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## Know Your Emeritus Member: Barbara P. Klein



**Barbara P. Klein**  
**Emeritus Member of IFT and CSIFT**

Barbara P. Klein joined IFT as a graduate student at Cornell University in 1958. She presented her first paper at an annual meeting in 1959 to an audience of about 100 IFT members, at a time when there was only a single session!

Barbara returned to graduate school at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1969, completing her Ph.D. in 1974. She moved up in the ranks of the Department of Foods and Nutrition to Professor in 1985, serving as Acting Head of the department from 1983 to 1985, and Division Chair from 1985-2000. After retirement in 2001, she served as Director of the Illinois Center for Soy Foods until 2010.

Barbara's research was directed at alterations in food quality during storage, processing and preparing foods for human consumption. Her particular interests were looking at nutrient and phytochemical changes in vegetables during processing and cooking, as well as soy in human diets. As part of her research with the Illinois Center for Soy Foods, she worked with the school lunch programs in Illinois to promote the use of soy, and was involved with international soy programs in Latin America and India.



More than 40 graduate students completed their Master's and Ph.D. programs under Barbara's direction. She is the author of over 150 publications and presentations, editor of 2 books, author of 7 book chapters related to sensory science, vitamin analysis, and nutritional value of plant foods. She is a guest lecturer and consultant, particularly related to soy foods.

Barbara is a Fellow of IFT, and shared the Bor S. Luh International Award to INTSOY at the University of Illinois. She is a long time member of CSIFT. For IFT, she was on the Executive Committee, Long Range Planning, and was Chair of the Sensory Division. She served on the



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editorial boards of the Journal of Food Science, Journal of Sensory Studies, Cereal Chemistry, and Journal of Micronutrient Analysis. On the national level, Barbara was on several National Academy of Sciences/Institute of Medicine review panels and has been a reviewer for numerous funding programs.

Barbara is now retired, but still concerned with international nutrition issues, participating in technical committees, and reviewing manuscripts. She maintains her connections with former students across the country. And for fun, enjoys traveling with her husband!