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## Professional Development December 2014 Update

The Professional Development Committee is made up of 3 sub-committees: Technical Sessions, Career Guidance and Continuing Education and Employment. The team is made of a group of passionate and energetic individuals who on top of their regular day jobs work very hard to put together dynamic programming just for you. We have a blast doing it! If you would like to be a part of this fabulous team, contact any one of us below.

1) Technical Sessions

After a fantastic educational session in October, plans are underway for another great event in April. Stay tuned for details in the upcoming months. If you missed our last session "Say No to Partially Hydrogenated Oils" you can access the slides at this link on our web-page:

<http://www.chicagoift.org/technical-sessions.php>

2) Career Guidance and Continuing Education

Our second Professional Development event was another huge success. We partnered with the Lake Forest School of Management to hone in on a soft-skill "Innovation for Everyday Problem Solving". We were once again filled to capacity. Attendees were treated to a dynamic, high-energy, interactive 3 hour session learning new ways to manage the innovation process. It was fabulous! We will share pictures and more details of the event in the next newsletter and at this link on our web-page:

<http://www.chicagoift.org/career-guidance-education.php>

3) Our Employment Career Center service <http://www.chicagoift.org/career-center.php>

Please continue to share our new Employment site with your colleagues and friends who might be interested in posting a job opening or looking to grow in their career path. The professional development team is also offering a new service to all our fellow colleagues in the industry – resume writing/review assistance.

For more information about our Professional Development events and initiatives, please click here: <http://www.chicagoift.org/professional-development.php>.

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