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## 2012 Suppliers' Night Recap

On Thursday, November 15, 2012 Chicago Section IFT presented our 50<sup>th</sup> "Suppliers' Night" event at the Donald E. Steven Convention Center, Rosemont, IL. From my personal observations I am pleased to report the day was a resounding success.

While we await the hard numbers from the Business Office I am confident our booth sales exceeded 550 and our attendance easily exceeded 3,000.

The Innovation NOW! Forum was well attended with the number of attendees growing throughout the morning and some really great information shared by the presenters. The members-only section of the website will have some of these presentations available for download before the end of the year.

Heather Brotcke from Aerotek Scientific led the Innovation NOW! Forum Committee and did a fantastic job organizing the event. The Committee members were:

- Elyse Bisbee, Aerotek Scientific
- Andrew Steinsdoerfer, Aerotek Scientific
- David LeVally, Mays Chemical Co.

**We commemorated our 50<sup>th</sup> Suppliers' Night as follows:**



Creation of a 50<sup>th</sup> logo with elements displayed prominently in all communications materials and on-site signage including the Buyer's Guide.

Creation of a Buyer's Guide insert that specifically recapped as much of our last 50 years as possible and contrasted that time line to appropriate events of the period. It also talked to the history of the broker organizations we honored. (download a copy from our website on the [Suppliers' Night page](#).)

Three of Chicago's oldest broker sales organizations were honored for their years of dedicated service to and support of CSIFT Suppliers' Night.



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Those companies were: Dawson Sales Company, E.J. Mullins Company, & The Thurber Company

We produced three banners, one for each broker organization we honored, which hung on display in the registration area and will be given to each broker.

In addition, we honored Joe Stout for his many years of dedicated service heading the Suppliers' Night Committee.

Each broker and Mr. Stout were also presented with a crystal plaque to commemorate their service.



We had a large cake created with the 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary logo displayed prominently.

John Chambers, as Chair-Elect, did an admirable job filling in for Vijay who, due to his travel schedule at Mondelez, could not join us on Thursday.



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The Suppliers' Night Committee did a great job this year as well – thanks for all of your time and expertise – especially with the added celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Suppliers' Night:

- Mike Gough, Great Foods Co. - Volunteers
- Thomas Gush, Rochem International, Inc.
- Lynne Noren, Dawson Sales Company – CAKE!, the Social Hour refreshments, & hotels
- Mike O'Hare, Dawson Sales Company - Volunteers

Overall another successful event and my thanks to everyone who made it happen PARTICULARLY all of the volunteers who made the day run smoothly!

Zeek	Agosto	Northland Laboratories
Abdulla	Alsawed	Dominican U.
Ron	Arb	Abelei Flavors
Wes	Bartel	Spraying Systems Co.
Renee	Beall	DSM Nutritional Products
Allison	Berquist	UIUC
Elyse	Bisbee	Aerotek Scientific
Russell	Brigham	Dominican U.
Lesley	Burchett	Brenntag Great Lakes
Cécile	Camerlynck	
Theresa	Cantaflo	Dominican U.
Victoria	Centomani	Dominican U.
Salvador	Chaidez	Vegetable Juices
Laura	Colby	Kraft Foods
Regina	Cortez	Student
Jeff	Craig	Synergy Flavors SG
Terri	Cumming	UIUC
Brian	Dahlman	Domino Foods
Sue	Dedmond	The National Food Lab
Claire	Dezelski	Dominican U.
Andrea	Diasquale	Dominican U.
Julie	Dwyer	UIUC
Duncan	Fader	Matsutani America
Millie	Feldman	ConAgra
Mike	Gough	Great Foods Co.
Janet	Gradi	UIUC
Tom	Gush	Rochem International
Andrew	Gusmano	UIUC
Mitch	Jarman	UIUC
Ann	Johnson	Aryzta LLC



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Mary	Labriola	Prinova USA
Anastashi	Lesmana	UIUC
Blanca	Longoria	Majestic International Spice
Shelby	Magnunson	UIUC
Rachel	Marshall	Fontera (USA)
Ed	McIntosh	Flavorchem
Caren	Messina-Hirsch	Dominican U.
Denise	Michalik	
Travis	Miller	Miller Resource Group
Alice	Moon	UIUC
Sheila	Moore	Consultant
Brian	Murdoch	Enzyme Development Corp.
Uwe	Nienaber	Kraft Global
Mike	O'Hare	Dawson Sales
Tracey	Powel	Dominican U.
Jim	Powers	Perten Instruments
Jessica	Pullman	UIUC
Mona	Reinhard	Morton Salt
Mary	Reynolds	H.B. Taylor
Meredith	Riordan	Momentum Scientific
Steve	Rivoir	Lugo Nutrition
Hank	Robinson	Consultant
Krista	Ruhnke	Dempsey
Keith	Schafer	Barilla America
Manoj	Shah	Consultant
Andrew	Steinsdoerfer	Aerotek Scientific
Joni	Stern	Stern Ingredients
Joe	Stout	Skidmore Sales
Timothy	Stubbs	Hillshire Brands
Kristen	Thomas	Barilla
Craig	Thurber	The Thurber Co.
Joe	Tomilonus	Quality Ingredients Corp
Allie	Tonelli	Lugo Nutrition
Natalia	Tregubova	Natalia Tregubova
Melissa	Wang	UIUC
Qiaoye	Wang	UIUC
Lydia	Wiranta	UIUC
Candy	Wysock	Product Dynamics
Adriana	Yepz	UIUC

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Anderson  
Suppliers' Night Committee Chair