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Upcoming Events:

- 12/2013—1/2014 | Recruiting and Nomination of new section officers
- 1/27/2014 | Winter Meeting
Short meeting, Dinner and speaker event
- 1/31/2014 | Nomination closed and section leadership ballots sent to IFT Headquarters
- 2/1/2014 | Unified Membership for Aksarben section starts

The Winter Section Meeting: Jan 27th

When: January 27th

Where: Lo Sole Mio (3001 South 32nd Avenue, Omaha)

What: Includes Dinner and Speaker, Jeff Hilton of BrandHive will present on Functional Future: Trends in Functional Food & Beverage Marketing.

As this market segment continues to grow at an astounding rate, manufacturers, suppliers and retailers are trying to cash in. But with an 80% new product failure rate, it takes more than money to launch a successful functional brand. Job one is to understand key marketplace and consumer trends.

The Winter meeting will also include a Silent Auction, all funds raised will go toward student scholarship.

How do I get involved?

Invitations will be sent to our mailing list. (email IFTAksarben@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list)

Share the invitation, forwarded to friends and co-workers. The IFT First Time Membership/Unified Membership deal ends 1/31/2013.

Want to help support Student scholarship? Bring an item for the silent auction, or consider donating funds or talent, such as teaching cooking, sewing or beer brewing.

Interested in joining the silent auction Work Group or donating?

Contact co-treasure Pam Lawson: 402.240.7313 pamela.lawson@conagrafoods.com

A Message from the Chair

The Aksarben leadership team was thrilled with the turn-out at the October meeting! (more on page 2) We recruited a number of new members and had a record turn-out of students from UNL. Also, we had terrific feedback from many of our participants, so if you couldn't make it, don't miss our next one! We are already working to build on our section's momentum by planning our next meeting in January. Our third event will be held in Lincoln this spring.

I have to say, our section officers are top-notch and a lot of fun to work with.

If you are interested in joining us as a volunteer, please e-mail us at iftaksarben@gmail.com. We have plenty of activities that we need help on, including our silent auction event at our January meeting to help raise money for student scholarship. Also, if you are willing to serve as an officer next year, **we are actively recruiting now** as nominations are due in January for elections the following month.



Section Website Relaunch!

aksarbenIFT.org

October Meeting Recap



Speaker Marie Wright, explaining that part of being a flavorist was to breakdown and recreate different flavors.

October 17th, 2013 marked the rebirth of the Aksarben Chapter of IFT. The kick-off meeting was held at Metropolitan Community College's Swanson Conference Center, and the meal was prepared by MCC's culinary students and chefs. A showcase of the culinary techniques utilized to prepare the braised short ribs as well as a plating demonstration was given by one of Metro's head chefs prior to the meal service. After dinner, Jennifer Mancuso, Section Chair, welcomed all attendees, introduced the IFT-A leadership team, and gave a brief glimpse into some of the upcoming events for the section as well as an update on IFT's unified membership initiative.

To round out the evening, Marie Wright, Chief Global Flavorist from Wild Flavors, was introduced and gave a rousing and interactive presentation on the complexity of building flavors followed by a brief discussion on emerging flavor trends. In all, we were overjoyed to have 75 attendees for the inaugural meeting, and we look forward to having an even large turnout for the January 27th event!



During Marie Wright's presentation, each table used blotters dipped in flavors to build out a more complex flavor: above, Fruity, Fruity Guava, Cotton Candy, Creamy Peach, and Green were combined to make a Green Strawberry smell.



The night starts off with a cooking demonstration by a Chef from The Institute of Culinary Arts at the Metropolitan Community College



Speaker Marie Wright, Vice President & Chief Global Flavorist of Wild Flavors Inc included samples to smell and combine to bring an experience to the talk.

Looking Ahead

2014 Spring Meeting

Plans for the Spring meeting are underway. The meeting will be located in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Missed the Speaker?

Marie Wright along with our own John Rupnow and others, will be speaking again at the IFT Pre-Annual Meeting Short Course: Food Science for the Non-Food Scientist June 2014.

IFT 2014

June 21-24, New Orleans Morial Convention Center

ift.org/IFT14

Student Update—UNL Food Science Club

This semester was a busy one for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Food Science Club. We kicked off the year by baking 3,000 cookies in the UNL Food Processing Center pilot plant for Husker Harvest days. In September we had our annual fundraiser where we sold Dairy Store ice cream at the Apple Jack festival in Nebraska City. In October students attended the Aksarben meeting in Omaha as well as traveled to Minnesota for an industry tour trip where we visited Schell's Brewery, Davisco Foods, Ecolab, and General Mills.

For Halloween we trick or treated for canned goods and donated 137lbs of food to the Food Bank of Lincoln. In November the club packaged 9,000 meals with other volunteers for Kids Against Hunger that will get distributed in the Philippines. This semester the club also hosted speakers from ConAgra, Cargill, and John Morrell Food Group as well as held a couple socials to get to know fellow students better. The club looks forward to another busy semester in the spring!

Become a Member!

Sign up online at ift.org, or send section dues \$10: Include name, phone numbers, email address, mailing address (work and/or home), and status (student, member, retired) to Section Co-treasurer David Gaebler:

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Our section is made up of food industry professionals, and university students and professors, located in Nebraska, with a few from western Iowa and South Dakota. The Institute of Food Technology, promotes the ongoing learning and application of food science and technology: "Feeding the minds that feed the world". Our membership includes those in large and small companies with interests in everything from health and nutrition, food safety, food manufacturing, research and development, and more. We invite you to explore our section and its membership benefits - we welcome your participation!



Unified Membership

When: February 2014, the Aksarben section of IFT will be implementing the new IFT Unified Membership program.

What: IFT Membership will be changing to include both national, and section membership. This process is scheduled for a 2 year roll out across the sections. It includes an update to the Chapter bylaws and governance so that the sections can focus on executing their vision, and represent IFT in their area.

How does this affect me?

For current Members, we recommend confirming your contact information on the IFT website. Also, upcoming section officer nominations and voting will also be coordinated through nation IFT so make sure your contact information at www.ift.org is up to date (or contact us if you need assistance).

For first time IFT members, January 31st is the last date to take advantage to the IFT First Time Membership/Unified Membership deal: which is to pay the \$10 section dues, and get 1 year of national membership free, and the second year at a discounted cost of \$99.

Benefits of Membership

15 on-demand webcasts (FREE)

Annual Meeting and conference discounts

Subscription to *Food Technology* magazine

Discounts on subscription to the *Journal of Food Science*

Discounts on IFT courses and webcasts

Access to professional development tools and resources

Access to online eCareerMentor program

Access to the IFT Salary Survey

Leadership and Networking opportunities

Undergrad and graduate student scholarships

and MORE!

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