



Message from the Chair: John Budin

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Dear CSIFT Members & Friends,

I hope each of you have enjoyed the summer weather and are looking forward to the upcoming 2014-2015 CSIFT season. The Section had a fantastic year, in part due to the passionate and great leadership of John Chambers (DMH Ingredients). The Annual Golf Outing was a tremendous success – special thanks to Mike Hosler (Mission Flavors), John Fenstermacher (ICL Food) and all the volunteers for their efforts towards such a wonderful event. Our first dinner meeting is scheduled for September 8 where Steve Watts, Partner Prinova Group, will speak about *The World of Vitamins*. Glenn Bluemer (Barry-Callebaut) has assembled an all-star cast of speakers for our dinner meetings – you don't want to miss out on what Glenn has scheduled for us.

We have several newly elected Executive Committee Members: Bill Becht (Dempsey Corp), Laura Colby (Kraft Foods), Joy Dell'Aringa (EMSL Analytical, Inc) and Matt Hutchinson (Morton Salt). They will join the other Executive Committee Members that include Mike Carson (Bunge Oils), Laura Gray (Winona Foods), Jan Miller (Int'l Dehydrated Flavors), Linda Perucca (Mondelez International, Inc.), Keith Schafer, Manoj Shah (Consultant), Timothy Stubbs (Dairy Management Inc.) and Mike Wanous (Roquette America, Inc).

The Chicago Section IFT Officers include John Chambers (DMH Ingredients) as Past Chair, Glenn Bluemer (Barry-Callebaut) as Chair-Elect, Olivia Fisher (Virginia Dare Extract Co.) as Secretary and James Colby (Kraft Foods) as our Treasurer. Our team is supported by our management company IAMI, which is led by Lynnda Nelson. Each of these are dedicated individuals that volunteer their time and talents to the Chicago Section IFT. Next month I will introduce our Committees! To view pictures of our leadership team [click here](#).



The Chicago Section IFT has a new website. Several people have contributed to this activity where the goal was to be aligned with the other Sections of IFT and have a more user-friendly experience. We hope that you will like it as much as we do! The website contains a wealth of information about the Chicago Section IFT - be sure to check out the schedule of dinner meetings, technical events, job listings and how to obtain credits toward being a Certified Food Scientist.

Some additional key items for the upcoming year include working with IFT and their plan for integrated membership, developing a strategy for an endowment to the University of Illinois Food Science Program, continuing to further build on professional development opportunities and, of course, our Suppliers' Night.

We are looking forward to a great year – if you have not been to one of our events – please join us!

Best regards,
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