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Message from the Chair

November 13, 2014

John Budin, Ph.D.
Chicago Section IFT 2014-2015 Chair
FONA International Inc.
Dear CSIFT Members and Friends,

On Wednesday, November 12 the Chicago Section IFT had their annual Suppliers' Night Event – and what a day it was!

As we approach our Thanksgiving Holiday, it seems appropriate we give thanks to our sponsors who have provided generous support to help make our Suppliers Night event a success:

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The Suppliers' Night Event started at noon where there were 545 booths, over 3,000 people that pre-registered and over 1,000 people that registered the day of the event which equates to 4,000 registered attendees. This represents the most people that have ever attended the CSIFT Suppliers Night Event!

To start out the Suppliers Night event, we began with our keynote speaker, Dr. A. Elizabeth Sloan where she spoke on *"What's Next? New Food & Beverage Ops, Issues & Cues for Growth.."* Dr. Sloan's presentation is available on the CSIFT website for those that would like to have a copy. We experienced a wonderful attendance as more than 120 people attended the presentation.

Following Dr. Sloan's talk, Pam Coleman of Silliker gave an overview of IFT's Certified Food Scientist (CFS) Program. For more information on the CFS Program, please go to the Chicago Section IFT Website and look under the Professional Development menu. Know that points towards maintaining CFS Certification can be obtained by attending the CSIFT Dinner Meetings and Professional Development events.



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Thanks to everyone that helped make the CSIFT Suppliers' Night Event a huge success! Specifically, thank you to our sponsors, our speakers, the dedicated efforts of our volunteers and IAMI (Management Company of the CSIFT) and all the attendees. A special thanks to Jim Anderson (Corbion), Chair of the Suppliers' Night Committee and his team.

Save the date! The CSIFT Supplier's Night event for next year is scheduled for November 11, 2015.

We hope to see you at our December 8 Dinner Meeting at Westin in Wheeling, IL. Our featured dinner meeting speaker will be Anthony Anscombe (Lawyer from Sedgwick Law) with the presentation, *"What's Cooking in Food and Beverage Litigation, and Tips For Staying Out of the Stew."*

Have a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving Holiday!

Best regards,

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