



Message from the Chair

**Dr. Vijay Arora
2012-2013 Chair**

Dear CSIFT Members,

As I sat down to write this message, I couldn't resist but thinking of the Games of the 2012 Olympiad in London, and the fond memory of athletes competing at awe-inspiring levels to win and set new world records! The Olympic motto "Citius – Altius – Fortius" was truly embedded in every athlete's mind and soul.

I believe we can emulate the Olympic motto and raise the performance bar a notch higher for the 2012-2013 session of the CSIFT than the last year! It won't be an easy task. We had a very successful year under the leadership of my good friend and esteemed colleague, Dr. Uwe Nienaber. We had record attendance in almost all of the CSIFT events, record fund-raising for the scholarships and we received a special recognition from the national IFT as the "Section of Excellence for 2011".

I am quite fortunate to have incredibly talented and passionate members in the leadership team to help me guide the CSIFT to new heights. Our committee chairs are very excited and committed to ensure the quality and diversity of dinner meetings, fund-raising events and social activities to engage industry, suppliers, academia and regulatory agencies in the Chicago land area for the benefit of our members.

We cannot succeed without your support. Some of our committees are in need of volunteers to carry out their task. If you are passionate about the future of CSIFT and can afford to volunteer 3 – 4 hours of your time per month to help us out, please contact any of the committee chairs or me to discuss the opportunities.

Best regards,

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