



Uwe Nienaber, 2011-2012 Chair

## Message from the Chair

Dear CSIFT Members,

Happy New Year! What is your resolution for 2012? Maybe something food-related? Eating “healthier” or losing some pounds recently gained during the holidays? I am sure nobody was starving during the weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year. Here are some further suggestions:

- Cast your vote during the upcoming elections for IFT and your local chapter CSIFT. As every year your Section has a full slate of enthusiastic volunteers running for office and they deserve your attention and support.
- Put all upcoming CSIFT events on your calendar so you won't miss them. This year our Student Night event will be held in March and our joint meeting with the American Association of Candy Technologists will take place in April.
- Sign up for our next dinner meeting and join us at our business meeting at 4 pm. Remember that these meetings are open to all members and a great way to get first-hand information and to find out where your expertise and volunteer spirit are needed.

When we start into a new year we always hope for the best or that things will get better. Sometimes those expectations might be a little unrealistic, but when it comes to our Section I can assure you that we are on track. Our financial situation is solid which allows us to support many events and scholarships in 2012. It is also a special year to commemorate two milestones: in May we will celebrate the 50th Tanner lecture and in November we will host our 50th Suppliers' Night. By the end of 2011 we have already sold 358 booths for Suppliers' Night 2012! That is a new record. You don't want to miss out on any of these events.

While I am writing this message a glance out the window confirms that winter has finally arrived in Chicago. Everything is sugar-coated with bright and fluffy powder snow. So this is the ideal time to find a cozy spot and do some reading. I encourage you to browse our newsletter in its entirety and to also check our website for new information. The Section recently added a Facebook page (follow the link on our homepage) and we are working on expanding our social media presence to get our members connected in many ways.

On behalf of all our officers and executive committee members, I want to thank you for your continuing support of the Chicago Section and let's all together make this another successful and enjoyable year.

I am looking forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events. See you soon.

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