



Message from the Chair

September 11, 2014

Dear CSIFT Members and Friends,



I hope that everyone at our first dinner meeting on September 8 enjoyed the talk by Steve Watts, Partner Prinova Group, on *The World of Vitamins*. We had 83 people register of which includes nine first-time attendees to our dinner meeting and thirteen non-members. Thank you to all that helped with this event!

One of the major themes of the Chicago Section IFT is to ensure our first time dinner meeting attendees and non-members have an enjoyable experience and become further connected with the food industry. We do this by identifying first time attendees at the dinner meetings, where Executive Committee Members will introduce themselves and assist with meeting others at the dinner meeting. A few days after the dinner meeting, our Membership Committee will call each first time attendee to answer questions and invite them to other CSIFT activities. The value of CSIFT events should be both in the core function of the event and also the social interaction with our industrial colleagues. If the Chicago Section IFT is successful at both tasks, our belief is individuals will return to future events, become passionate about IFT, become involved in IFT and the future of the food industry.

We have some exciting events coming up. Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for October 20 where we are excited to have Dr. Devin Peterson, who is the Director of the Flavor Research and Education Center and Professor of Food Science at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Peterson will be speaking on flavor chemistry.

The Professional Development Committee has scheduled a Technical Breakfast Session on October 30 entitled, "Say No to PHO?", which is to give an update on the pending FDA ruling, its impact on Partially Hydrogenated Oils, and alternatives. Speakers for the event include Rick Cummisford of Columbus Vegetable Oils and Dr. Gerald McNeill, VP of Research and Development, for IOI Lodders Croklaan.

We are looking forward to seeing you at these events!

Best regards,
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