scheduled this Spring in conjunction with the 6th Annual Louisiana Food Processors Conference (March 17-18, 2010). First, we will be having a Supplier’s Night on March 17. This is a great opportunity for food companies to showcase their products and services. In fact, we have several food companies attending from outside of Louisiana. In addition, students will have the opportunity to present posters that have been accepted for presentation at 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. Mark McLellan, an IFT Distinguished Lecturer from University of Florida will also be giving a presentation on March 17 entitled “University/Industry Partnerships.” We are very much looking forward to seeing you at these events. Also, we will be having our annual crawfish boil and student scholarship award presentations on Wednesday, April 14. Students, the deadline for abstracts is February 26. Please see page 3 of the newsletter for more detailed information.

Sincerely,
Ashley Gutierrez
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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Greetings from the Chair-Elect
I hope everyone is doing great for the beginning of 2010! I want to thank all members who participated in our Motivatit Seafood tour on November 24, 2009. For those who had to miss, please see photos below that were taken by Dr. Shin during the tour. We thoroughly enjoyed the tour, and everyone got to try the delicious oysters. I would also like to take a moment to congratulate the students whose abstracts were accepted for presentation at the IFT annual meeting in Chicago (see page 2). We have two great events
Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to register to display their posters at the 6th Annual Louisiana Food Processors Conference on March 17. 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 2009.
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.

Congratulations to our Department of Food Science Students!

The following students’ abstracts were accepted for presentation at the IFT Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

- Adriana Soto
- Ahalya Kosal Ram
- Carla Sandlin
- Chenfei Gao
- Damir Torrico
- Huaxia Yin
- Jianing Pu
- Jose Estrada
- Kevin Mis
- Karen Garcia
- Luis Alfaro
- Wisdom Wardy
- Marcela Ruiz
- Namrata Karki
- Pamarin Waimaleongara-Ek
- Luis.A.Espinoza Rodezno
- Phatipha Charoenthaikij
- Srijanani Sundararajan
- Sonja Jones
- Sriwiang Tipkanon
- Tamaratina Jombai
- Waheeda Mohideen
- Wannita Jirangrat

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**Student Poster Presentations at 6th Annual Louisiana Food Processors Conference**

**Congratulations!**
General Criteria and Eligibility for the Scholarships Sponsored By the Louisiana Gulf Coast Section of IFT

The LA-GCS sponsors three scholarships:

**Louisiana Gulf Coast Section Scholarship**
A general scholarship in the area of food science or a closely related field, in the amount of $300, to assist a student in travel to the IFT meeting. The applicant must meet eligibility requirements set by the Louisiana-Gulf Coast Section. One scholarship is offered.

**Tom Quinn and Associates Scholarship**
A general scholarship in the area of food science or a closely related field, in the amount of $250, to assist a student in travel to the IFT meeting. The applicant must meet eligibility requirements set by the Louisiana-Gulf Coast Section. One scholarship is offered.

**Central Analytical Laboratories Scholarship**
A scholarship in the amount of $300 awarded to a graduate student whose research exhibits excellence in the areas of microbiological or chemical testing of food or agricultural products. The applicant must meet eligibility requirements set by the Louisiana-Gulf Coast Section. One scholarship is offered.

The abstracts will be judged on the following criteria:

**Title.** The title is accurate, descriptive and concise. The title stimulates interest.

**Content and Organization.** The presentation is logical and overall content is well organized. Clarity of expression, good grammar and punctuation are expected.

**Apparent Quality and Importance of Research.** The techniques used and experimental designs are appropriate, adequate and necessary. The research is current, innovative and provides a better understanding in the particular area of research.

**Materials and Methods.** The presentation and explanation of sample treatments, storage conditions, replications, statistical methods used, etc. are accurate, clear, concise, and adequate.

**Results** The presentation and explanation of the results are adequate, clear, concise and precise. The explanation of the results conforms to scientifically sound principals.

**Conclusions.** The conclusions are sound and supported by the results.

Eligibility requirements for LA-GCS IFT sponsored Scholarships

- To be eligible to win a LA-GCS Scholarship, the winner must meet certain criteria, which are listed:
- The candidate is a student member of IFT.
- The student will present his/her own work only.
- The candidate is a full or part time student in good standing at a university within the area covered by the Louisiana Gulf Coast Section of IFT. Unless stated otherwise in the individual scholarship requirements, the student may be either an undergraduate or a graduate student. The student may be enrolled in a food science curriculum or related curriculum (e.g., nutrition, chemistry, meat science, dairy science, etc.).
- The abstract has been accepted for a presentation or a poster at the current IFT meeting. Proof of acceptance is required.
- The candidate must be available to attend the awards meeting and be prepared to make an oral presentation.
- Scholarship candidates are encouraged to attend the meetings sponsored by the Louisiana Gulf Coast Section. Candidates will be expected to attend at least two meetings sponsored by the Louisiana Gulf Coast Section.
- Only graduate students are eligible for the Central Analytical Laboratories Scholarship. The candidate must be involved in research that exhibits excellence in the areas of microbiological or chemical testing of food or agricultural products.
Meeting Notice

March 17: 5:00—8:00 p.m.
IFT Supplier’s Night & Reception
March 17: 3:30—4:30 p.m.
Presentation by Dr. Mark McLellan
Energy, Coast and Environment Building
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Meeting Registration
☐ Supplier’s Night & Speaker $50
☐ Supplier’s Night Only $30
☐ Speaker Presentation Only $10
☐ Trade Show Booth/Supplier’s Night $100

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Email  ___________________________

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

Trade show booths are limited,
so please make your reserva-
tions early!

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