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Joachim (Joe) Staackmann
(and Wife), 2008, on one of our many travels

Joe Staackmann

1951 to 1961 After graduating from Valparaiso University in 1951 I started at **Armour** in Meat Research studying the chemistry of cured meat color and water holding ability. I helped develop the use of ascorbates for cured meat color stability. I also researched the use of phosphates for water retention and shrink control in cured meats and sausage. During this time I joined IFT and helped with the Minute Man and Auditing committees. I attended my first IFT annual meeting in St Louis and at the Chicago annual meeting I acted as a tour guide visiting the Stock Yards.

1961 to 1967 I worked at **Corn Products** as Section Leader managing the development of pressurized syrups and toppings. I also directed the solutions to problems in the production of BOSCO and KARO Syrups. At IFT I served on the



Program and Finance Committees. I attended several IFT annual meetings including an International meeting in Warsaw, Poland, 1966.

1967 to 1993 At **Kraft Research & Development** I helped develop several frozen dinners, deserts and a number of institutional items such as jelly powders and instant soups. Later I managed a licensing and technology transfer program, an ice cream factory in Bahrain resulted. My activity in IFT became more involved in serving as Treasurer and Councilor to annual meetings. In 1983 I received the Chicago Section's Chairmen's Service Award. I also served as Tanner Lecture Committee Chair and finally as Historian.

1993 to present. I retired but continued my membership and service in IFT as Historian until 2009. I found my 59 years experience in IFT most rewarding in keeping up with new developments in Food Technology.