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 told, 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 learning 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

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.
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  Yuting Wan
Tao Dong  Pamarin Waimaleongora-Ek
Jonathan Futch  Huaxia Yin
Karen Garcia  Xiaohua Yue
Darryl Holliday
Rosaly Manaosis
Alfredo Prudente
Jianing Pu
Adriana Soto
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 __________________________
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City __________ State ____
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Phone __________
Email __________________________

Please mail your registration & payment to:

Ashley Bond Gutierrez
111 Food Science Building
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA  70803

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

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

We are on the Web
www.ift.org/sections/gulf/index.htm

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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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• 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