



Professional Development Committee Update

After a successful, fun-filled 2014/2015 year and a relaxing summer break, the Professional Development Team is back again, in full force. We are excited to bring you some great new events for this upcoming 2015/2016 season. Below is a snapshot of the successes of the past year and the exciting events we have planned for you this upcoming season.

1) 2014/2015 Accomplishments

- a. The team organized four successful professional development events (one per quarter) for members, non-members and our food industry friends ranging from technical sessions to soft-skill workshops
- b. All events were fun, educational and filled to capacity, with long waiting lists
- c. The team has grown from 2 to 12 with more members signing up
- d. The team has developed standard operating procedures to create structure and consistency allowing us to continue these great events for you

2) 2015/2016 Plans

- a. Oct 2015: Technical Session
- b. Dec 2015: Continuing Education Session
- c. April 2016: Technical Session
- d. May 2016: Continuing Education Session

3) 2015/2016 First Professional Development Event

Our first professional development event is a technical session that you do not want to miss:

Date and Time: Oct 22, 2015 7:30am-10:00am

Location: IFISH Office, 6502 S Archer Rd, Summit, IL 60501

Speakers: From IFISH and Imbibe

Topics:

- a) FSMA Update-What's Next?
- b) How to Bridge the Gap between Marketing and Regulatory Compliance

You may sign-up for the event directly on our Professional Development page:

<http://www.chicagoift.org/professional-development.php>

4) Thank you to the following companies for their support

We would like to thank the following companies in the food industry. Without their support, these great events would not have happened:

AgriFIS, CDM Smith, Clutch Global Logistics, Griffith Labs, IOI Loders Crokiaan Americas, Imbibe, Kraft Food Ingredients, Life Spice Ingredients, Magrabar, Pure Circle, Tate & Lyle, Univar, Wrigley



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5) 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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