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## Greetings from the Chair

It is an honor to begin serving the Louisiana Gulf Coast section IFT as the 2011-2012 Chair. I am pleased to be working with fellow officers Mrs. Ashley Gutierrez, Ms. Alison Hunter and Dr. Damien Narcisse. Drs. Marlene Janes and Ken McMillin continue to serve as our Members-at-Large.

Congratulations to LSU Food Science Students, Mmes Alisa Todd and Adriana Soto and Mr. Darryl Holliday for placing First in the IFT *Feeding the Minds that Feed the World* 2011 IFT Heart-Healthy Product Development Competition sponsored by Canolainfo.org. The First Place product was a "shelf stable bubble tea designed for the grab-and-go lifestyle."

This year we plan to give a special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the June, 2011 Annual IFT Meeting in New Orleans a successful event at the Thanksmas Dinner to be held on November

18, 2011. In January, we are planning a tour of the Celebration Distillery, in New Orleans to be followed by a dinner meeting. Mark your calendars now for the March 14-15, 2012 Louisiana Food Processors Conference to be held on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge. We will have tabletop displays for exhibitors as well as a student poster competition.

During the conference, GC IFT will host a Supplier's Night on March 14th with an invited speaker. We will hold our annual Crawfish Boil in April and award IFT Scholarships.

We have sufficient cash reserves to offer two \$1,000 scholarships to graduate students. One will be provided at the Thanksmas dinner and the second at the Crawfish Boil. Scholarships will be considered for graduate students in good academic standing, are members of the GCIFT section and are active in IFT activities.

We welcome more active participation in GCIFT activities. Students gain real world experience by interacting with industry and regulatory sectors. Potential employers have the opportunity to become better acquainted with students and consult with faculty on their needs and interests. To join GCIFT, please go to <http://www.ift.org/sections/gulf/index.htm>. The cost is a modest \$10 per year for National IFT members and \$15 for non-members.

If you should have any questions and comments, please feel free to contact me at llampila@agcenter.lsu.edu. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Sincerely,

Lucina E. Lampila, Ph.D., R.D.

Chair, GC IFT

**Tentative Schedules for GC-IFT**

Date	Event	Location	Approx. Time
November 2011	Thanksmas Dinner	Baton Rouge, LA	3 h
January 2012	Celebration Distillery Tour	New Orleans, LA	3 h
March 2012	GC IFT Supplier's Night & speaker	Baton Rouge, LA	4 h
April 2012	Crawfish Boil	Baton Rouge, LA	3 h

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### Meeting Notice

November 18th, 2011  
6:00 pm—9:00 pm  
Thanksmas Dinner  
Nelson Memorial Hall  
Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803



\*Dinner is held this year to celebrate Thanksgiving, the upcoming holiday season, and to thank those who volunteered at the Annual IFT Meeting in New Orleans this past summer.

**Please RSVP to [ahunter@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ahunter@agcenter.lsu.edu) by November 16th**

This year, the Louisiana Gulf Coast Section IFT will be awarding a \$1000 scholarship to an LSU graduate student. The scholarship recipient will be acknowledged at the Thanksmas Dinner held at LSU Nelson Memorial Hall. Hope you can attend to show your support for this outstanding student!



### NEXT MEETING: January 2012

Old New Orleans Louisiana Rum Tour at the Celebration Distillery in New Orleans, LA (participants must be 21 or older)

4:00 PM, \$10 per person, more details TBA

Please email me, Alison Hunter ([ahunter@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ahunter@agcenter.lsu.edu)) with any comments, concerns, or suggestions.

### Disclaimer

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are the opinions of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the official position of IFT, nor the Regional Section and should not be interpreted as such.

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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Cross Perkins Road

Continue on Stanford Drive/LSU Avenue

Turn right onto Highland Road

Turn right onto Agcenter Drive, turn after Ag Chemistry Building

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**\*\*\*NOTE: ACADIAN THRUWAY, STANFORD DR, AND LSU AVE ARE THE SAME ROAD**