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Message from the Chair

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Dear CSIFT Members,

We were incredibly fortunate to have Dr. Connie Weaver, distinguished Professor and Head of the Department of Nutrition Science at Purdue University, as keynote speaker at the Tanner Lecture this week. She captivated the audience with her brilliant presentation on "Translating Nutrition Science to Dietary Guidelines." It was a memorable dinner meeting!

It is difficult for me to imagine that the 2012-2013 session of the CSIFT is coming to an end. As I look back, it makes me very proud of our accomplishments in enhancing the awareness, strengthening the image, and ensuring the leadership position of the Chicago Section in national IFT. We have made remarkable progress in all fronts: member participation in the dinner meetings is steadily rising; scholarship commitment to food science students and related programs is at a new high; Suppliers' Night attendance and revenue at a record level; student participation and awareness, and new member enrollment rising; a new program entitled "Breakfast Technical Series" started this year; and the last but not the least our financial position and the balance sheet is rock solid! It's an impressive list of accomplishments and we should all be extremely proud of the state of the Chicago Section!

It's an enviable record and we couldn't have accomplished it without the uncompromising support and dedication of the Section's officers, Executive Committee members, hundreds of volunteers, and the business office personnel. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to the entire team for a job well done!

It has been a great privilege and honor to serve the Chicago Section as Chair for the 2012-13 session of the CSIFT. I will be working very closely with my good friend and esteemed colleague, John Chambers, Chair-elect, and the rest of the Executive Committee members in the interim period to ensure a smooth and seamless transition of duties in September to start the 2013-2014 session.

Have a great summer!

Warm regards,

Vijay

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