



Tropical Casino Night



Come and press your luck at the MD IFT Spring Party! Network around the Craps table or Roulette wheel and enjoy a fun-filled night of chance! There will also be card tables with Blackjack and Texas Hold 'Em. The theme is tropical, so come dressed in your most festive outfit!



Date: Thursday, March 15, 2007

Place: Hilton Garden Inn at White Marsh
5015 Campbell Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21236
Ph. 410-427-0600
www.hiltongardeninn.com

Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.



Appetizers: Coconut Shrimp, Thai peanut chicken skewers, Asparagus roll-ups

Menu: Fajitas with all the fixings
Assorted wraps ~ turkey club, BLT, and Oriental
Seasonal Fruit Display

Dessert: Brownies, sugar cookies, fruit tarts

Beverages: Beer, Wine, and sodas



Cost: \$35 IFT Members and Guests (**\$40 at door**)
\$15 Students

RSVP: By Wednesday, March 7, 2007 to Stacy VanDenHeuvel at svandenheuvel@ticgums.com, or call Stacy at (410) 273-7300 ext. 3319. Please indicate your name and company if emailing or leaving a message.

NO SHOWS WILL BE BILLED!

Suppliers' Night 2007

When: Thursday, April 5th, 2007
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Holiday Inn Select, Timonium, MD

****Members mark your calendar for the best suppliers' night in history! We will have between 70 and 100 suppliers, great food and as always door prizes!****

Suppliers -

We have upgraded to electronic registration. Click on the link below to sign up and then mail payment to Frances Tutt.

<http://www.ift.org/sections/maryland/form.php>

You will get a confirmation back via email that we received your registration. If you have any questions or comments please contact Frances at

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Frances_Tutt@mccormick.com.

We also want to say **THANKS** to Louis Rossanese for our new electronic registration form! If you have questions about the web page, contact Louis at (856) 630-0898 or lrossanese@dvifi.com

Students -

There will be a Student Poster Competition. Kara Kern will be emailing and posting the competition details soon. This is a great opportunity to show off your hard work.

1st Place - \$300
2nd Place - \$200
3rd Place - \$100

Message from the Chair Elect -

I hope everyone had a good New Year. Mine was not exactly fun since I am recovering from nose and throat surgery that I just had January 18th. However, the worst is over, and I am really starting to feel better. Here's to hoping that trend continues.

I'll keep this month's entry short, but I just wanted to mention a few things briefly. First, this year is the return of IFT Casino Night. I know Juan, Kara, and others have worked diligently to make sure this event is a big hit. I have seen some of the events they have planned and it looks pretty cool. This is always a fun event and this year will be no exception. Second - SUPPLIER'S NIGHT! I know that last month I plugged this night like crazy, but it can't hurt to mention it again. I can't stress enough how big this event is.

That's about it for this month. I'll see you all at upcoming events.

Tim Ward

Message from the Past Chair -

I hope all had a great Holiday. Can you believe it...? January is over? You may not be aware but there has been a lot of activity and planning. This issue of the Maryland Section news will fill in a lot of dates on your calendar and give members a lot of opportunity to participate and network.

Karen V. Siler

NOMINATIONS

It is time for you to nominate a professional member of our section to serve as chair-elect for 2007-2008.

To do so, ask a question or voice a concern please contact our secretary, Stacy VanDenHeuvel at svandenheuvel@ticgums.com or (410) 273-7300 ext. 3319

~Student Corner~

I hope your spring semester is off to a good start for everyone! We have lots to look forward to in the upcoming months. Soon the March Casino Night Event - our “party” event for the year. A casual night with gambling games such as Texas Hold ‘Em, Roulette, Craps, and Black Jack. It’s the week before spring break, so if you have time between finals, come out and have some fun!! Oh, and it’s tropical so wear something festive! We look forward to seeing you there!

Next in April is the Suppliers’ Night. This is a great opportunity to “walk the floor” and see the various food companies in the area. You are able to speak with employers about the types of jobs, products, and services they have available. A great networking event! Don’t forget about the Student Poster Session. Any undergraduate or graduate student can enter with any topic. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Hopefully this year we will have some great submissions. If there are any questions regarding the regulations, please direct your questions/concerns to me.

Mentor Program...

We are still interested in starting a Mentor Program. I think it’s a great way to learn more about the industry first hand and to get a real insight of what jobs and careers are really like. Finding a job after graduation (or anytime for that matter) can be very stressful and this is one way to help ease the process.

We can set the program up so that each student chooses/receives a mentor and can direct all questions or concerns to that one person. Or we could form a team of Mentors that are willing to volunteer their thoughts and advice. The student can pose any question and anyone on the team can respond.

We want to do what is most beneficial for you, so your thoughts and suggestions are appreciated.

Thanks and we look forward starting this program!

Check It Out!

Hold The Coffee! Caffeinated Donuts and Bagels Could Provide That Morning Buzz!

http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=ind_focus.story&STORY=/www/story/01-24-2007/0004511901&EDATE=WED+Jan+24+2007,+08:00+AM

Organic will lead the food revolution, say Melchett

<http://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/news/ng.asp?n=73626&m=1FNU124&c=gowvgilpqhplkp>

Dates to Remember....

March 15th: Tropical Casino Night – Fun & Games at the Hilton Garden Inn at White Marsh from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

April 5th: Supplier’s Night – Holiday Inn Select, Timonium, MD from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Maryland IFT Meeting – HACCP TRAINING

The turn out for our February HACCP Training Meeting was wonderful with 39 attendees! The attendees were introduced to the idea of HACCP and what it was all about. After the presentation, attendees were able to take a test covering the materials in the presentation in order to receive a certificate for basic HACCP Training.

Copies of Dr. Lo's presentation are available for those that attended the meeting. If you would like a copy of the HACCP presentation emailed to you, please send an email with the request to jnorton@ticgums.com.



HACCP Training – Attendees listen in as Dr. Lo gives examples of real HACCP Programs that are currently being used in the food industry.

Mark your Calendars!

Maryland Section IFT Golf Outing

Tuesday, June 12, 2006

Tee Time: 1:00 pm

At: P. B. Dye Golf Club
(www.pbdyegolf.com)
Ijamsville, MD



Great Golf, Prizes, Good Companionship
Prizes awarded at a Casual Dinner

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Toni Manning, at Strasburger & Siegel, Inc.
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National & Local IFT Information

“The World of Food Science”

The World of Food Science (WoFS)

www.worldfoodscience.org is the on-line electronic food science journal/magazine operated jointly by IUFOST and its US adhering body, IFT.

During the September 2006 IUFOST World Congress in France, a formal meeting was convened of the Editorial Board plus IUFOST Secretary General Judith Meech and IFT Executive Vice President Barbara Byrd Keenan, with a view to re-launching a re-juvenated and improved *WoFS*. Ken Buckle was appointed as the Chair of the Editorial Board and Editor-in-Chief. IFT's offer to manage/operate the *WoFS* Website for the next two years was agreed. The Editorial Board will meet in alternate years during the IUFOST World Congresses and the IFT Annual Meetings, and will hold telephone conference calls as necessary between meetings. A subsequent telephone conference call was held during December 2006. Measures were agreed to generate/procure a continuing supply of top quality articles and improve the timely uploading of new material to the Website.

Appointments/reappointments to the Editorial Board resulted in the following:

For IUFOST: Ken Buckle, Gisela Kopper, John Lupien, Joe Mazza.

For IFT: Ralph Blanchfield, Malcolm Bourne, Daniel Fung, Daryl Lund.

For IFTSA: Kit Meyers.

It is planned to publish the first re-launched quarterly issue in May 2007, and before then the Chair of the Editorial Board and Editor-in-Chief (our Fellow Ken Buckle), needs at least two issues supply of excellent papers, articles, book reviews, etc., and thereafter a steady flow. Please consider how you can help and send your contributions to Judith Meech (jmeech@iufost.org) and Liz Seidlitz (erseidlitz@ift.org).

J Ralph Blanchfield

Task Force on Governance and the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws have already held two important member-briefing conference calls.

The purpose of these calls was to allow you to ask questions of your fellow members serving on the Task Force on Governance and Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. Review of the materials posted to the special governance resource site at: <http://www.ift.org/governance>.

Additional calls will be added later in February and in early March.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH KEYSTONE IFT

February Meeting Information

Date: Wednesday, Feb 21st, 2007

Place: Duke's Riverside Bar & Grill

Speaker: Marty Bacon – Partnership between chocolate and frozen dairy manufacturers, chocolate products utilized in frozen dairy and technical aspects of successful product development.

Social Hour: 5 - 6 p.m.

Dinner: 6 - 7 p.m.

Speaker: 7 - 8 p.m.

Cost: \$25 IFT Members & Guests
\$15 Emeritus
\$10 Students

RSVP: By Thursday, Feb. 15th to John Stahl at johnathanstahl@hersheys.com

For more information about Keystone Section IFT please visit the website at www.ift.org/sections/keystone

JOB NOTICES [2]

[also see <http://www.ift.org/sections/maryland/jobs.htm>]

Scientific Liaison, Food Chemicals Codex

MindPharm is an executive search firm for scientific professionals. USP and MindPharm are partnering for the purpose of recruiting top Food Science Professionals interested in ensuring the regulatory standards for food and food additives. All inquiries should be directed to MindPharm, LLC.

Reports to: Director of Excipients

Department: Department of Standards Development

U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP) has acquired the Food Chemicals Codex (FCC) from the Food and Nutrition Board of the IOM in August, 2006. The FCC is a food additives compendium begun under the auspices of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) after passage of the 1958 Food Additive Amendments to the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. The FCC is cited in U.S. law and widely used for industry self-regulation and regulatory oversight by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Job Summary:

Responsible for providing general scientific and other support within the Department of Standards Development (DSD). Such activities include, but are not limited to, assisting in the development and revision of monographs, general tests and assays, and responding to internal and external queries related to the FCC. These activities will require the critical evaluation of relevant documents and other information, the performance of literature searches on related topics and the development and drafting of pertinent documents for other DSD scientific staff and/or Expert Committee review. Recognizes when additional expertise is needed and has the ability to put together and manage advisory panels. Follows closely the work of the other Excipient Committees, so that collaboration and exchange of information is seamlessly accomplished and made available when needed. Establishes and maintains relevant contacts outside of USP. Stays abreast of new findings and informs other DSD scientific staff of new developments in food quality methodologies.

Major Duties & Responsibilities:

- Provide general scientific and related support to other DSD scientific and managerial staff.
- Critical evaluation and analysis of specifications and supporting data, translating specifications into FCC style and format.
- Responds to telephone and written inquiries pertaining to FCC monographs, general chapters, and test methods included in the FCC.
- Writes general and specific subject correspondence pertaining to monographs and general tests and assays.
- Keeps abreast of current trends and developments in related scientific fields.
- Communicates with other USP departments regarding projects related to validation studies, method development, and reference standards.
- Serves as representative of USP at professional meetings.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.
- Assists in the formation of USP FCC Expert Committees and in planning and organizing their work assignments: provides assistance and guidance to Expert Committees for preparation of portions of FCC.
- Assists in the activities of USP FCC Advisory Panels and subcommittees, as needed.
- Substitutes for other scientific liaisons during extended absences.
- Gives public presentations on USP matters.
- Establishes and maintains good working relations with scientific and trade organizations in the fields of food additives and ingredients and their use.
- Establishes and maintains productive relations with the Expert Committees, Project Teams, and Advisory Panels.

Education:

Ph.D. or equivalent in Food Chemistry, Food Microbiology, related fields. MS will be considered with sufficient experience.

Experience:

A minimum of 3 years relevant experience working with FCC, CCFAC or JECFA analytical methods and standards. (An equivalent combination of experience and education may be substituted).

A minimum of five years experience with analytical techniques such as chromatography, wet chemistry, spectroscopy, titrations, etc

Familiarity with the food additives and ingredients industry and the associated regulatory or pharmacopeial framework is a must.

Specific Skills:

Knowledge of internet and electronic database searches is a plus. The candidate should possess excellent written and verbal communication skills and strong interpersonal skills.

Please Contact: Stephanie Miller, MindPharm, LLC 410-448-4522 stephanie.miller@mindpharm.net

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INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS

IFT Positions for the Future with Inaugural Strategic Leadership Forum

January 2007

For a full version of this report visit <http://www.ift.org/sections/maryland/national.htm>

Over the past several years, two groups of dedicated IFT volunteer members and staff have spent significant time investigating best governance practices for associations and working to ensure that IFT is positioned to operate as effectively as possible for the future. The Task Force on Governance and the Committee on Constitution & Bylaws (CBL) have worked in tandem to develop recommendations and documentation designed to enhance the governance of IFT. Throughout their efforts, both groups have focused on the ultimate goal of improving the membership experience.

Their work will be showcased and discussed during a new event this year, the Strategic Leadership Forum to be held from March 22 to 24 in Chicago...

...Council approved in principle by a vote of 73 to 34... IFT members approved in principle by a vote of 2,433 to 104. The purpose of the upcoming Council Meeting will be to review and vote on the final recommendations of the Task Force on Governance and the language developed by CBL pertaining to the recommendations.

A primary goal of the Task Force recommendations has been to create a governance model that will allow for more engagement and direct participation by IFT members as well as increased opportunities for input into the strategic direction of our organization and our programs and activities...

A Town Hall Meeting is recommended during the Annual Meeting + FOOD EXPO®. Other Town Hall type meetings could be held on a smaller scale throughout the year, during Section meetings... The objectives of these meetings are to gain valuable insight and input from all members on IFT priorities and programs, and to offer open venues for members to identify key issues affecting IFT and the profession.

Along with the recommended establishment of the two above programs, as well as other suggestions for membership engagement outlined in the report, the Task Force on Governance recommends the elimination of Council. As explained in the report, in the early days of IFT, Council served as the sole governing body, representing grassroots membership. The Executive Committee was formed to provide continuity of action between annual Council meetings. Significant changes in technology and the growth in the size of the organization have led to a gradual, and so far, incomplete transfer of governance roles from the Council to the Executive

Committee. The Task Force on Governance recommends that, with the elimination of Council, governance responsibilities be transferred to the Executive Committee. This will also align the Board's responsibilities within IFT to the generally accepted tenets of not-for-profit law across the country.

Several other recommendations directly affect IFT members. One is the addition of two non-voting members to the Executive Committee (which the Task Force recommends naming the Board of Directors). The addition of the IFT Foundation Chair will ensure a link between the governing and fund raising bodies of IFT, and the Immediate Past President of the Student Association will add generational diversity to the Board.

Another recommendation is that IFT members directly elect members of the Nominations and Elections Committee. In addition, the Task Force recommends that members have the ability to petition to have a candidate on the Nominations and Elections ballot, as they now have, and will continue to have, for President-elect and members of the Board of Directors. IFT membership will elect the Board of Directors and the Nominations and Elections Committee.

Finally, being keenly aware of the growing trend of less time for volunteer activities, and of volunteers' demand that their work be engaging and meaningful, the Task Force has recommended that three legally required standing committees be retained – Finance, Audit, and Nominations and Elections. They further recommend the appointment of a new Task Force to evaluate and recommend an efficient and responsive volunteer structure aligned with IFT's strategic goals and annual priorities.

This is a snapshot of the Task Force on Governance report. All IFT members are strongly encouraged to view the report in its entirety, at: <http://www.ift.org/governance>.

Audio clips from Task Force members are included at the resource link above – these clips will help to clarify various elements of the recommendations.

...Let your Councilors and members of the Task Force on Governance know your thoughts and/or questions on the recommendations in the Task Force report by sending an e-mail to: governance@ift.org.

- Gail Wiseman, IFT Director of Membership Relations

MARYLAND SECTION IFT

Maryland Section

Dues: Members \$12.00; Students \$4.00

Website: www.ift.org/sections/maryland

Chartered: 1946

The Maryland Section of the IFT was chartered in 1950 and currently has about 500 members working for more than 15 companies. Members are Food Scientists, Food Technologists, Chemists, Biologists, Nutritionists, Engineer Professionals, Students, Lawyers, and Sales & Marketing Professionals. The Maryland section covers a widespread area including; parts of Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Washington D.C. and New Jersey.



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