



Vijay Arora, CSIFT Chair

Message from the Chair

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Dear CSIFT Members,

The dinner meeting at the Kendall College in Chicago on Feb 11th provided a perfect ambiance for our members to mingle and network during the social hour, and then to settle down at dinner tables to enjoy the culinary specialties of Kendall chefs. It was followed by an exciting and informative presentation on Food Safety Modernization Act by Mr. Matthew Botos, CEO, ConnectFood. Please visit our website for more information.

Our Section is always at the forefront of supporting and promoting events that raise money to provide scholarships for food science students. I am very proud to report that the executive committee has unanimously approved the funding for sponsoring the following events of national prominence:

1. A \$5,000 sponsorship for **2013 IFTSA / Feeding Tomorrow Fun Run & Walk**
It's a major fund raising event at the annual IFT Meeting and Food Expo. Last year, the Fun Run event raised over \$75,000. This year, the Fun Run will take place on July 15 in Chicago.
2. A \$1,000 sponsorship for the **Midwest Area College Bowl**. The event is organized and hosted by the University of Illinois for the Midwest Area IFTSA. The winning team from the Midwest area will compete in the IFTSA College Bowl the Annual Meeting in Chicago this summer.

Recently our business office sent out an email requesting you to complete a brief survey to assist our Long Range Planning Committee in developing a strategic plan for the section. Your prompt attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

The March dinner meeting is always a very special occasion as we host food science students from the greater Chicago area to connect and network with the professional members. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11 at Chateau del Mar in Hickory Hills. Please register for the meeting and consider sponsoring one or more



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students to help us in defraying the cost of student dinner. We are expecting over 60 students at the meeting.

I am very excited to inform you that the Professional Development committee is ready to kick-off a new program entitled "Breakfast Technical Seminar Series" this spring. We are desperately looking for a volunteer to lead this initiative. Please contact Sanford Wolgel (<mailto:swolgel@aol.com>), Chair, Professional Development Committee, if you are passionate to lead this program and serve your section.

Warm regards,

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