



Chicago Section
Institute of Food Technologists



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Message From the Chair

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John Chambers

Chicago Section IFT 2013-2014 Chair
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Dear CSIFT Members,

It was great to see everyone that participated in the Student Night activities on October 21st. I love to see the passion we have at our Section for equipping the students who will be the future of Food Technology. We have some very bright young minds at our local colleges and universities that will be making an impact in food science in the near future. I want to thank all the sponsors and volunteers that made Student Night a success!

We had a great speaker that was a perfect fit for the students in attendance. Russell Moroz the VP Research, Development and Quality at Kraft Foods spoke on the topic of *"Ten Things I Wish I Knew When I was beginning my Career"*. He stressed to the students to focus on being great at whatever job you are doing early in your career and beyond. He also touched on how to seek out a mentor and also how to be a mentor later in your career. The students in attendance were very fortunate to have a chance to hear the wisdom Mr. Moroz relayed to them. They will definitely have a leg up on the competition once they begin their careers.

I am very proud of the effort Chicago Section IFT has in giving out Scholarships! Last year CSIFT gave out over \$31,000 in scholarships and sponsorships. They include; IFT Feeding Tomorrow Run & walk Sponsorship, Streitelmeier Scholarship, Regional College Bowl Sponsorship, U of I Teaching Assistants Scholarship, U of I Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholarship, Research Apprentice Program at U of I Scholarship, and the sponsorship of the Regional Dairy Show Competition. With new ideas in the Marketing and Sponsorship Committees we may be able to do more in the future.

Upcoming Events

I look forward to seeing you all at **Suppliers' Night on November 13th**. This will be a fantastic event where there will be over 3000 attendees for you to network with and over 500 exhibitors.

Our next **Technical Breakfast session will be on November 20th**. We will be deciphering the Food Safety Modernization Act. See our website for more details. www.chicagoift.org.



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Open Committee Chair Positions

I want to thank Linda Perucca for taking over as Past Chair as well as Awards and Nominating! This is a big responsibility and she will do a great job! We almost have all of our Committee Chair positions filled. However we do have a couple positions that need to be filled. Below are the positions that need to be filled along with a brief description on what they do. Please reach out to me if you have an interest. Thank you!

Membership Chair

To serve as the liaison to the membership, by recruiting new members and maintaining relationships with new and existing members. With the change to IFT Unified Membership, CSIFT is looking for an individual who can assist the Section with the transition, messaging to members, the realignment of membership benefits, and membership marketing strategies.

Professional Development Chair

To offer a wide variety of activities and services to Section members to enhance their professional development throughout different career stages.

Duties:

- Set up subcommittees as needed to plan and execute special functions under the umbrella of the Professional Development committee.
- Coordinate and guide the activities of the various subcommittees.
- Plan and organize technical meetings covering relevant technical topics and hosted at sponsored venues usually early morning.
- Plan and organize webinars covering relevant technical topics

Best regards,

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