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## Message from the Chair

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Chicago Section IFT 2014-2015 Chair  
FONA International Inc.

Dear CSIFT Members, Students and Friends,

Last week the Chicago Section IFT capped off our dinner meeting season with our 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Tanner Lecturer - Dr. Gary Reineccius from the University of Minnesota. He spoke on "Advances in Encapsulation Research for Extending the Shelf-life of Oxidizable Food Ingredients." This was a wonderful talk to conclude a fantastic dinner meeting season! For those of you that would like a copy of any of the dinner meeting presentations, please visit the website of the Chicago Section IFT.

This past year the Chicago Section IFT has experienced many achievements.

- We had our largest attendance to our Supplier's Day.
- Our Golf Outing last August had their largest attendance – we needed four golf courses! Our Professional Development Committee continues to deliver events that have strong attendance.
- The Membership Committee developed new programs to recognize food companies and individuals.
- The Finance Committee has begun new investment strategies.
- The Marketing Committee has provided vital assistance to the Section.
- Our New Professionals Committee has enjoyed wonderful success.
- The Program, House and Hospitality Committees ensured each of our dinner meetings went off without a hitch.
- The Sponsorship Committee developed new strategies and maintained ones that were performing.

Each of these Committees has enabled the Chicago Section to be in a strong financial position so that our Scholarship Committee could assemble an unprecedented plan for future student scholarships, of which their plan was approved at the April Executive Committee Meeting.

It has been a great year for the Chicago Section IFT and this could not be achieved without the strong contributions of each of our volunteers. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to have been the Chair!



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I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in Chicago, our Golf Outing in August and then our next dinner meeting in September. I hope you have an enjoyable summer!

Kind regards,  
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