



## Chicago Section IFT the First Section



### **Anna Lovis and Atul Khare are honored with CSIFT Ellery H. Harvey Service Award**

The Chicago Section of IFT has chosen Anna Lovis, past CSIFT Chair (2008-2009) and Account Manager for Equichem, for the Section's highest Service Award. Anna has chaired the Hospitality Committee, been a part of the General Arrangement/Host Section Activities Committee of the IFT Annual Meeting where she co-chaired the video theater, technical field trips and family lounge committees, served as the Communications liaison of the Strategic Planning Committee and has served as an Officer for many years, as Secretary, Chair Elect, Chair, and Past Chair. She also served as Jury Chair for the Nicholas A. Appert Award, an IFT committee. Anna steps in and has consistently supported the Section when needed. She is an unselfish volunteer, and acts in the best interest of the Section, never for personal gain. One sees Anna's influence on our Section in many ways. Our Section experienced flair and growth during Anna's term as Chair, when meetings became fun and dinners were held at trendy and on trend restaurants. Our Young Professionals group started at CSIFT and was the first Section to create an YP group. Our events began attracting new dedicated active food professionals in 2008-2009. Anna continues to be involved in governance issues of the section, as a sounding board for many Chairs, past and future. She currently edits the electronic newsletter, which has saved our Section costs of printing and mailing out a hard copy newsletter and is better suited to our member's needs. Anna is a graduate of Cornell University and American Institute of Baking.

The Chicago Section IFT also honors Atul Khare with its Section Award for work done on Strategic Planning Committee, as co-chair. Atul is director of Customer Innovation and Technical strategy at FONA. He has an MBA from the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business and is a graduate of Purdue. The Strategic Planning Committee met all of 2009-2010 year and made recommendations for change in membership, programming and marketing/communications. Last year, under Atul's leadership the section piloted successful alternative technical programming, offering members who can't make the night meetings, times that work better for them. Also, Atul set a probing tone and brought the final recommendations to the EXCOM for board approval. Atul continues as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee this year.