



Chicago Section
Institute of Food Technologists



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Message from the Chair

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John Chambers

Chicago Section IFT 2013-2014 Chair
DMH Ingredients

Dear CSIFT Members,

I hope you all had a great time at the April dinner meeting. I want to thank all the committee volunteers and our business office for making the evening a very special event! The House and Program Committees continued their reputation of providing a great venue and great guest speaker for our attendees.

We had William Weissinger, Deputy District Director of the US FDA as our guest speaker. He gave a great presentation that was enjoyed by all. The topic was "Update on the Food Safety & Modernization Act". The event was held at the Waterford Banquets in Elmhurst, IL. His presentation was very informational and relevant to the folks in the CSIFT community. The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) is the most sweeping reform of our food safety laws in more than 70 years. It aims to ensure the U.S. food supply is safe by shifting the focus from responding to contamination to preventing it. Mr. Weissinger covered a lot of new info on the FSMA. If you missed the presentation we will have Mr. Weissinger's presentation on our website for your review.

At the dinner meeting we celebrated the life of Sue Monckton (Executive Committee Member) who passed away on March 20th. She spent 29 years at Kraft Foods. And was a devoted CSIFT member for 38 years. She served as the Chair of the Section in 2003. She also held positions as Program Chair, Past Chair, Treasurer, and a member of the Executive Committee for several years. Susan also served on many section committees such as Finance, Career Guidance, Newsletter, House, Tanner and Long Range Committee. Her leadership and love for the Chicago Section was like no other. She will be deeply missed but never forgotten as her legacy will live on within our Section forever.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our May 12th event at Café LaCave in Des Plaines, IL. We will have a very special guest speaker in Dr. John W. Erdman. He is a Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois. His presentation is titled "Does the Processing of Foods Impact Cancer Risk?"



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The 2014-2015 elections for Chicago Section IFT have recently come to a closed. The results are below. I would like to thank all those that participated in our elections. I look forward to working with all those who have been elected over the next couple years. The volunteers we have at the Chicago Section are truly the backbone of the organization. The great leaders we have had through the years have kept us as a top tier Section for decades. I am confident that the leadership we are putting in place now will keep us there for years to come! It is truly an exciting time for Chicago Section!!

Below is the list of elected officers and Executive Committee that will start their terms Sept 1, 2014.

Chair-Elect (three year term of Chair-Elect, Chair, and Past Chair Roles): Glenn Bluemer

Secretary: Olivia Fisher

Treasurer: Jamie Colby

Executive Committee (three year term)*

Bill Becht

Laura Colby

Joy Dell'Aringa

Matt Hutchinson

*Please note that Sue Monckton was re-elected to Executive Committee but given her passing the next highest vote recipient was selected.

The winners of our achievement and service awards are below:

Chicago Section IFT Chair's Achievement Award: Robert Boutin, President, Knechtel, Inc.

Ellery H Harvey Service Award: Uwe Nienaber, Sr. Group Leader, Kraft Foods Group

Best regards,

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