



January 2017 Letter from the Chair



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From the Chicago IFT Leadership team: Happy New Year! We look forward to an engaging 2017 with our membership, supporting sponsors, and newcomers.

It is this time of year that we also gear up for IFT elections on a National and Section level. I'd like to invite all voting members of the IFT to participate in this year's election from January 31-March 2, 2017. Keep an eye on your inbox for emails with information and a link to your ballot.

Additionally, Dr. John Coupland – President of the IFT, has announced an update to the membership structure in an effort to provide flexibility and foster better engagement and opportunity that fits each of our member's needs. Highlights are as follows:

- **Premier (\$209)** – merges the current Member and Professional Member categories into this new category, providing the highest level of access and discounts to all of IFT's invaluable resources, services, programs, and events
- **Networking and engagement (\$99)** – provides a subset of resources plus a discount to IFT's annual event and select programs and resources
- **Joint international membership (varies)** – IFT has partnered with a select group of international professional associations to offer [joint international membership options](#)
- **Emeritus (\$25)** – no change
- **Student (\$50)** – no change

As always, you can include your local Section(s) for a small fee and take advantage of the numerous member benefits close to home. Please reach out to your Chicago IFT or IFT Leadership with any questions or feedback.