assistants: 135  
                                 Undergrad Research Training: 96  
                                 Post Doctoral Fellows: 43  
                                 Research Associates: 14  
                                 Research managers and technicians: 11

**SELECTIVE EXAMPLES OF STUDENTS RESEARCH SUPERVISION**Graduate Student Supervised (last six years)/PhD student supervised (last five years)

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Name of Student</u>
PDF	Samir Konar (Toronto)
PDF	Mohammad Pervaiz (Toronto)
PDF	Dr. Rambabu Nedunuri
PDF	Ruijun Gu
PDF	Saraute Ummartyotin (Toronto)
PDF	Dr. Shawn WANG (Toronto)
PDF	Shiang Law (Toronto)
PDF	Dr. Subrata Bandhu Ghosh (Toronto)
PDF	Dr. Sanchita Banerjee (Toronto)
PDF	Latchmi Raghunanan
PhD	Maryam Edalatmanesh (Toronto)
PhD	Sally Krisgtin (Toronto)
PhD	Kevin Sung(Toronto)
PhD	Lichi Chang (Toronto)
PhD	Ryan Kim (Toronto)
PhD	Tayebeh Bezhad (Toronto)
PhD	Bei Wang (Toronto)
PhD	Arturo Rodridgue (Toronto)
PhD	Sreekumar Janardhan (Toronto)
PhD	Smith Sundar (Toronto)
PhD	Abdul Awal(Toronto)
PhD	Hamideh Hajiha (Toronto)
PhD	Suhara Panthapulakkal (Toronto)
PhD	Mustafa Kazabi (Toronto)
PhD	Muhammad Ferhan (Toronto)
PhD	Pei Yu Kuo (Toronto)
PhD	Javad Sameni (Toronto)
PhD	WaiDan Ding (Toronto)
PhD	Birat KC (Toronto)
PhD	Robenson Cherizol (Toronto)
PhD	Sossina Gezahehn (Toronto)
PhD	Nalini Ranganathan (CIPET, India)

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PhD	Rajashekar (CIPET, India)
PhD	Rajesh Panda (CIPET, India)
PhD	Rajkumar Subbaiah (CIPET, India)
PhD	Shaghayegh Armoun (Toronto)
PhD	Antimo Graziano (Toronto)
PhD	Bruno Senamaia (Toronto)
PhD	Otávio Tilton Dias (Toronto)
PhD	Nikolina Frisk (Toronto)
PhD	Viktoria Pakharenko (Toronto)
MScF	Maria Semeniuk (Toronto)
MScF	Chumbei Huang (Toronto)
MSc.E	Zhuang Wang (UNB)
MSc.	Leah Drapper (Toronto)
MSc.E	Alaah Saleh (Waterloo)
MSc.E	Sylvain Allet (Royal Military College)
MSc	Sadia Khan (Toronto)
MSc	Kaustav Nag (Toronto)
PhD	Tyeb Bezad (2002-2006)
MSc.E	Deepesh Gulati (Toronto)
MSc.E	Zhuang Wang (UNB)
MSc.E	R. Jaykumar (UNB)
MSc.E	Alaah Saleh (Waterloo)
MSc.E	Sawn (Royal Military College)

**Till 2006 – PhD – 5, MScE – 15, MScF - 6**

**PhD students supervised (University of Quebec) 1997-2002**

PhD	QiYi Hu (first two years) 1997-2002
PhD	Bruno Chabot (1995-1998) (guest co supervision)

**CONTRIBUTION TO INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS**

Participated in more than 53 workshops and industrial training program for last 5 years. Notable workshops are:

- “Lightweight and Sustainable Materials Research”, APLW Workshop, Windsor ON, April 27th, 2016
- CFREF project planning workshop in Fredericton, February 2016
- Canada-Japan-Vietnam workshop on composites, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, August 2016
- Ontario-China Biomaterial Workshop, December 2015
- Brazil- ISTEP Workshop on Biomaterials Prospect; University of Toronto, September, 2011
- University Of Toronto – CTBA France Collaborative Workshop, Biomaterials in France; March 2011
- WPC International Conf, Madison, May 2011
- Brazil- Ministry of Research and Innovation (MRI) Workshop on Biomaterials Prospect; University of Toronto, October, 2010
- University Of Toronto – CTBA France Collaborative Workshop, Biomaterials; May 2010
- WPC International Conf, Toronto, May 2010
- University Of Toronto – CTBA France Collaborative Workshop, Biomaterials; May 2008
- Finland- Ministry of Research and Innovation (MRI) Workshop on Ontario Biomaterials Prospect; University of Toronto, October, 2008

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- T. Behzad and M. Sain, "Development of Natural Fiber Composites for Automotive Applications", OCE Conference, February 2006.
- Krigstin, S. and M. Sain. 2006. Utilization of Recycled Papermill Sludge for Value-Added Bio-Products. Ontario Centres of Excellence, Discovery 2006 - Bridging the Innovation to Commercialization Gap. Poster Session, February 7, 2006
- Sixth Joint Canada-Japan Workshop on Composites, Toronto, Canada, Aug 24-26, 2006

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRIBUTION (UNIVERSITY) University of West Indies: 1990-1991**

- \* Member of Curriculum Development Committee
- \* Member of Graduate Research Committee

### **University of Quebec: 1995-1998**

- \* Member of Integrated Pulp and Paper Research Centre Technical development committee
- \* Member of Graduate Research Committee

### **University of New Brunswick: 1999-2001**

- \* Associate Chair of Pulp and Paper Research Centre
- \* Graduate Director of Department of Chemical Engineering
- \* Involved in day-to-day administrative activities of the centre including budgeting, research program development, industrial liaison, representing centre in various research and job related activities involving provincial ministry, regional industry, university administration, infrastructure development
- \* Serves as jury on numerous reports, master and PhD thesis examination boards
- \* Served as chair on several Master and PhD examination boards
- \* Served as jury or external examiner on many PhD thesis examination boards
- \* Actively involved in Invited Lecturer program and calendar development
- \* Served as member of departmental promotion and tenure committee
- \* Served as member of Chemical Engineering Practice school curriculum development
- \* Served as member of student-teacher opinion exchange committee
- \* Serve as Examiner for Ontario Professional Engineers
- \* Serve as external reviewer for NSERC projects
- \* Serve as reviewer of many international government granting committees
- \* Serve as technical article reviewer for many international journals
- \* Served as Canadian Pulp & Paper Association committee member in recycling section

### **University of Toronto**

- \* Chair of Faculty of Forestry Security and Safety at work committee
- \* Director, Centre for Biocomposites and Biomaterials Processing
- \* Serves as jury on numerous reports, master and PhD thesis examination boards
- \* Served as chair on several Master and PhD examination boards
- \* Served as jury or external examiner on many PhD thesis examination boards
- \* Actively involved in teaching calendar development
- \* Served as member of departmental promotion committee
- \* Represented Faculty in Graduate Council Meeting: Division 4
- \* UTFA council member

Board Member, Reviewer and Examiner

- \* PhD Examiner: Chemical Engineer, University of Toronto, University of Quebec, University of New Brunswick
- \* Reviewer: Professional Engineers of Ontario, Examination review committee
- \* Many International and National Proposal and Award Review and Assessment Board
- \* Members of Board of Industry and National Non-Profit Organizations
- \* Canadian Nanotechnology Standardization Council Board Member

**New International Program Development**

- Played pivotal role in establishment of **Centre for Biocomposites and Biomaterials Processing** at University of Toronto. The core facility of the centre will be located in the Faculty of Forestry, St. George Campus.
- The centre is the hub of a multi-disciplinary and international collaboration, which at present includes **10 Canadian Universities** (examples, Queens, McMaster, McGill, Quebec, UNBC), **six Canadian Research Institutions** (examples: Materials and Manufacturing Ontario, Ontario Agro-Food Technologies, Alberta Research Council, Forintek, Canadian Forest Service and Natural Resource Canada), **ten international institutions** from Europe, Asia and the US and more than **40 Industry partners**. This collaboration will expand in coming years bringing in more academic, research and industrial institutions around the globe.
- The infrastructure and its operation is funded by Canada Foundation for Innovation's (CFI) Innovation and New Research Opportunity programs, bringing a total funding allocation close to **\$6.8 Million** ( with 20% of this contribution coming from Industry, 40% from CFI and rest is matched by the provincial innovation initiative). Research operating fund of this centre has been secured for the years to come through diverse industrial, provincial and federal research funding initiatives amounting to more than \$1.0 Million dollar/year. Major research operational funds are provided by NSERC, Network of Centre of Excellence-Auto-21, Materials and Manufacturing Ontario, Natural Resource Canada, Industry Research Grants Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.
- The mandate of the centre is to nurture and enhance Canada's leadership role in the industrial biomaterials innovation, developing highly qualified professionals and entrepreneur as well as , serve the emerging industrial biomaterials industry in launching new products, helping in short-time problem solving and providing expert knowledge. This centre is one of a kind in the world to meet the future challenges of environmental safety, social responsibility and economic growth of world's one of the largest Forest- based natural resource enriched country such as Canada. Centre provides an alternative approach to Canadian Forest and Agro-Sector to emerge as a global leader in strengthening our economy by sustainable technology development.

**RESEARCH PORTFOLIO**

**RESEARCH DOMAIN**

- Nano Bio-Technology & Mass Production of Nano natural fibre and Cellulose Nanocomposites
- Natural Fibre Composites Building Construction and Automotive Application
- Fundamental Research on Processing & Long Time Performance of Natural Composites Based on BioComposites (PLA-PHB Wood Resin)
- Fundamentals of Gas Diffusion in Nano-Biopackaging
- Biotechnology of Carbohydrates, Proteins and Biofibres



### **Current Research**

#### **Isolation of Nano-fibres from Root Crops and Natural Fibres (NSERC-Discovery)**

The objective of the research is to develop high performance nano sized microfibril manufacturing process for reinforced natural composites using root crops and agro-biomass. Natural fibres are gaining a renewed interest, especially as a glass fibre substitute, partly due to ecological concerns. Fibres from wheat, corn, hemp, flax, sisal, and jute and root crops hold potential for such innovations. Our focus is on the fibres, which are on much smaller scale and have 5-50 nm diameters and are thousands of nanometer long. Research in our laboratory showed that the aspect ratio of the nano-sized microfibrils is much higher than the initial long fibres, hence these nano-sized microfibrils could contribute towards producing materials of very high strength at a low cost in an environmentally friendly man.

#### **Conversion of Plant Exacts to Bioplastics (BIOCAP-NSERC-Strategic)**

This project examines the effect of biological strains (fungal) on depolymerization and polymerization of sugar, pectins and other hemicelluloses obtained as a residue from nano- biofibre isolation process. We are particularly interested in isolating enzymes that are effective in mass bioconversion of pectins to high molecular weight polymers. One of the demerits of natural polymers including starch is their poor strength properties. Recent research in our laboratory on modification of starch using novel strains isolated from tree bark have demonstrated the potential of some enzymes to undergo bio-chemical reaction with starch in presence of nitrogen containing organic compounds. This preliminary observation shows great potential to modify starch with functional monomers to enhance strength properties, which may lead to the development of high performance consumer bioplastics similar to that of poly-lactic acid.

#### **Nano-biocomposite Manufacturing Process Fundamentals (ORDCF)**

The aim of this project is to develop novel biomaterials by better understanding the structure of composite materials in molecular level and then designing those materials for high performance and for biomedical applications. Emphasis is given to dispersion of nano-scale fibres in bioplastics by better understanding the thermodynamics of mixing and separation. Initial study indicated that mechanical properties of nano-biocomposites are much higher than conventional composites and they are much more bio-stable but easy to bio-degrade.

#### **Isolation, Purification and Characterization of Biocellulose (OMAF)**

This research program is to develop plant and tree isolated fungi-based biological cellulose and provides essential information to support bioconversion research to develop nano- biofibrils from agro-and forest biomass residues. The aim is to modify the fibre surface to render it thermodynamically more compatible to plastics and biopolymers. This bio- fibres will be used for the development of high performance natural/bio-composites and nano-composite that would compete with the existing fossil fuel based products in automotive aerospace and medical device application

#### **Software Development for Creep Prediction of Natural Fibre-plastic Composites for**

#### **Building, Construction and Automotive Applications (NSERC-Strategic)**

Natural fibre-plastic composites are used under stress/load. Creep in natural fibre thermoplastics composites aggravates with temperature and moisture. In this project, we propose to predict long term creep deformation in the nonlinear region with modified WLF equations. For the same purpose, we are developing a mathematical model with Schapery's model incorporating weathering parameters. This model is also being validated experimentally and we will be able to extend the model to predict creep for composites with diverse compositions. It is envisaged that this model will predict long-term durability of natural fibre composites.

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**Manufacturing (OMAF)**

Wheat straw and corn stover can perform as a viable alternative for the manufacture of fibrous composites for automotive and building applications. However, durability and incompatibility of these straws with the diversified plastic substrates remains as a challenge to their effective use in thermoplastics. The overall objective of the project is to develop a novel bioconversion technology using fungi/microbe to convert these agricultural plant residues to a reinforcing fibrous resource and hence to develop composites for automotive and building applications with enhanced durability and improved mechanical properties. It is anticipated that this research will develop new industrial fibrous raw material, which could be used to manufacture lightweight, durable green composites for building and automotive applications. These fibres will have a high potential to compete with the fossil fuel based synthetic fibres, increase farmers income and will reduce emissions considerably.

**Biocomposite Film for Packaging Application (NSERC-Discovery)**

This research aims at developing novel cellulose micro-fibril dispersed biopolymer films, and understanding diffusion behaviour of oxygen and moisture through these composite films. Barrier properties of these bio-composite films towards oxygen and moisture are under investigation. A diffusion based permeability model developed to predict the permeability through these films. Application are targeted toward food and medical packaging materials using bio-plastics typically PLA and PHB.

**Effects of Environmental Factors and Fungal Decay on Mechanical Properties of Wood and Non-wood Plastic Composites (NSERC-Strategic)**

The main objective of this study is to develop a long term durability predictive model for wood and non-wood plastic composites. In the short term we will measure the change in mechanical properties of weathered samples of the composites exposed to accelerated tests in the laboratory. In the long term, we will also measure the change in mechanical properties of outdoors weathered samples. We are developing a method to evaluate fungal decay on non- wood flour materials.

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**Development of a Process to Manufacture a High Performance Bio-based Composite by SMC, RTM and Thermoforming (NCE-Auto-21)**

In this study, a new environmentally friendly polyester, wood, polylactic acid, acrylic resins are used as a matrix to manufacture a biocomposite. The purpose is to develop a new high- performance bio-composite for automotive and medical applications by using injection molding, sheet molding (SMC), resin transfer molding (RTM) or compression molding process. Resin transfer molding (RTM) is a very common process in the composite industry allowing the production of a multitude of shapes at low pressure. In this project hemp/kenaf fibre-unsaturated polyester composites were manufactured using a RTM process.

**High Performance Natural Fibre Thermoplastics for Auto and Building Industry by Injection, Extrusion and Compression processes (NCE-Auto-21)**

The main objective of this multi-dimensional research project is to develop high performance natural fibre composites by understanding and implementing basic design concepts of fibre morphology. For the first time, critical fibre length of natural fibres has been estimated for high performance composites by evaluating interfacial shear stress (ISS). Subsequently, comprehensive modeling based on fibre length and content has been achieved to predict strength and stiffness of the composite. The most important aspect of this research project is the development of a unique innovative method of utilizing hybrid surface modified natural fibres to achieve very significant increase in impact properties of product, which is the main demand of the time from auto industry. This one-step and simple method not only saves considerable cost in terms of raw material but can be also used for value added utilization of many other recycled and virgin cellulose fibres.

**Development of High Performance Natural Fibres for Composite Manufacture (NCE- Auto21)**

Natural fibres are bundles of individual strands of fibres. When fibres are subjected to heat treatment much above the glass transition temperature of lignin, lignin gets softened and individual fibres are released. The strength of the fibres is greater than the fibre bundle and the aim of the study is to produce these individual fibres by means of thermo mechanical process and use them for composite manufacturing.

**Hygroscopicity and Dimensional Stability of Natural and Wood Fibre Reinforced Plastic Composites (NSERC-Strategic)**

Research work is about the moisture related properties of natural/wood fibre reinforced plastic composites. The dimensional stability of commercial decking products is investigated under fluctuating environmental conditions. The percolation and diffusion behaviour of water and vapor absorption inside the composite matrix would be used.

**Study and Evaluation of a New Poly-cationic Additive in Paper Coating Colour for Ink- jet printing (NSERC-CRD-Industry)**

A coating formulation typically contains pigment commonly amorphous silica or precipitated calcium carbonate, a binder usually polyvinyl alcohol and other additives like cationic dye fixing agent and antifoaming agent. One of the widely used cationic additives in coating formulation is the polydadmac. Despite its wide use, polydadmac imparts few undesirable properties the coating due to its molecular structure. The objective of this project is to evaluate and study an alternative polycationic additive that can suitably improve the overall performance of the coating formulation.

**Isolation and Identification of Minor Toxicants in Pulp and Paper Mill Effluents (Industry)**

Toxicants in Pulp and paper mill effluents such as resin acids, fatty acids (RFA), and polychlorinated organic compounds can cause acute toxicity, which kills fish and other marine life. Recently, greater attention has been focused on chronic toxicity, i.e., the effects of effluents on the growth and reproduction of fish. Studies using effluents from different pulping processes show that the causative compounds can be natural wood extractives. The objectives of this research are to isolate and identify the minor toxic components from woody materials and relate their chronic toxicity to pulp mill

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effluents.

### **Enhancing Performance and Processability of Extruded Natural Fibre-high Density Polyethylene Composite Profiles (MMO)**

Natural Fibre Plastic compatibility is enhanced chemically by addition of coupling agents consisting of appropriate hydrophilic and hydrophobic end groups. However, coupling agents have been found to have contributed adversely to processability particularly in extrusion process. Our research is focused on evolving novel chemistry of coupling agent and internal lubricant system for agro-fibre-based high density polyethylene composite. The research thrust is on improving microstructure through fibre-polymer interface adhesion for improved properties of the final composite profiles while imparting favourable rheological characteristics during extrusion of the melt. This study would also develop microstructure property relationship model for extruded composite profiles.

### **Clarification of Paper Mill Process Water (Industry)**

The Pulp and Paper mills in North America are looking for new efficient technology to clean their process water for value-added recycling. Their ultimate goal is to reduce fresh water consumption mainly from the local rivers and also to reduce the toxicity load to the surface water. Currently, Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) technology is available for reduction of suspended solids up to and above 99%; however, it alone does not reduce the dissolved organic, anionic trash and color contents. A combination of novel physico-chemical treatment along with existing DAF technology is needed to effectively treat white water to help improve the water recycling efficiency and hence, the overall mill efficiency.

### **PUBLISHED IN REFERRED JOURNALS**

#### **2015**

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- Tyagi, V. and Sain, M. "Analysis and Identification of Fungal proteins participating in polymer modification" 6th Ontario Biocar Initiative, General Research Meeting and Advisory Panel Meeting. University of Guelph, ON, Canada, November 6, 2010 [No. 226]
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- Kuboki, T., Lee, J., Park, C., and Sain, M. "Foam Injection Molding of Cellulose Fiber Reinforced Polypropylene Composites" SPE, ANTEC, Technical Paper, Chicago, IL, June 22-24, 2009 [No. 224]
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- Zhu, M., Khazabi, M., Bandyopadhyay-Ghosh, S., and Sain, M. "Micro and Nano Reinforcement Based Rigid and Flexible Polyurethane Foam From Soy-Polyol" 2nd International Conference on Biofoams, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, October 26-28, 2009 [No. 222]
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Inventors: Claude Daneault, Robert Sylvain, Mohini Mohan Sain

CA 2230315 – PROCESS FOR INCREASING MECHANICAL WOOD PULP BRIGHTNESS IN A REFINER

Inventors: Celine Leduc, Claude Daneault, Mohini M. Sain

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Inventors: Mohini M. Sain, Arpana Bhatnagar

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Inventors: Mohini M. Sain, Tayebbeh Behzad

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**52 talks from 1993 to 2005****CREATIVE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Organization of symposia, conferences or workshops

German- Ministry of Research and Innovation (MRI) Workshop on Ontario Biomaterials

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Industry Canada Biorproducts Strategy Development Council

Canadian Standard Association (CSA) Review Panel

Member of Ontario Bioproduct Council (Review Panel)

Organization Scientific Committee of Network of Centre of Excellence Auto21st Annual

Conference; June 2002, Toronto, ON

Organization Group Leader (Natural Fiber and Packaging) in SUMAT- European Union 6th Framework

International Research Committee; HQ: Helsinki, Finland; meeting Brussels, Belgium

Founding Member of Canadian Natural Composite Council (CNCC)

National/international research cooperation

- Involved in nation-wide networking: Auto 21st Century NCE program (involved 8 participants research investigators from five Academic and research Institutions in Canada); worked as a Team Leader in Natural Fiber Project development under Composite manufacturing and Processing Theme.
- Developing international research program in Biopolymers with Sweden, France, Brazil, and Germany.
- Project Leader for Network of Centre of Excellence; Biomaterials
- Integrated program development in Ontario Biotechnology Initiative directed by Ministry of Opportunity and Innovation under BioAuto Council, Ontario Chemical Value Chain and SOBIN institutional collaboration in Northern, Eastern and Southern Ontario.
- Developing Biocar Research Program as Program Leader involving UofWaterloo, UofWindsor, UofQueens, Uof Toronto and Uof Guelph
- Alberta-SK- Manitoba Biofibres and Bioplastics Research Strategy Development Collaboration
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- Project Leader for Network of Centre of Excellence; Natural Fibre Composites
- Integrated program development in Ontario Biotechnology Initiative directed by Ministry of Opportunity and Innovation under ULTERN, NOBI and OBIS institutional collaboration in Northern, Eastern and Southern Ontario
- Involved in developing New Network of Center of Excellence (NCE) in Green Chemistry; submitted full proposal November 2002 (Involved 5 universities including McGill, McMaster, Quebec and UBC in natural fiber research)
- Developing international research program in Biopolymers with Norway, Denmark, Czech Republic under NATO Collaborative Program; ( project collaboration is in place). Acting as a Lead

## **Researcher**

- Acted as Project Leader (natural fiber) from Canadian Institutional Participation in two different European Union 6th Frame work Research program initiatives involving 76 institutional

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partners from Europe ( typically, France, German, Spain, Italy, Finland, Sweden, Belgium, Holland) and the USA (NY Polytechnic) in Biotechnology Research for paper and composite applications

- Developing Biocar Research Program as Program Leader involving UofWaterloo, UofWindsor, UofQueens, Uof Toronto and Uof Guelph
- Alberta-SK- Manitoba Biofibres and Bioplastics Research Strategy Development Collaboration

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### **Other Research Activities and Achievements, e.g., editorial positions, journal review duties, consultancies, participation on boards and commissions, etc.**

- Referees for scholarly journals/publications, conference submission and proceedings.
- Reviewer of Technical papers for numerous journals for diverse journals.

#### **Board Participation:**

- 1) Member of Board of Directors Natural Composite Council, Canada.
- 2) Advisory Member of Stemergy Inc.
- 3) Canadian Standardization Association : Nanotechnology Steering Committee.
- 4) National Biofibre Initiative, Advisory Board Member
- 5) National Oilseed Bioproducts Council, Advisory Board Member
- 6) Flax 2015 Research and Commercialization initiative, Board Member
- 7) Member, Board of Directors, GreenCore Composites Inc.
- 8) Agriculture Canada, Strategic Research and Commercialization advisory
- 9) Industry Canada Bioproduct strategy advisory
- 10) Member of SOBIN, ELRIN.
- 11) Member BioAuto Council Strategic Commercialization Committee
- 12) Member Ontario Bio-Auto Council Research Committee
- 13) Member of Board of Natural Composite Council, Canada.
- 14) Advisory Board Member of Hempline Inc.
- 15) Canadian Standardization Association: Nanotechnology Steering Committee

#### **Expert Opinion**

- 1) Served as Expert in International Patent Dispute legal matters
  - 2) Provided expert guidance in diverse industrial strategy initiative including Canadian Automotive Council, Canadian Agro fibre manufacturers, Natural composite manufacturers, Ministry of Economy and Trade, ON, Ministry of Agro Food , Ministry of Innovation, ON; Ministry of Industry, Ottawa.
- Adjudicators of research grants, or of research proposals for external granting agencies
- Reviewer of numerous granting organizations including USDA, DOE, NSERC, ESF.

#### **Industrial Collaborators :**

At present collaborates with 31 industry partners.

Irving Canada, Abitibi Consolidated, Tembec, Kruger Inc., Noranda, CMD Cascade, Twin-Pac, Canada on utilization of waste streams from laminated packaging paper (unbleached and bleached Kraft and polymer coated Kraft paper production machine for packaging reuse or composite application; Marc Deroche, Trois-Rivieres Canada. This is an international company with excellent growth opportunity in value-added application of wood products in packaging industry.

Kimberly Clark; Use of peroxide bleached Kraft and exotic fiber sources for nonwoven food packaging application; this project orients toward replacement of cotton cellulose with environmentally friendly bleached pulp-based nonwoven products.

Monsanto Belgium; Warwick Corp. (UK), Elf -Autochem, France; Degussa, USA; US Borax. Ford Motors, Toyota USA, Magna, Intier, Decoma, Dofasco, Protectolyte Inc., Hempline, Nexwood, Xtendex, Atofina, Total-fina, Crook Composites, Hempline, Brite Manufacturing, Solutia Canada, Solutia Belgium.

**Industrially Significant Research Program**

***Value-added Forest products***

Twin-Pac, Canada on utilization of waste streams from laminated packaging paper (unbleached and bleached Kraft and polymer coated Kraft paper production machine for packaging reuse or composite application; Marc Deroche, Trois-Rivieres Canada. This is an international company with excellent growth opportunity in value-added application of wood products in packaging industry. Started in 1997.

Zeolite in Papermaking, Charger Inc: Use of zeolite in peroxide bleached Kraft and exotic fiber sources for nonwoven food packaging application; this project orients toward replacement of cotton cellulose with environmentally friendly bleached pulp-based nonwoven products.

Cargill Inc.: Use of Flax fiber in stiffness development for packaging papers and plastic composites; Use of monolayer coating technology to improve moisture barrier and printability in packaging application. Recent project- started in 1997.

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Deinking Mill trial with Phosphonate; Donhue-Solutia, 1996

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Abitibi-Consolidated Inc. (Fort Frances): Worked in collaboration (Martin Fairbank, Jimmy Prasakis)

Important projects: Zeolite to improve value of bleached groundwood mechanical pulp . Project involved increasing retention of fines and filler by adding zeolite in the wet end; evaluating the performance of zeolite on paper opacity, surface smoothness, brightness. Effect of zeolite on waste water quality was also evaluated.

Abitibi-Consolidated Inc. (Beaupre): Thermo mechanical pulp stabilization for high brightness. Effect of phosphonate in oxidation stabilization during peroxide brightening.

Cascade CMD, Cap-de-la Madeline (Paul Derage): Use of deinking mill waste water for wet end and head-box dilution; project is still in progress. The process consists of using microparticle technology in dissolved air flotation to develop short cycle recirculation of white water. Surface treated porous microparticle has been developed in our laboratory and used to reduce anionic trash and suspended solid during dissolved air flotation process.



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Kruger Inc., Trois-Rivieres

This mill recently expanded their mechanical pulp usage in newsprint and high value grade from peroxide bleached TMP and groundwood. My research team is involved in developing new filler system for wet end addition which will decrease pitch deposition problem and improve printing quality by improving opacity and surface smoothness. Solutia Canada is also involved in this project as a financial partner.

Besides these projects I am also involved in various consulting projects in Asian and South American Mills. I am now developing new contacts in European mills to collaborate in value-grade paper projects.

Wood engineering and composites

Paper mill sludge in plastic composites; Domtar Inc, September, 1996, pp 42; M. M. Sain, J. Balatinecz  
Medium Density Fiber Board (MDF) analysis and research potential; Norboard Canada, January, 1997  
pp. 32 M. M. Sain and J. J. Balatinecz;

Evaluation of Fungal and termite resistance character of woodfiber composites; CRF Technologies;  
April, 1997, 40 pages;

Flax fiber in plastic composites; Cargill Inc., December 1996, pages 56; M. M. Sain and J. Balatinecz;  
M. M. Sain, Decalcomanie Graham Inc., "Development of an test method for UV irradiated  
speed indicator in automotive application.

Technology Transfer

- "Preventing Yellowing of Fibre during Bleaching". A research project developed in collaboration with Monsanto ( Solutia) is now transferred to manufacturing scale to 30 industries worldwide.
- Heat resistant woodfibre Plastics Composite Manufacturing: Licenced to Boltwood Inc., NorthBay, ON.
- High Impact Therformed Natural Fibre Composites ( in negotiation with Intier, Magna)
- High Stiffness NF-Polyester Composites ( in negotiation with Decoma, Magna and Defasco)
- More than 25 technology transfers in last 10 years.

Participation in Industry Related R&D Activity and Technical Reports

40 technical reports were prepared from government and industrial projects. Most relevant industrial report is: "Use of DTPMP in bleach stabilization of mechanical pulp" Monsanto/Solutia Canada, 2000  
"Paper Mill Sludge in Plastic Composites", Domtar Inc, 42 pages, M.M. Sain and J.J. Balatinecz, September 1997.

### **CONSULTANT**

Served as consultant in technological and business development related to pulp and paper and natural composite products.

Consultant for wood fiber and polymer industries in the USA, Canada and Europe. Most significant consultancy project was on value added utilization of hardwood and softwood waste chips for construction and building part manufacturing. Project involved moisture control and fiber surface modification with reactive functionality in-situ during processing of wood fibre. The project was conducted by Andersen Corp. and Aspen Research Corp., St. Paul, USA.

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**GRADUATE and POSTGRADUATE**

Direct supervision:

Degree	Name of Student	FT	PT
PhD	Maryam Edalatmanesh(Toronto)	FT	
PhD	Sally Krisgtin (Toronto)	FT	
PhD	Kevin Sung (Toronto)	FT	
PhD	Ryan Kim (Toronto)	FT	
PhD	Muhammad Pervaiz (Toronto)	FT	
PhD	Bei Wang (Toronto)	FT	
PhD	Arturo Rodridgue (Toronto)	FT	
PhD	Sreekumar Janardhan (Toronto)		PT
PhD	Smith Sundar (Toronto)	FT	
PhD	Abdul Awal (Toronto)	FT	
MScF	Chumbei Huang (Toronto)	FT	
MSc.E	Zhuang Wang (UNB)	FT	
MSc.	Leah Drapper (Toronto)	FT	
MSc.E	Alaah Saleh (Waterloo)	FT	
MSc.E	Sylvain Allete (Royal Millitary College)	FT	
MSc	Sadia Khan (Toronto)	FT	
MSc E	Philip Oakley (Toronto)	FT	
MscF	Swasati Ghosh Roy	FT	

**Membership on graduate supervisory committees:**

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Name of Student</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>PT</u>
PhD	K. Sung (Mechanical)	FT	
PhD	Y. Zhang	FT	
PhD	Dragica Jermic	FT	
PhD	W. Gao	FT	
PhD	M. Carlos	FT	

**Supervision of PDF and Research Associates**

Name of PDF and Research Associates:

1. Dr. Tayebbeh Behzad	Post Doctoral Fellow
2. Dr. Ayse Thompson	Post Doctoral Fellow
3. Dr. Sanchita Ghosh	Post Doctoral Fellow
4. Dr. Subrata Ghosh	Post Doctoral Fellow
5. Dr. Indranil Banik	Post Doctoral Fellow
6. Dr. Kuboko Hashimori	Post Doctoral Felllow ( Mech. Eng.)
4. Dr. Robert Jeng	RA
5. Lynn He	Research Associate
6. Shiang Law	RA
7. Chumbei Huang	RA
8. Crystal Wu	Research Assistant

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10. Haijoie Zhang	Research Assistant
12. Su Jun	Research Assistant
13. Hui Cai	Research Assistant
14. Aime Sylvain Fotso Talla	Research Assistant
15. Zack Husain	Research Assistant
16. Christi Chow	Research Assistant
17. Dr. Xin Guo Ge	Post Doctoral Fellow
18. Dr. Alexis Jimenez	Post Doctoral Fellow
19. Dr. Qingping Guo	Post Doctoral fellow
20. Preeti Sharma	Research Assistant
21. Dr. Ming Zheng	Post Doctoral Fellow
22. Dr. Vibha Tyagi	Research Assistant

### **Other factors:**

Supervised several undergraduate students and school students during this time period. School Student supervision (Biocar Youth Outreach Project)

Supervised 5 High School students and delivered lectures in community

### **RESEARCH**

Publications: Include only papers published during the previous calendar year. DO NOT include papers in preparation, submitted for review or in press. Please list in NSERC format and submit copies of all publications.

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### **Refereed journal papers published (January - December 2008):**

1. Kim, S.G., Park, C.B. and Sain, M., "Foamability of Thermoplastic Vulcanizats Blown With Various Physical Blowing Agents," *Journal of Cellular Plastics*, Vol. 44, No. 1, pp. 53-67, 2008.
2. Indranil Banik and Mohini M. Sain; Structure of Glycerol and Cellulose Fiber Modified Water-Blown Soy Polyol-Based Polyurethane Foams, *Journal of Reinforced Plastics and Composites* 2008 27: 1745-1758.
3. I. BANIK AND M. M. SAIN, 'WATER BLOWN SOY-POLYOL BASED POLYURETHANE FOAMS OF DIFFERENT RIGIDITIES', *J. REINFORCED PLASTICS AND COMPOSITES*, 27, 357 (2008).
4. Hubbe, M. A., Rojas, O. J., Lucia, L. A., and Sain, M. Cellulosic nanocomposites: A review, *BioResources*, 3(3), 929-980. (2008)
5. Ayse Alemdar, Mohini Sain, " Isolation and characterization of nanofibers from agricultural residue - Wheat straw and soy hulls ", *Bioresource Technology*, Vol. 99, Issue 6, PP 1664-1671, 2008.
6. Ayse Alemdar, Mohini Sain, " Biocomposites from wheat straw nanofibers : Morphology, thermal and mechanical properties ", *Composites Science and Technology*, Vol. 68, Issue 2, PP 557 - 565, 2008.
7. John Balatinecz, and Mohini Sain; Cars made of wood and hemp fibres? Why not? *The Forestry Chronicle* 83 pp 482-484, 2007 (late reporting in 2008- not reported last year)
8. Banik, I. Sain, M. Role of refined paper fiber on structure of water blown soy polyol based polyurethane foams; *Journal of Reinforced Plastics and Composites*, v 27, n 14, September, 2008, p 1515-1524
9. Alemdar, Ayse, Zhang, Hao; Sain, Mohini; Cescutti, Gabriel; Mussig, Jorg Determination of fiber size distributions of injection moulded polypropylene/natura fibers using X-ray microtomography *Advanced Engineering Materials*, v 10, n 1-2, February, 2008, p 126-130
10. Krigstin SG, Sain M; Determination of the mineral constituents of recycled paper mill sludge TAPPI JOURNAL Volume: 7 Issue: 6 Pages: 9-14 , 2008
11. Sodhi RNS, Sun L, Sain M, et al.; Analysis of Ink/Coating penetration on paper surfaces by time-of-flight secondary ion mass spectrometry (ToF-SIMS) in conjunction with principal component analysis (PCA) JOURNAL OF ADHESION Volume: 84 Issue:3 Pages: 277-292 : 2008
12. Dispersion of wood microfibers in a matrix of thermoplastic starch and starch-poly(lactic acid) blend Author(s): Chakraborty A, Sain M, Kortschot M, et al. Source: JOURNAL OF BIOBASED MATERIALS AND BIOENERGY Volume: 1 Issue: 1 Pages: 71-77 2007 (late publication- not reported last year)
13. Mojumdar SC, Sain M, Prasad RC, et al. Selected thermoanalytical methods and their applications from medicine to construction ; JOURNAL OF THERMAL ANALYSIS AND CALORIMETRY Volume: 90 Issue: 3 Pages: 653-662 Published: DEC 2007 (late publication not reported last year)
14. Lee, Y.H., Sain, M., Kuboki, T., and Park, C.B., "Extrusion Foaming of Nano-Clay- Filled Wood Fiber Composites for Automotive Applications," *SAE 2008 Transactions Journal of Materials & Manufacturing*, Paper #2008-01-1264, 2008.
15. Krigstin, S.G., and Sain, M. The fractionation of dry recycled papermill sludge to higher value components. *Journal of Biobased Materials and Bioenergy*. v 1, n 3, p 315-322. 2008
16. Krigstin, S. and M. Sain. 2005. Recovery and utilization of fibre from recycled papermill sludge. *Paper Technology*, v 46, n 7, p37-42., 2008

### **Award:**

1. Receptient of Grant Achiever Award 2008, Grant – Scotland Desi Achiever Recognition for Outstanding Community Service

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### **Recognition:**

Nobel Prize 2009 Chemistry Award Committee (Confidential) Invitation.

### **Refereed Proceedings (2013-14):**

KC, B., Panthapulakkal, S., Agnelli, J.A.M., Tjong, J., Sain, M. "Development and process optimization of sisal/glass fiber reinforced polypropylene composite" The Composite and Advanced Material Expo, Orlando, FL, USA, October 13-16, 2014 (Oral, Submitted) [No. 290]

Sameni, J., Krigstin, S., and Sain, M. 13th International Symposium on Bioplastics, Biocomposites & Biorefining (ISBBB), Guelph, ON, Canada, May 19-24, 2014 (Oral Presentation) [No. 289]

KC, B., Panthapulakkal, S., Agnelli, J.A.M., Tjong, J., and Sain, M. "Application of computer simulation and Taguchi method to optimize differential shrinkage in bio-based hybrid polypropylene composites" 13th International Symposium on Bioplastics, Biocomposites & Biorefining, Guelph, ON, Canada, May 19-24, 2014 (Poster) [No. 288]

Ferhan, M., Yan, N., and Sain, M. "Bio-depolymerization of bark and integration between laccases Vs bark polyaromatics/polyphenols characterize by GC/MS/MS" 13th International Symposium on Bioplastics, Biocomposites & Biorefining (ISBBB), Guelph, ON, Canada, May 19-24, 2014 (Poster) [No. 287]

Ding, W.D., Kuo, P.Y., Park, C.B., and Sain, M. "Morphology and Mechanical Properties of Polylactic Acid/Cellulose Nanofiber Composite Foams" Society of Plastics Engineers, 72th Annual Technical Conference, Technical Paper # 1886734, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 28-30, 2014 [No. 286]

Ding, W.D., Kuo, P.Y., Kuboki, T., Park, C.B., and Sain, M. "Foaming of Cellulose Fiber Reinforced Polylactic Acid Composites: The Effect of Cellulose Fiber type and Content" Society of Plastics Engineers, 71th Annual Technical Conference, Technical Paper # 1591117, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 22-24, 2013 [No. 285]

KC, B., Sain, M., and Tjong, J. "Rapid Prototype Development of Bio-composite Engine Beauty Cover" Meeting: Society of Plastic Engineer Automotive Composite Conference & Exhibition (ACCE), Novi, Michigan, USA, September 11-13, 2013 (Poster) [No. 284]

KC, B., Tjong, J., Bernard, E., and Sain, M. "Odor-free and glossy biocomposite structural part using Rapid Heat Cycle Molding (RCHM) Technology" Meeting: Auto21 Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, May 21-23, 2013 (Oral) [No. 283]

KC, B., Tjong, J., Sain, M., Doug, C., and Bernard, E. "Injection molding challenges with biocomposite based on computer simulations" Meeting: Canadian Innovation Day, Ford Product Development Centre Showroom, Dearborn, USA, March 1st, 2013 (Oral & poster) [No. 282]

Gu, R., Sui, J., and Sain, M. "Evaluations of moisture uptake and mechanical properties of starch-lignocomposites" BioNib 2nd annual meeting, Guelph, Canada, November 22, 2013 [No. 281]

Gu, R., Vittekova, M., and Sain, M. "Thermal and weather durability of lignocomposites" BioNib 2nd annual meeting, Guelph, Canada, November 22, 2013 [No. 280]

Gu, R. and Sain, M. "Green nanotechnology in nanofiber" 6th International WPC Symposium, Biarritz, France, September 23-24, 2013 [No. 279]

Gu, R. and Sain, M. "Carbon fiber reinforced composites for automotive" 19th International conference on composite materials, Montreal, Canada, July 28-August 2, 2013 [No. 278]

Gu, R. and Sain, M. "Low Carbon Footprint Construction-From Plant Carbon to Green Building" Canada-India Workshop on Building Healthy Communities, Nagpur, India. February 21-22, 2013 [No. 277]

Ding, W.D., Park, C.B., and Sain, M. "Mechanical properties of cellulose nanofiber reinforced polylactic acid composites and their foams" 4th BIOFOAMS (international), p.142, Toronto, Canada, August 27-29, 2013 [No. 276]

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Chang, L.C, Hussain, S., Sain, M., and Kortschot, M.T. "Effect of reactive amine catalysts on cell structure and mechanical properties of fibre-reinforced soy-based polyurethane spray foam" Advancements in Fiber-Polymer Composites: Wood Fiber, Natural Fibers and Nanocellulose Conference, Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Wisconsin, USA, 2013 [No. 275]

Chang, L.C., Sain, M, Kortschot, M.T. "The effect of mixing conditions on the morphology and performance of fibre reinforced biofoams" 4th International Conference on Biofoams, Great Hall Hart House, Toronto, Canada, 2013 [No. 274]

Sameni, J., Xu, J., Krigstin, S., and Sain, M. "Bio-based pots with controlled degradation feature for horticultural industry" BioNIB 2nd Annual Meeting, Arboretum Center, University of Guelph, Poster Presentation "won the second prize", 2013 [No. 273]

Sameni, J., Krigstin, S., and Sain, M. "Structural, and thermal characterization of commercial lignin for potentially value added industrial application" BioNIB 1st Annual Meeting, Arboretum Center, University of Guelph, Poster Presentation, 2013 [No. 272]

Krigstin, S., Sameni, J., and Sain, M. "Hydrophobic advancements in pulp molded products" IMFAA's 16th International Molded Fiber Packaging Seminar, Toronto, April 24-25, 2013 [No. 271]

Phillips, S., Kuo, P.Y., Demaria, C., Lessard, L, Yan, N. Huberta, P., and Sain, M. "Development of Multi-Scale Biocomposites from Flax, Nanocellulose and Epoxy by Resin Infusion" NIPMMP conference in Montreal. June 11-12, 2013 [No. 270]

Kuo, P. Y., Sain, M., and Yan, N. "Synthesis and Characterization of a Novel Bio-based Epoxy Resin from Bark Extractive" Oral presented at BIOPOL2013 Conference, Rome, Italy, October 1-3, 2013 [No. 269]

Ghosh, S.B., Bandyopadhyay-Ghosh, S., and Sain, M. "Microstructural development of novel polysaccharide derived hybrid biocomposite foam and evaluation of cytotoxicity" 100th Indian Science Congress, Kolkata, India, January, 2013 (Poster Presentation) [No. 268]

**Total number of conference proceedings publications up to date: 290 (title on request)**

**Other publications: Scholarly Addresses (Symposia, Conferences, Workshops)**

**INVITED TALKS: (Jan – Dec 2008)**

65 invited talks in Canada, USA, France, Japan, Brazil, India, Sweden.

### **INVENTION DISCLOSURES:**

1. M. Sain, S. Law, Manufacturing Process for Ligno-cellulosic Fibre Filled Recyclable Composite Materials for High Performance--Further Improvement, Ref # 10001455, 15 March 2006
2. M. Sain, Machine Operation Layout for Hybrid Glass and Lignocellulosic Fiber-Filled Recyclable Composite Products Manufacturing, Ref # 10001473, 26 May 2006
3. M. Sain, Solid Phase Dispersion and Processing of Micro-and Nano-Cellulosic Fibres in Plastic Phase to Manufacture Bio-Nanocomposite Products of Commercial Interest, Re #10001474, 26 May 2006
4. M. Sain, S. Krigstin, Beneficial Utilization of Sludge Residue Prepared by a Patented Kinetic Drying System for Use in Engineered Bio-Materials, Ref # 10001507, 29 August 2006
5. M. Sain, Starch-based Polymer Conversion by the Filamentous Fungus *Ophiostoma ulmi*: UT-Thermoplastic Starch--Further Improvement, Ref # 10001556, 17 January 2007
6. M. Sain, Dispersion of Cellulose Nanofiber in Biopolymer Based Nanocomposites in Solid Phase by Melt-Mixing, Ref # 10001779, 23 May 2008
7. M. Sain, R. Jeng, Production and Processing of Fungal Protein Obtained from Isolates of *Ophiostoma ulmi* sensu lato as Protein Based Film or Varnish or Paint or Other Application, Ref # 10001789, 10 June 2008
8. M. Sain, T. Behzad, Process to Manufacture Moldable Green Plastics and Micro-and Bio-nanomaterials, Ref # 10001790, 16 June 2008

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9. M. Sain, R. Jeng, Martin Hubes, Use of Fungal Protein Obtained from Isolates of *Ophiostoma ulmi* sensu lato as Protein Based Film or Coating Application, Ref # 10001826, 25 August 2008
10. M. Sain, Natural Fibre Reinforced Engineered Plastics, Ref # 10001863, 11 November 2008
11. M. Sain, S. Law, Lowering Melting Point of Engineering Plastics: Polyester and Nylon During Melt Processing, Ref # 10001864, 11 November, 2008
12. M. Sain, Bio-Fibre Reinforced Polylactic Acid, Ref # 10001994, 2 November 2009
13. M. Sain, S. Law, Method of Manufacturing - Defibrillated Fibre Pellets, Ref # 10002229, 4 March 2011
14. M. Sain, S. Law, Method of Compounding Pulp Fibre Using Twin Screw Extruder, Ref # 10002272, 3 May 2011
15. M. Sain, S. Law, Preparation of Carbon Fibre and Bio-Fibre Hybrid Composite Compounds, Ref # 10002454, 1 August 2012
16. M. Sain, H. Hajiha, High impact hybrid hemp-GF-PP biocomposite, Ref # 10002603, 14 May 2013
17. M. Sain, S. Janaradhan, Isolation of Cellulose Nano-fibres from Natural fibres: A novel energy efficient bio-mechanical process, Ref # 10002713, 24 February 2014
18. M. Sain, R. Jeng, Cellulose Nanofibre-Based Coating, Laquers, Sizing Agent & Varnishes for Technical Applications, Ref # 10002724, 3 March 2014
19. M. Sain, A. Beh, Reclaimed and Recycled Carbon fibres as a Continuous Feed for Lightweight Composites, Date of submission - 30 January 2015
20. M. Sain, Bio-nanocomposite Starch-based polymer conversion by the filamentous fungus *Ophiostoma ulmi*: UTThermoplastic Starch; June 2008
21. M. Sain and R. Jeng ; Protein from Fungus for Automotive Coverstock, September 2008

### **OTHER RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS: Funded Grants and**

#### **Contracts 2008**

#### **Present Funded Grants and Contracts as Principle Investigator**

#### **Infrastructure Fund**

Sponsor	Title	Duration	Amount(\$)	Year of tenure
ORF RE 07	Clean Manufacturing and Nano Engineering of Sustainable Materials	5 years	1,990,822	2015 - 2020
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), Discovery	Fundamentals of cellulose nanofibres and nano-biocomposites, Grant	6 years	246,000	2012 - 2018
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)	Design and manufacturing of direct micro/long fibre lightweight composites, Grant	5 years	1,691,700	2013 - 2018
ISTP - CRD, Contract	ISTPCanada	2 years	131,250	2013 - 2015
ISTPCanada	ISTP - Bayview(NSERC), Grant	2 years	87,500	2013 - 2014
University of Toronto	University of Toronto Award in Natural Sciences & Engineering, Grant	4 months	4,875	2015/5 - 2015/9
ISTPCanada	ISTP Canada-Microfiber-	2 years	200,000	2013 - 2015

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	based innovative structural autoparts, Contract			
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)	Development of fibre reinforced biofoams for automotive parts, Grant	6 years	232,667	2010 - 2016
Ontario Research Fund (ORF)	Agri residues conversion for Bioproducts, Grant	6 years	10,796,563	2011 - 2016
Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE)	Prototyping of automotive parts with flexible sensor device, Grant	3 years	74,927	2012 - 2015
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada(NSERC)	Lightweight Plastic Manufacturing, Grant	4 years	592,500	2010-2014
Ontario Research Fund (ORF)	Bark Biorefinery, Grant	4 years	672000	2009 - 2013
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)	Polyurethane spray foam with green fibre for building insulation, Grant	4 years	200,000	2010 - 2014

**CREATIVE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Organization of symposia, conferences or workshops:

1) Finland- Ministry of Research and Innovation (MRI) Workshop on Ontario

Biomaterials Prospect; University of Toronto, October, 2008

2) University Of Toronto – CTBA France Collaborative Workshop, Biomaterials; May 2008

3) WPC International Conf, Toronto, May 2008

Twenty additional Ministry of Research and Innovation, OMAFA, Industry Canada, MNR ON workshop for the Centre had been conducted in this year.

**National/international research cooperation:**

1) Involved in nation-wide networking: Auto 21st Century NCE program (involved 8 participants research investigators from five Academic and research Institutions in Canada); worked as a Team Leader in Natural Fiber Project development under Composite manufacturing and Processing Theme.

2) Developing international research program in Biocomposite with Finland, Sweden, France, Brazil, and Germany.

3) Project Leader for Network of Centre of Excellence; Biomaterials

4) Integrated program development in Ontario Biotechnology Initiative directed by Ministry of Opportunity and Innovation under BioAuto Council, Ontario Jetro, Japan

5) Developing Biocar Research Program as Program Leader involving UofWaterloo, UofWindsor, UofQueens, Uof Toronto and Uof Guelph

6) Alberta-SK- Manitoba Biofibres and Bioplastics Research Strategy Development



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### **Collaboration :**

Co-investigator on funded research project:

1. NSERC-CRD Bioplastics from pulp and paper mill sludge: P.I. G. Allen (50,000/yr)(UofT)
2. OMAF- Bioproduct Research Program: P.I. Larry Ericson: (\$138,000/yr)(Guelph)
3. Paper Mill Sludge, CRD Project with Ahmed Kouba, University of Quebec (40K/y)

### **Other Research Activities and Achievements, e.g., editorial positions, journal review duties, consultancies, participation on boards and commissions, etc.**

Referees for scholarly journals/publications, conference submission and proceedings.

#### **EDITORIAL POSITIONS:**

- 1) Associate Editor: Journal of Biomaterials and Bioenergy
- 2) Editorial Board Member: Journal of Bioresources Technology

SEVEN TECHNICAL PAPERS WERE REVIEWED FOR DIVERSE JOURNALS: Average reviewing service: Two papers /month

Journal of Applied Polymer Science

J. of Bioresource Technology:

J. Composites; Composite Science and Technology

Polymer and Polymer Composite Technology. Pulp and Paper Canada

Biomacromolecules and 7 others.

#### **BOARD PARTICIPATION:**

1. Member of Board of Directors Natural Composite Council, Canada.
2. Advisory Member of Stemergy Inc.
3. Canadian Standardization Association : Nanotechnology Steering Committee.
4. National Biofibre Initiative, Advisory Board Member
5. National Oilseed Bioproducts Council, Advisory Board Member
6. Flax 2015 Research and Commercialization initiative, Board Member
7. Member, Board of Directors, GreenCore Composites Inc.
8. Agriculture Canada, Strategic Research and Commercialization advisory
9. Industry Canada Bioproduct strategy advisory
10. Member of SOBIN, ELRIN.
11. Member BioAuto Council Strategic Commercialization Committee
12. Member Ontario Bio-Auto Council Research Committee

#### **EXPERT OPINION**

- 1) Provided expert guidance in diverse industrial strategy initiative including US, Europe, Japan, Canadian Automotive Council, Canadian Agro fibre manufacturers, Natural composite manufacturers, Ministry of Economy and Trade, ON, Ministry of Agro Food , Ministry of Innovation, ON; Ministry of Industry, Ottawa.
- 2) Evaluators for International Proposals in UK, Finland, Sweden, Estonia

#### **CONSULTANT:**

Served as a consultant in technological and business development related to biorefinery, industrial bioproducts, bioplastics, pulp and paper and natural composite products.

**ADMINISTRATION: (Jan - December 2006)**

**Faculty and University Committees (standing and ad hoc)**

<b>Name of Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Duration</b>
PhD Exam committee (3)	yes	2004-
Faculty Advisory committee	member	2008-
Promotion Committee (reading)	member	2006-
UofT Faculty Association Council	member	2005-2008

**University Administration**

**Chair PhD Defence Committee:**

Chair: PhD senate defence for other faculties. – Two

Chair: Departmental Comprehensive and PhD – One  
School, Community and Other

**School:**

- 1) Board Member of School Academic Advisory Committee ( Bishop Allen Academy)

**Other University:**

- 1) Academic Search Committee- Premier's Chair at University of Guelph

**Organization and Community:**

- 2) Ontario Bioproduct Strategic Council
- 3) Ontario BioAuto Council – Research and Commercialization committees
- 4) Alberta – Oilseed Bioproduct Strategic Committee
- 5) Saskatoon Biofibre National Committee
- 6) Manitoba Biorproduct Strategic Council
- 7) Flax 2015 Board of Advosors
- 8) Industry Canada Bioproduct Strategic Development and Green Chemistry Section
- 9) Canadian Plastics Association Bioplastics Committee
- 10) Canadian Natural Composite Council, Advisory Committee
- 11) ABIP Funding Review Panel Member.

**Centre Administration**

Director: Centre of Biocomposites and Biomaterials Processing, Faculty of Forestry

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS NOT REPORTED ELSEWHERE:**

Members serving as external examiners for doctoral theses at another university, submission of grant applications to external funding agencies, members serving on national accreditation committees, members conducting appraisals of faculty members at other universities for promotion reviews, serving on executives of national boards, scholarly or professional organizations, etc.

ADJUDICATORS OF RESEARCH GRANTS, OR OF RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR EXTERNAL GRANTING AGENCIES.

**Reviewed several proposals:**

- European Science Foundation
- NSERC ( Federal) and OCE,
- Ontario Research and Development Challenge Fund ( Ontario),
- Canada Research Chair,
- ABIP Bioproducts Funding
- Alberta Government
- Finnish Academy of Science
- Estonia Academy of Science
- Norway Technical Academy

**Media Interviews & Publications: ( 2008)**

Eight interviews with different public organization, national newspapers and other media. More than 3000 Google Citations for the Year 2008

**Selective Examples Significant Global Citations for the year 2008**

**1. Mohini Sain | Experience Research**

29 Jul 2008 ... GreenCore completes successful financing round - Dec 16, 2008 - 3:42 pm ... Mohini Sain, a U of T professor in Forestry and Chemical ... [www.research.utoronto.ca/tag/mohini-sain/](http://www.research.utoronto.ca/tag/mohini-sain/) - 13k - Cached - Similar pages

**2. University of Toronto professor turns hemp into ...( If Mohini ...**

If Mohini Sain has his way cars of the future may be fitted with tough. ... 25 Convertible Notes

Due 2008 409 1NPS Pharmaceuticals Commences Tender Offer for ...

[news.bio-medicine.org/biology-news-2/University-of-Toronto-professor-turns-hemp-into-auto-parts-3617-1/](http://news.bio-medicine.org/biology-news-2/University-of-Toronto-professor-turns-hemp-into-auto-parts-3617-1/) - 26k - Cached - Similar pages

**3. Chem Prof Mohini Sain - In the News**

30 Jun 2007 ... Time: Update on the 2008 Undergraduate Nanotechnology Conference ... Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry Professor Mohini Sain, ...

[www.engineering.utoronto.ca/news/070320072.htm](http://www.engineering.utoronto.ca/news/070320072.htm) - 13k - Cached - Similar pages

**4. BioAuto, BioCar, Biobased materials, renewable, plastics ...**

A renewable future with biodiesel and glycerin. June 24, 2008 More > ... Mohini Sain's Presentation at the BioPlastics 101 Workshop on April 2, 2008 ... [www.bioautocouncil.com/resources/](http://www.bioautocouncil.com/resources/) - 13k - Cached - Similar pages

[www.industrymailout.com/Industry/View.aspx?id=69511&p=5f43](http://www.industrymailout.com/Industry/View.aspx?id=69511&p=5f43) - 20k - Cached - Similar pages

Wood-polymers composites Kristiina Oksman Niska, Mohini Sain ...

Wood-polymers composites - Kristiina Oksman Niska, Mohini Sain ... Publication Date :

06/24/2008 ... M SAIN and M PERVAIZ, University of Toronto, Canada ...

[www.keenzo.com/showproduct.asp?ID=3199566](http://www.keenzo.com/showproduct.asp?ID=3199566) - 91k - Cached - Similar pages

**5. Cellulose Nanocomposites: Processing, Characterization and ...**

Cellulose Nanocomposites: Processing, Characterization and Properties (Hardcover). by

Kristiina Oksman (Editor), Mohini Sain (Editor) ... [www.amazon.ca/Cellulose-Nanocomposites-Processing-Characterization-Properties/dp/0841239800](http://www.amazon.ca/Cellulose-Nanocomposites-Processing-Characterization-Properties/dp/0841239800) - 131k - Cached - Similar pages

**6. Zerofootprint :: Events :: Environment Seminar Series with ...**

Mohini Sain, Professor, Faculty of Forestry and Director, ... Professor Mohini Sain will give a

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talk titled "Bio-crude to manufacturing: from plants and ...

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