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Dear CSIFT Members,
Happy New Year!

We kicked-off the new year with a packed house of over 155 members at the dinner meeting held in Rosewood Restaurant & Banquets on January 14th. Dr. Mark Whitacre, the whistleblower in the ADM price fixing case in mid-1990s, was our very special guest and keynote speaker. The first part of Dr. Whitacre's talk on "*Challenges of Business & Ethics in both the National and International Arena*" was quite riveting and enlightening.

The dinner meeting provided a remarkable opportunity for our members to meet Mark (aka, The Informant) in person, and to watch him talk candidly about his role in the ADM price fixing case, and his incredible ordeal with FBI agents as an informant in exposing the scandal. The second part of Dr. Whitacre's presentation on the role of selenium in enhancing immune activities was equally exciting and enticing. It was a great evening!

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the programming committee members for an outstanding job in ensuring the quality and diversity of topics and speakers for our dinner meetings. If you have a special topic or speaker in mind for the dinner meeting, please feel free to contact John Chambers, Chair of the Program Committee. We truly value your comments and feedback.

Our next dinner meeting will feature a very special guest, Matthew Botos, CEO, ConnectFood. Mr. Botos talk will focus on the food safety modernization act and its implications on food safety, security and sustainability. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11th in Kendall College, Chicago.

The Executive Committee approved the slate of candidates recommended by the Nominations Committee for the 2013 election. You will find the slate of candidates listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Please feel free to connect with the candidates and get to know them prior to the election.

Warm regards,

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