



Institute of Food Technologists

Greetings from the Chair-Elect

Hello and I hope everyone is doing great for the Spring 09 semester! First, I want to thank all members who participated in our Lafourche Sugar Corp. tour on November 18, 2008. For those who had to miss, please see photos below that were taken by Miguel during the tour. As you can tell, the sugarcane processing was in full swing on the day of our visit, and we had tons of fun and ...sugars. It was a great and very informative tour. We have two exciting events scheduled this Spring in conjunction with the 5th Annual Louisiana Food Processors Conference (March 18-19, 2009). First, we will be having a **Supplier's Night**

on March 18. The event serves as a great opportunity for local food companies to showcase their products. In addition, students will have the opportunity to present posters that have been accepted for presentation at an annual professional society meeting and winners will be selected. Please see page 2 of the newsletter for detailed information. Second, we are excited that **Dr. Suresh Pillai, an IFT Distinguished Lecturer** from Texas A & M University will come over and give a talk on March 19 entitled "Foods, Microbial Metagenomics, and Human Health: Unraveling the Unknowns." We look forward to great participation and learn-

ing in those events. I also want to mention that for the first time ever, we will be running our section officer election through the IFT's online election system. We encourage everyone to cast your ballot then. The election is scheduled to go live at noon on February 12. As always, I encourage every member to participate in these wonderful events and look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on March 18!

Sincerely,
Beilei Ge
Chair-Elect



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IFT accepts and adopts the concept of diversity which views society as a mixture of all backgrounds each with a unique contribution. IFT

seeks to retain and celebrate individual differences and therefore will not discriminate based on race, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, disability or veteran status.



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Student Poster Presentations at 5th Annual Louisiana Food Processors Conference



Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to register to display their posters at the 5th Annual Louisiana Food Processors Conference on March 18. This is an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their research and network with the Louisiana Food

Industry. Winners will be selected at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. **Please see the rules for participation below:**

1. The abstract has been accepted by a professional organization.
2. The poster cannot be older than January 2008.
3. The poster is to be presented in a professional organization's annual meeting.
4. The presenting author should be the first author of the abstract.
5. Two winners will be selected for graduate students and one for undergraduate student.
6. A plaque is to be presented to each winner.
7. The poster will be judged by three judges.
8. The winners will be announced at the end of the event.

Vote in the IFT Leadership Election Online

IFT elections are now available online. The elections started on February 12 and will last until March 13, 2009. For the first time ever, the Louisiana Gulf Coast section is conducting elections online! IFT sent out an email announcement on February 12 with the website where you can cast your vote.



Congratulations to our Department of Food Science Students!

The following students' abstracts were accepted for presentation at the IFT Annual Meeting in Anaheim, California.

Lauren Cook
Tao Dong
Jonathan Futch
Karen Garcia
Darryl Holliday
Rosalyn Manaos
Alfredo Prudente
Jianing Pu
Adriana Soto

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Pamarin Waimaleongora-Ek
Huaixia Yin
Xiaohua Yue



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Friday, June 5	
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Pre-Annual Meeting Short Courses
Saturday, June 6	
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	IFT Cares Second Harvest Volunteer Activity
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	IFT International Food Nanoscience Conference
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Pre-Annual Meeting Short Courses
12:00 – 5:00 p.m.	IFT Career Fair
12:30 – 4:30 p.m.	IFT Cares Second Harvest Volunteer Activity
5:30 – 6:45 p.m.	Awards Celebration
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Networking Reception
Sunday, June 7	
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Sunrise Sessions
8:15 – 9:45 a.m.	Scientific Sessions
10:00 – 11:45 a.m.	Keynote Session
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	First-Time Attendee Orientation
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Poster Sessions
12:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Food Expo
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Scientific Sessions
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Food Expo Innovation Award Session
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Poster Sessions
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	"Taste for Science" Reception
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Town Hall Meeting
Monday, June 8	
6:30 – 7:30 a.m.	IFTSA & IFT Foundation Fun Run 2009
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Scientific Sessions
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Theme General Session
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Food Expo
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Scientific Sessions
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Poster Sessions
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Scientific Sessions
2:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Poster Sessions
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	"Taste for Science" Reception
7:00 – 11:00 p.m.	IFTSA Welcome Assembly and College Bowl Competition
Tuesday, June 9	
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Sunrise Sessions
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Scientific Sessions
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Food Technology Trend Panel
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Poster Sessions
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Expo
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Scientific Sessions
1:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Scientific Sessions
1:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Poster Sessions
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Phi Tau Sigma Student Awards Ceremony
Wednesday, June 10	
7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	IFT Global Food Safety & Quality Conference
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	IFT Cares Second Harvest Volunteer Activity



Meeting Notice

March 18: 5:00—8:00 p.m.

IFT Supplier's Night & Reception

March 19: 9:00 a.m.

Presentation by Dr. Suresh Pillai

Lod Cook Conference Center 3838

West Lakeshore Dr

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

March 18-19, 2009

Meeting Registration

- Supplier's Night & Speaker \$50
- Supplier's Night Only \$30
- Speaker Presentation Only \$20
- Trade Show Booth/Supplier's Night \$100

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

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Please mail your registration & payment to:



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Please make checks payable to Louisiana Gulf Coast Section of IFT.

Trade show booths are limited, so please make your reservations early!



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SAMPLE BALLOT – DO NOT RETURN

Below you will find the sample ballot for online elections. When you go to the link provided by IFT and enter your username & password, you will be able to find brief bios for the nominated individuals.

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<p>Member-At-Large </p> <p><i>Instructions:</i> Please vote for one.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Kenneth W. McMillin </p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in <input type="text"/></p>	
<p>Member-At-Large </p> <p><i>Instructions:</i> Please vote for one.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Marlene Janes </p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in <input type="text"/></p>	
<p>Chair Elect </p> <p><i>Instructions:</i> Please vote for one.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ashley Bond Gutierrez </p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in <input type="text"/></p>	
<p>Treasurer </p> <p><i>Instructions:</i> Please vote for one.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Miguel Gutierrez </p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in <input type="text"/></p>	
<p>Secretary </p> <p><i>Instructions:</i> Please vote for one.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Joongmin Shin </p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in <input type="text"/></p>	

Directions:

From I-10

- Take the Dalrymple Dr exit 156B to LSU - go 0.2 miles
- Turn right at Dalrymple Dr - go approx 1 mile
- Bear left at W Lakeshore Dr - go 0.2 miles
- The LSU Alumni Association will be approximately .5 mile on the right

