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Chicago Section IFT Award Winners

Each year the Chicago Section IFT recognizes an outstanding volunteer who has distinguished him or herself in the service of the Chicago Section IFT by awarding them the Ellery H. Harvey Service Award. This award is named after the founding chair of the Chicago Section IFT from 1941 whose passion for the profession helped form the first and largest section of the Institute of Food Technologist.



This year we are happy to announce the winner of the **Ellery H. Harvey Service Award** is **Uwe Nienaber**. Uwe holds degrees from Institute of Food Chemistry, University of Münster First State Examination for Food Chemists; Chemical State Inspection Laboratory, Münster Second State Examination for Food Chemists; and Institute of Food Chemistry of Münster Ph.D. in Food Chemistry.

Uwe is a Sr. Group Leader at Kraft Foods Group and currently leads a group of scientist within Analytical Science with expertise in rheology, texture, emulsion and dispersion science, liquid and gas chromatography, nuclear magnetic resonance and electron paramagnetic resonance spectroscopy.

Uwe has been a professional member of IFT since 1997 and has served the Chicago Section as Treasurer in 2007-2010. In 2010 he was elected by the membership to the three year term of chair. In his first year he served as the program chair planning all the dinner meeting speakers for the year. The following year he was chair of the Section providing strong leadership that awarded the Section the Excellence Award from IFT. In 2013 he was the Awards and Nomination Chair ensuring the section was in good hands with strong leadership on the ballot. Currently Uwe serves as the Chair of the Finance Committee ensuring the Section makes strong financial decisions for the future.

Uwe has devoted significant amount of time and effort in helping and leading Chicago Section IFT in the past several years. For all his leadership and outstanding contributions to the Chicago Section IFT we are very pleased to award him the 2014 Ellery H. Harvey Service Award.

Every other year the Chicago Section IFT awards the Chicago Section IFT Chair's Achievement Award for outstanding achievement in Food Science. This award is eligible to Chicago Section IFT Members only.



We are pleased to announce this year's winner of the **Chair's Achievement Award** is **Robert Boutin**, President of Knechtel, Inc.

Robert attended Roosevelt University, earning a B.A. in Mathematics and a B.S. in Chemistry in 1970 and a MBA in 1976. In 1972 he started his career when he joined Breaker Confections/Sunmark as Research and Development Manager. Four years later, he accepted a position as New Products Manager at the Wm Wrigley Jr. Co. In



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1983 for moved to Wilton Enterprises as New Products Managers. In 1985 the food industry consulting firm Knechtel, Inc. hired him as President. This is a position that he still holds today. He is also an owner of Bentley Specialties, Inc, a custom co-packer.

Robert holds 11 patents for his inventions in confectionery, food, medicine and aerospace and has published 17 technical papers and articles and authored two books on confectionery science. In addition, he has lectured and presented papers at various industry programs and the University of Wisconsin/NCA confectionery school.

As President of Knechtel, Robert leads a network of more than 300 experts across a broad array of disciplines. They offer bench top to full scale production equipment in a 27,000 sq. foot facility to help their clients in application areas such as panning, enrobing, molding, depositing, tableting, liquid & dry mixing, blending, filling, and encapsulation. Robert is a champion for IFT and has opened his facility up for the Technical Tours offered during IFT when is in Chicago for the last several years.

Robert received the AACT's Stroud Jordan Award in 2010 for his scientific contributions to the industry and he was inducted into the Candy Hall of Fame in 2013. Robert is also a member of the 2013 inaugural class of IFT Certified Food Scientist. He has been a member of IFT, NCA, AACT, PMCA and the Refrigeration Research Foundation Scientific Advisory Council.

For is outstanding achievement in the area of Food Science, the Chicago Section IFT is proud to award Robert Boutin the 2014 Chicago Section IFT Chair's Achievement Award.