



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Dear Food Industry Friends,

1) Special Baby Announcement – Lucas Lee Krzysztan (our new cute little professional development team member)

Our team does indeed grow professional and personally! The professional development team is excited to share that our very own Shannon Wilson-Krzysztan and husband Mark Edward Krzysztan welcomed adorable little Lucas Lee on Feb 15, 2016. He is such a beautiful little boy. Proud parents are doing fantastic. Baby is doing fabulous too! Just look at him, isn't he beautiful and check out that cutest little smile. Congratulations Shannon and Mark! We are so happy for you. What a blessing!





2) Our Next Exciting Professional Development Event - April 21, 2016

The Professional Development Team is also excited to bring you our next event. It will be a Technical Session surrounding the Clean Label Movement. We will have unique format with a main speaker followed by a panel discussion. Breakfast will be provided.

Event Theme: The Clean Label Movement

When:

Thursday April 21, 2016

Location:

FONA International Inc.
1900 Averill Road
Geneva IL 60134

Agenda:

730am: Registration and Breakfast
800-845am: Main Topic
845-9am: Networking Break
900-945am: Panel Discussion
945-10am: Door Prizes, Wrap up
10-10:30am: Optional Tour of FONA

Main Topic: Understanding the Opportunity in Clean

Speaker: Pamela Oscarson, FONA International Consumer Insights Manager

Pamela leads the strategic development of domestic and global consumer insight platforms and programs for FONA. She utilizes cutting edge trend databases, listening tools and consumer interaction to bring customers meaningful insight into what's happening with consumers today and what they are looking for in terms of products and flavors. Pamela received a B.A. in marketing from North Central College in Naperville and an M.B.A. from Aurora University in Aurora, IL.



Description:

To launch a successful product in 2016, food and beverage companies must go beyond compliance. They must identify and understand the preferences of retailers and consumers who know what specific ingredients and processes they want or don't want in their food products. This presentation will provide an understanding of consumer perceptions and preferences for clean and simple products and what this means to the food industry.

Panel Discussion: What Clean Label means to you? Perspectives from R&D, Culinary, and Regulatory

Panelists:

Kathleen Crossman, Vice President of Regulatory, FONA International, Inc.

Kathleen has more than 25 years of experience in the food/flavor regulatory environment. She leads FONA's regulatory team to help mitigate risk and keep FONA's products and customers safe. Kathleen has developed training programs and audit plans that ensure ongoing organizational compliance.

Lynda Carroll, Vice President Applications, Z-Trim Holdings.

Lynda is responsible for overseeing all the application work at Z-Trim, as well as being deeply involved with sales and customer support. Lynda has experience in both R&D and Culinary, contributing to application work and quality assurance throughout her career. She has a BS in Food Science from University of Wisconsin-River Falls and Certificate of Baking and Pastry Arts from Kendall College.

Jigar Rathod, Senior Food Scientist, TIC Gums.

Jigar has over 20 years of experience in food product development, formulation, emulsion technology, ingredient functionality, scale up and dairy processing. Jigar currently works on many clean label dairy application projects at TIC Gums. He has his MS in Food Science from Rutgers University.

Lou Windecker, Senior Principal Food Scientist, Griffith Foods.



Lou has 39 years of experience in the food industry with a strong focus in product development. He has been at Griffith Foods for 29 years developing seasonings for all types of products, concentrating on proteins for the last 13 years. Lou has a MS in Food Science from the University of Illinois.

Susan Bergman, Regulatory Compliance Manager, Griffith Foods. Susan has been in the food industry for 11 years, 8 of which have been with Griffith Foods. She has a Bachelor's in Biology with a Genetics Concentration from Purdue University and strong expertise in both FDA and USDA labeling.

How To Sign Up:

Go to our Professional Development Page on the Chicago Section IFT website. Click on the "Register Now" link.

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

3) Thank you to the following companies for their support

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4) Interested in joining us

If you are interested in being a part of this fun and fabulous Professional Development Team, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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