

CS IFT Letter from the Chair Sept 2016

Welcome to the Chicago Section IFT 2016-2017 term – our 76th year! I am honored to serve as your Chair and looking forward to volunteering with our team as we support, grow, and engage our Section.

I'd like to personally thank our Officers and Executive Committee members for donating your time to serve on our leadership team. I'd also like to recognize with a heart-felt Thank You our Committee Chairs and Committee Volunteers for being the life-blood of our organization. Our world-class programs and initiatives would not be possible without you. Thank you.

As we start our year, I reflect on our Mission:

Section Mission

To serve the Chicago Section IFT by providing educational opportunities for members and future members by:

- Increasing awareness of the vital role of food science and technology in everyday life
- Encouraging and providing the means for discussing and disseminating technical and other information relating to the production, processing, packaging, distribution, preparation, evaluation, and utilization of food
- Advancing the profession of food science and technology by promoting the maintenance of high professional standards among its members
- Supporting causes to advance the profession; and providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and information

What a bold charge - vital to our Industry and this community we have built over 76 years as a Section. Our leadership team feels a great sense of pride and responsibility to fulfill this mission for you, the Chicago Section IFT Members. This is what guides us as we create our programs, initiatives and services for our members.

Finally, I'm putting out a call for other passionate leaders. We welcome new volunteers that can donate their time in any capacity. Help us fulfill our Mission to Increase Awareness, Encouragement, Advancement, and Knowledge in the Food Science space. Deepen your contribution, your network, and your influence in our Chicagoland food industry. Please contact me directly if you're interested to learn more and volunteer with some of Chicago's best leaders and minds in Food Science.

Cheers!

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