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the First Section



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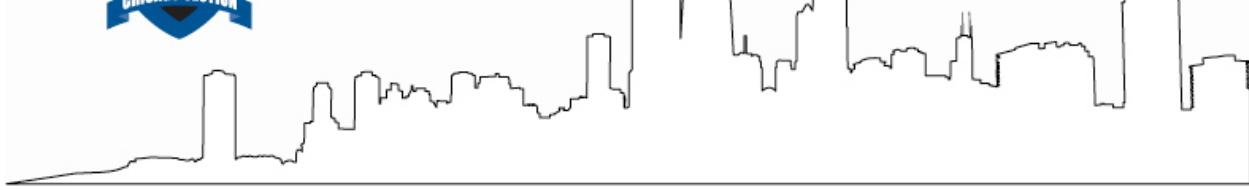
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Monday, September 12, 2011

Kickoff Dinner Meeting

Join Chicago Section IFT and Dr. Roger Clemens at our September Dinner Meeting at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois.

Presentation Title: Dietary Guidelines - Implications for the food, nutrition and health continuum

Don't Delay! Contact the Chicago Section IFT Business Office to register! Tel: Tel: (630) 916-4960

Schedule of Events:

3:30 & 4:30 PM Tram Tours of the Morton Arboretum (\$5.00) (*)

4:30 - 5:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

5:30 – 6:30 PM Social Hour

6:30 - 8:30 PM Dinner followed by Program

(*) Tram rides are limited to 48 people per tram ride.



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Uwe Nienaber,
2011-2012 Chair

Message from the Chair

As incoming chair I am honored to serve the Chicago Section and invite you to become actively involved this year. Although a member of IFT since 1998, I only became really active in the section as a volunteer in 2007. I grew up in Germany in a food-centered environment since my parents owned a grocery store where I spent many hours helping out with different chores. The best perk of course was the almost unlimited availability of sweets. So not surprisingly I decided to combine my passion for food with my interest in chemistry and studied food chemistry. For the last ten years I have been working at the Kraft Foods Technology Center in Glenview.

I want to say thank you to Pam Vaillancourt, our past chair, for all her passionate and tireless work to keep the section growing and our volunteers engaged. She has helped me a lot to prepare myself for this position and to ensure a smooth transition. Over the last couple of years we have experienced a significant increase in attendance at our monthly meetings, the roll-out of a new website, the successful launch of additional technical meetings, a two-fold increase in the amount of scholarships awarded, very successful Supplier's Night and Golf Outing events that are vital for our section, and a further improvement of our financial assets. All of our volunteers and our business office IAMI played a crucial role in this. Don't you want to be part of this and join our community? We always need help in many areas and it sure will look good on your resume. Don't be afraid, we don't expect miracles, just a bit of passion and energy. Look at it as part of your professional development plan.

So what can you expect from the coming year?

- Another season of well-attended monthly meetings with a diverse mix of timely topics that are relevant to all food professionals.
- Additional technical meetings and workshops to strengthen our professional development offerings.
- Further improvement of our communication efforts and social media engagement under the umbrella of a new marketing committee.
- Another successful Supplier's Night and Golf Outing to raise even more funds for our scholarships
- [placeholder for YOUR idea - think about what you can bring to the section and let us know]

So what are you waiting for? Why don't you sign up right now for our September kick-off meeting?

Join us for networking, a presentation from Dr. Roger Clemens our incoming IFT president, and some delicious food. If you are interested in volunteering or have any comments or suggestions, drop me a line. Uwe Nienaber - CSIFT Chair - uwe.nienaber@kraftfoods.com

PS: As you are reading this message you might have noticed that our newsletter looks a little different. Hopefully you'll like the change. We tried to give it more of the look and feel of a printed version with less clicking and easier navigation.



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Chicago Section IFT Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 9, 2011
Place: InterContinental Hotel Chicago O'Hare
Time: 3:30 – 5:00PM

Attending Officers: Uwe Nienaber, Pamela Vaillancourt, John Chambers, Diane Dawson

Executive Committee: Laura Colby, Matt Hutchinson, Linda Kragt, Linda Perucca, Laura Grey

Committee Chairs: Terri Cummings, Mike Carson, Jim Anderson, Sanford Wolgel, Atul Khare, David LeVally, Suraya Gabel

Guests: Gerald Bard, Marla Todd, Dr. Gary List

Staff: Lynnda Nelson

Call to order Meeting called to order at 3:32 PM Pamela Vaillancourt

Approval of Previous Minutes John Chambers

Chair Elect Report Uwe Nienaber

Report Submitted on New CSIFT Structure. Our Incoming CSIFT Chair contacted all Committee Chairs affected by the newly proposed structure and received positive reviews. Several current committees' responsibilities will be bundled together under one committee. This will increase the synergies between committees and the people involved. The structural change does not incur any changes in our By-Laws. The proposed structure is to be reviewed at the May 23rd CSIFT leadership conference. Some of the Committees may be renamed.

Treasurer's Report John Smith

Report submitted.

CSIFT Business Office (IAMI) Report Lynnda Nelson

Report submitted. For Supplier's Night, YTD, CSIFT has sold the same number of booths as of this date last year and we have 5 new companies with booths. Our Business Office, IAMI, is finalizing a web based program for Supplier Night attendees to be able to search for companies or products and services prior to the event.

For the 2011 CSIFT golf outing, IAMI is putting out the first marketing email this Thursday. The registration price is the same as last year. The golf committee has 4 new members and they



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will have a lunch meeting next week. Committee Member John Fenstermacher will be announcing the golf outing details at tonight's dinner meeting.

New Business

IFTSA Fun Run: As a platinum sponsor of the IFTSA Fun Run, CSIFT was given 8 free registrations for the event. Michael Carson and Atul Khare have signed up so far and we will be soliciting for additional participants through May 17.

Dues: CSIFT discussed an increase to our annual dues from \$15 to \$25. A motion was made and passed for an increase to \$25. Student dues would increase to half the price of professional dues. This requires a vote from our members and will not take effect unless approved by our members.

EXCOM vacancy: There was a motion that Dr. John Budin be appointed to the EXCOM to replace the vacancy of Dean Lustig. It was unanimously passed.

Auditing Committee

Thomas Gush

Tanner Lecture: For 2011-2012, it was advised that the Tanner Lecture budget be reviewed with our Treasurer for a better understanding of where the Tanner Lecture monies are allocated.

External Auditing: Our Business Office, IAM, wants an auditing company checking their work to make sure all the assets are being taken care of correctly. EXCOM also wants an external audit. There was a motion to move forward and have an audit and this motion was amended.

The Amended Motion: CSIFT contract an audit with Picker and Associates to do an external audit for the last two years. The amended motion and the amended motion passed unanimously. (Note: Picker and Associates is the accounting firm used for our last audit and for our taxes.)

Awards

Diane Dawson

Atul Khare (FONA), and Anna Lovis (Equichem) are the 2010-2011 Service Award Winners.

Directory Committee

Bill Becht

There is no revenue or expenses to date for this committee. They are looking to offer internet advertisement on the CSIFT website.

Hospitality Committee

John Chambers

Report submitted. CSIFT Student night was a success with 40 students in attendance and 35 student dinner sponsors. There was a new idea submitted for next year's student night: During the social hour (5 to 6 p.m.), companies who are interested in recruiting undergraduate students could be there in the form of table top exhibits with recruiting literature including open positions for a fee.



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House Committee

Matt Hutchinson

There are 95 people for tonight's dinner meeting. The attendance numbers are higher than 2010 in part due to members of an IFT task force attending our dinner meeting. The House Committee is already planning for next year and Jan Miller has an ongoing document for ideas for future locations. The University of IL said they would welcome us to their campus for a CSIFT dinner meeting and suggested that AOCS may want to participate in a joint meeting in Decatur, IL.

Long Range Planning Committee

Atul Khare

Report submitted. Everything is set for the May 20th USP Forum and the registration is open. The IP Strategy Program is scheduled for June 22nd, 2011. There was a unanimous decision to set the registration fee at: \$20 for members and \$35 for non members with a free membership to CSIFT. It was discussed that the LRP Committee is to submit a proposal for \$1000 in financial assistance for the IP Presentation, realizing that the \$1000 can be taken out of the LRPC operational expenses.

Marketing Committee

Dean Lustig

Lynnda Nelson is looking through the notes from Dean Lustig and a new Marketing Committee Chair is a priority for CSIFT. Jim Anderson offered to help but will need to focus on Suppliers Night.

Membership Committee

John Schuette

600(+) Chicago area members of IFT are not members of CSIFT. The Membership Committee is working to identify these members and contact them and see if they will join the CSIFT. A social event to invite non-members was suggested.

Members in Transition Committee

Sanford Wolgel

Report submitted. 16 people attended the April 11th workshop. Today's workshop was cancelled due to a death in the speaker's family. It has been rescheduled for the fall. Sanford has 3 more people interested in joining this committee.

Young Professionals Committee

Michael Carson

The next YP event is scheduled for May 26th at Haymarket Brew club. Michael Carson asked to attend the IFT Strategic Leadership conference in New Orleans if his hotel could be paid by CSIFT. With YP 2010-2011 budget having \$1750 in operating expenses remaining, so Michael Carson could represent CSIFT as our YP, there was a motion for one night's hotel expenses to be expensed through the YP budget. The motion was unanimously approved. Vijay Aurora will also be attending and representing CSIFT as an Officer.

Program Committee

Uwe Nienaber

Report submitted. The Program Committee had a teleconference on April 22nd and the main agenda was to discuss the program for next year. The CSIFT September speaker is Dr. Roger



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Clemens, 2011-2012 IFT President and his topic will be Dietary Guidelines. The location for this event is TBD.

Scholarship Committee

Report submitted. The Scholarship Committee is looking into partnering with other organizations as the Committee continues to work on endowments. An idea was brought up to see if the CSIFT could help connect with companies that are looking to donate equipment for local food science programs to benefit to our Section's schools. For 2011, the Strietelmeier scholarship had submissions from 3 candidates which were reviewed, met the scholarship criteria, and were recommended for approval to CSIFT. Motion: to award scholarships to each of the 3 candidates. The Motion was seconded and carried. Our 2011 Strietelmeier scholarship winners:

Mary Ann Forness
Susan Nielsen
Sheila Moore

Marla Jo Todd

Newsletter Committee

Report submitted.

Anna Lovis

By-Laws Committee

No report.

Mona Reinhard

Nominating Committee

No report.

Diane Dawson

Finance Committee

No report.

Luci Landberg Maass

Suppliers Night Committee

No report.

Joe Stout

Host Section Activities Committee

No report.

Linda Perucca

Tanner Committee Report

No report.

Zuoxing Zheng

Website Committee

No report.

Open



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C-Far Committee

No report.

Nate Matusheski

Golf Outing Committee

No report.

Mike Hosler

Communication Committee

No report.

Susan Nielsen

Historian Committee

No report.

Dave LeVally

Continuing Education Committee

No report.

Terry Cummings

Employment Committee

No report.

Gary Willis

Minuteman Committee

No report.

James Anderson

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:12 PM – The motion was second and carried.

Submitted by: John Chambers, CSIFT Secretary



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The Employment Committee publishes this portion of the newsletter as a free service to Chicago Section members. Because we cannot control the information supplied to us, no guarantee can be made of its accuracy. **Additional information on a particular listing can be obtained by contacting one of the people listed above.** Please submit ads for the October newsletter by September 9, 2011.

A. Compliance & Regulatory Analyst: Responsibilities include reviewing new formulations for regulatory and labeling compliance, provide guidance to manufacturing on blending or restrictions on blending, facilitate handling customer application complaints, provide support to purchasing for Vendor Management Program, participate in GMP and food safety programs. Position is located in Sycamore, IL. Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Chemistry or Microbiology, 3 – 5 years Quality or Food Safety experience. Working knowledge of SAP.

B. Food Technologist: Product development. Requirements: BS in Food Science, minimum 2 years (food manufacturing experience preferred). Culinary experience preferred.

C. Sr. Quality Systems Analyst: Reviews supplier documentation for adherence to established standards and develops and maintains internal raw material specifications. Collaborates with Purchasing and Regulatory groups, collaborate with suppliers to establish meaningful raw material specifications and develops and maintains raw material specification templates used to guide the development of new and updated raw material specifications. Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Science or Engineering. Minimum 6 years of Quality Systems experience.



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D. Food Scientist (Medina, OH): Responsible for developing complex formulas, processing procedures and specifications for new products, product enhancement and cost reduction projects within a USDA facility. Requirements: B.S. degree in Food Science. Advanced degree preferred or a Culinary degree with a strong technical/product development background.

E. Regulatory Specialist: Provide regulatory support and expertise both internally and externally with clients to support the overall business strategy of the organization. Requirements: B.S. degree in Food Science or related field from a 4 year institution. 3 – 5 years Food Regulatory experience.

F. Sr. Manager, Supplier Food Safety (Bentonville, AR): Responsible for approving or disapproving the types of foods and food suppliers they are assigned to oversee by reviewing supplier's practices and results of third party audits, certifications and product test results. Requirements: B.S. in Food Microbiology, Food Science or related field. Beneficial Registrations or certifications include: Registered Microbiologist, Certified Food Safety Professional. Graduate degree in Food Science or related field is desirable.

Job Seekers

Any Chicago Section member searching for a new employment opportunity may contact one of the members of the employment committee above to place an ad under our Job Seekers section.



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Volunteers Needed (*Desperately!*) for the Suppliers' Night Committee

Greetings!

For many of us the CSIFT Golf Outing serves as a kind of milestone reminder that summer, as unfortunately brief as it can be here in Chicago, is beginning to wind down. Soon we'll be asking ourselves "Where did this year go?" And for as challenging as this year has been for so many, some will likely reply, "Good riddance!" I for one plan to convert the challenges of 2011 in to the successes of 2012 and I will begin that process at the 2011 CSIFT Suppliers' Night in November.

For many years now Suppliers' Night has provided our industry a valuable and highly cost effective platform from which to kick-off a new year filled with hope while also welcoming the Holiday Season surrounded by friends and respected peers. As I begin serving CSIFT ("The First Section") as its new Chairman of the Suppliers' Night committee, permit me to personally invite all of our section members and supporting manufacturers to participate in the nation's leading suppliers night event.

My first challenge is to have a committee filled with volunteers who can support this event. We currently have several openings we need filled ASAP:

Sponsorships – The role of this sub-committee is to solicit sponsorships for Suppliers' Night. This is a vital role as sponsorships support our exhibitor guide and our social hour. The work of this committee is now through October 15.

Hospitality – The role of this sub-committee is to contact hotels for discounts and also to order the food for the show and social hour. The work of this committee is primarily now through September 30.

Innovation NOW! Forum – This sub-committee needs day of show volunteers to assist with last minute details and introduce speakers. (Contact INF chair Heather Brotcke hschnitz@aerotek.com)

Volunteers – This sub-committee is responsible for managing the day of show volunteers at the registration table and also at the CSIFT booth. Only have an hour to share? Then this is the committee for you! (Contact Mike Gough mikegough@att.blackberry.net or Mike O'Hare mikeohare@dawsonsales.com)

Did you know that Suppliers' Night volunteers get to register for their booths before anyone else? What a great benefit for sharing your time for CSIFT committee work! (volunteers at the registration booth are not included in this benefit)

Please contact me if you can serve on any of these committees.

Warmest Regards,

James N. Anderson (jnanderson@caravaningredients.com)

Chairman, CSIFT Suppliers Night Committee

Sales Manager – Trancendim Solutions

Caravan Ingredients



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Committee News, University and Industry News and Special Announcements

~GOLF OUTING

The 4th Annual CSIFT Golf Outing will take place on Tuesday, August 23rd. Golf for the day (lunch and dinner included in fee) or join us for dinner only. Your participation will support CSIFT Scholarships!

~YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Join us for Free Bowling, Food and Drinks!

When: Thursday, September 8th, 2011

Time: 7-9PM

Where: Southport Lanes -3325 North Southport Avenue, Chicago, IL

~SUPPLIERS' NIGHT 2011

Mark your calendars- Wednesday, November 9th is Suppliers' Night

We need volunteers! If you have any questions contact James N. Anderson, Chair, CSIFT Suppliers Night Committee jnanderson@caravaningredients.com

~CSIFT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The 2nd Annual CSIFT leadership training session was held on May 23rd at the Marriott Oakbrook in Oakbrook, IL

~UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS- URBANA NEWS

Flying in the face of years of scientific belief, University of Illinois researchers have demonstrated that sugar doesn't melt, it decomposes.

~WISCONSIN SECTION IFT (WIFT)

WIFT hosts their 6th Annual Golf Outing



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Newsletter Deadline is: Thursday, September 15th!

If you would like to submit an article and CANNOT make the deadline, please let me know prior to September the 15th.

Thanks!

- * Committee Updates
- * Events
- * Relevant Information
- * Food Related Articles
- * University Updates

Article Submissions (subject to editorial review): Must be ready for print.

Photos: JPEG files

Send All Files to: [October Issue Newsletter Submission](#)

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