

## Letter from the Chair

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Welcome back Chicago Section!

Another year has come and gone, and this summer just flew by. We are so lucky to have the support of our amazing members and volunteers. This Section would not be as strong as it is without all of you. If you are interested in becoming a new volunteer don't hesitate to sign up through the website!

I wanted to also call out that a few of our board members have had some very exciting summers, with new babies, engagements, and marriages happening! Congratulations to all, we are always happy to hear and spread the great news!

Our first dinner meeting to kick off the season was a talk about CBD use in the food industry and how to measure quality, on September 11<sup>th</sup> and had a great turn out. I look forward to another year of learning, networking, and having fun at the exciting new events we have planned.

The topic of our October 7 meeting in Oak Brook is food and local circular economies. Also, our New Professionals event, which will be a brewery tour September 25<sup>th</sup> at Off Color Brewery in Chicago. Hope to see all of you there!

So I encourage everyone to sign up for our upcoming dinner meetings, technical sessions, and New Professionals events. There are multiple events going on every month with the hope that we can bring people together in the most inclusive way, driving home the message from IFT to foster an environment of diversity and inclusion while we share our passion for food and food science.

Kind Regards,  
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