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## Message from the Chair

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Dear CSIFT Members,  
Happy holidays!



Dr. Vijay Arora  
2012-2013 CSIFT Chair

While flying home from my business trip last Friday, I was thinking of the dedication and passion of our leadership team in making the Chicago Section the most envied in IFT.

It has been a fantastic year for the CSIFT. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the leadership team and the volunteers for their hard work and unabated support throughout the year.

In the last couple of months, I had received queries from some of you regarding the leadership opportunities in the section. If you are interested in serving the Section and want to be part of the CSIFT Leadership Team next year, I encourage you to contact Uwe Nienaber, the chair of Nominations Committee ([uwe.nienaber@kraftfoods.com](mailto:uwe.nienaber@kraftfoods.com)) right away. Uwe will be delighted to share with you the open positions in Executive Committee for 2013-2014 session of the CSIFT.

I hope you had a great time at the December dinner meeting. The House and Program Committees certainly lived up to their reputation! Kudos to them for organizing a very special gastronomic delight for the holiday party...

We will kick-off the New Year with a very special guest speaker, Dr Mark Whitacre, COO and President of Operations at Cypress Systems, at our dinner meeting on Monday, January 14 in Rosewood Restaurant & Banquets. Dr. Whitacre (aka The Informant) was the whistleblower in the ADM price fixing case in mid-1990s. Appropriately, Dr. Whitacre's talk will focus on "*Challenges of Business & Ethics in both the National and International Arena*". I encourage you to register for the meeting at your earliest convenience.



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The vivid images of the horror and massacre that took place at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in New Town, Connecticut is still haunting all of us. It's a national tragedy and we are looking for the answers to such wanton acts of violence in our society. Please keep the victims and families of the Sandy Hook Elementary School in your prayers and thoughts in this holiday season.

Wishing you all very happy holidays and a prosperous New Year!

Vijay

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