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Enjoy Your Summer!

Thanks to everyone who came out to Grain Processing Corporation (GPC) in April for our business meeting. We had a great time touring GPC, hearing from Barry Callebaut about their business (and trying some yummy chocolate) and enjoying each other's company during dinner at DaBeet's Bistro and Wine Bar.

Summer is finally here which means that IAIFT's fiscal year is almost done. We recently had our transition and planning meeting where the board came up with some great ideas for the chapter next year. We are looking forward to the reinstatement of the supplier's night in November 2017. Be on the lookout for more information. Also be sure to join us for a night with friends and family at Jasper's Winery Summer Concert Series on August 3rd. Enjoy your summer!

Mackenzie Russo
IA-IFT Secretary



2017-2018

Event Dates:

- September 15th
- November 17th
- February 16th
- April 20th



Section of Excellence

IAIFT Awarded the Section of Excellence

IAIFT was honored to receive the 2016—2017 Section of Excellence again this year. This recognition symbolizes the section's commitment to IFT, section members and the food science and technology profession. We received this recognition due to the events held throughout the year, exemplary volunteer service, excellence in leadership and the ongoing devotion to the food science and technology profession. The IAIFT section will be recognized in the *Section Leader Update* newsletter and in the Hall of Honor at IFT17. Congratulations to everyone and keep up the hard work in the 2017-2018 year.





IFT17 is just around the corner and there quite a number of exciting things happening at this year's event. If you are going to IFT17 in Las Vegas this year, be sure to take pictures and let us know what you found most interesting! Here are a few highlights of events happening at IFT17 that you don't even have to be at IFT17 to participate in!

IFT Feeding Tomorrow Fun Run

Whether or not you are planning to attend IFT17 in Las Vegas from June 25 - 28, did you know that you can still participate in some of the events, while supporting your local Iowa IFT chapter? How?

Sign up for the Feeding Tomorrow Fun Run! You can participate in the run / walk at IFT17 or if you aren't going or prefer to sleep in you can "join virtually" from now until June 30th and participate from anywhere in the world! Sign up under IAIFT's team and if we get 40 registered attendees we will receive a travel grant for a student in our section to attend IFT18. Help support our future food scientists while getting your exercise in - what could be easier?

So how can you get register?

1. Go to <https://www.virtualstrides.com/product/feeding-tomorrow/>

2. Pick your distance - you have 3 choices

- **5K** - run a 5K either at IFT17 or by joining virtually
- **1 mile** - attend the one mile walk either at IFT17 or by joining virtually
- **+Fitness** - if you're not a fan of walking / running, you can select this option and do an alternative activity such as skiing, CrossFit, biking, etc.

3. Add in our team name: **Iowa Food Geeks**

4. Submit your payment and welcome to the team!



We look forward to having you on our team to support our future scientists!

IFT Premiere of Food Evolution

IFT17 will feature the premiere of the film Food Evolution which was funded by IFT. This film explores the critical role that science and innovation play in building safe, nutritious and sustainable food supply for everyone. The film asks audiences to challenge their view of science's role in the global food system.

IFT will be premiering the film in 4 methods.

1. It will be shown at 8:30 am on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at IFT17 followed by a panel.
2. The film will be shown at various theaters across the country. Screening dates and locations are available at foodevolutionmovie.com
3. It will be launched digitally in the fall for everyone to view—more details to come
4. Sections will have the opportunity to host a screening after IFT17



Summer Social



Join IAIFT for our family and friends summer social on Thursday, August 3rd at Jasper Winery.

We will be hanging out as a group during the Summer Concert Series at Jasper Winery in Des Moines. Come enjoy as we socialize with one another and listen to great music. Food and drink are available for purchase at Jasper Winery or you can bring your own food and non-alcoholic beverages to share with the group. Please note the only thing you cannot bring is your own alcoholic beverages, but they will be available for purchase at the venue. Bring chairs or blankets to sit on as well!

Who: Anyone is free to come, you do not have to be a member of IAIFT. Bring your family, friends, co-workers, etc. Kids are more than welcome.

Where: Jasper Winery—2400 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines, IA 50321

Date: Thursday, August 3rd

Time: Music is playing from 6 –9 pm, but feel free to come and go as you please. Food and drinks will be served starting at 5:30 pm

Cost: The event is free to attend!

What to Bring: a chair or blanket to sit on is highly recommended, food and non-alcoholic beverages if you would like—feel free to bring a dish to share if you want

We look forward to seeing you at Jasper Winery on August 3rd!



JASPER · · · WINERY

No registration necessary just come enjoy!



April Recap



In April, IAIFT travelled to Muscatine, IA to visit Grain Processing Corporation (GPC). We had the opportunity to tour GPC's manufacturing plant, laboratories and R&D center where we learned a lot about how the company has grown, its business lines and the opportunities at the company. It was a great tour.

Barry Callebaut came to our event as well and gave us a presentation on their business. The cocoa industry is quite interesting and our members and students learned a lot. We then got to try some chocolate from Barry Callebaut.

We then had our business meeting and dinner at DeBeet's Bistro and Wine Bar. We discussed plans for next year as well as introduced some of our newest Board Members. After a great meal we had dessert that featured Barry Callebaut chocolate—yum! Thanks to everyone who attended and we look forward to seeing you all this summer!



Congrats Grads!

The start of summer means graduation for many of our student members at Iowa State. We are excited to see where you all go in your careers from here. If you stay in Iowa be sure to stay involved with IAIFT! Again congratulations to all of you!



Food Science Club Update

Summer is upon us which means students are out of school, including those in Food Science Club at Iowa State. This summer will bring many internships across the country and study abroad opportunities worldwide for these students. We look forward to hearing all about them in the fall when school resumes.

Tell Us About Your Job Experience!

Are you doing something really neat in your internship or job? We want to know all about it! Tell us your Day in the Life story. Send a video to iowaift@gmail.com telling us and/or showing us about your job / internship and we will post it to our Facebook group! Have fun and get creative :)



Industry Happenings

The food industry is always evolving. Here are some highlights from the last few months:

- Amazon acquires Whole Foods
 - Amazon recently announced the acquisition of Whole Foods. This acquisition will allow Amazon to break into the brick-and-mortar space pending regulatory approvals. Analysts are going back and forth on how much impact this acquisition will have on traditional retail grocers.
- US Organic Food Sales Top \$43 billion in 2016
 - Organic food sales in 2016 reached \$43 billion which is a sales increase of 8.4% over previous year. The organic food market now accounts for 5.3% of total food sales in the US with fruit and vegetables being the largest group of organic foods.
- Recall of granola & protein bars due to *Listeria* contamination the week of June 12th
 - A number of companies are recalling granola and protein bar products across the US due to a potentially contaminated ingredient from an outside supplier.

April Executive Meeting Minutes

February 17th, 2017 via phone at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Bailey, Coleman,, Gent, Hukee, Russo, Shaw, Weigel, Van Thomme

The February meeting of the IA Section IFT executive council was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Shaw via phone call.

1. Past President Report: Bailey is working on the Supplier's Night for November 2017. FFA center is likely not going to be an option anymore due to the lack of responsiveness from the venue. Any ideas on other venues should be sent to Bailey. Venue needs to be under \$2,000 to rent. Some potential ideas were the new Kemin headquarters, Hy-Vee event space in West Des Moines.

2. President Report: The transition meeting is scheduled for May 18th from 4—6 pm at Prairie Canary Restaurant & Bar in Grinnell, Iowa. The expectation is that all changing positions will provide guidance to the incoming person prior to the transition meeting.

The Section Leadership Forum 2017 will take place again during IFT at the Venetian / Sands on June 25th from 2:30—5:00 pm. Van Thomme will be attending on behalf of IAIFT. Other potential attendees could be Coleman, Russo, Erickson or Lee—will follow up with these individuals.

IFT Outstanding Volunteer nominees are due on May 15th. Email suggestions to Shaw.

The Section Lecture Series speaker portal has expanded. Have to apply by July 31st, 2017 if we want to bring in someone next year. Cost is \$1,100 to offset the speaker honorarium and travel costs. There are 66 various topics we can choose from. Board to review topics and make any suggestions in May meeting.

The 2017 IFT Feeding Tomorrow Fun Run + Fitness is having a challenge with all the sections this year. It is \$30 per person to participate. Should the section recruit 40 participants, we have the option of receiving a travel grant for IFT18 for a student. We will donate \$100 to the fun run again. More details to come—Shaw to follow up.

The 2017 section membership challenges ends on May 31st, 2017 and the reward is \$500 for the section to use.

3. President Elect Report: The April 20th meeting did not have a great turn out—mainly board members, students and 2 industry professionals. A total of 17 people. Discussion on moving the date up a week next year due to finals schedules.

For summer 2017 we are looking at doing another social—potentially Jasper Winery summer concert series or a bike and brewery tour around the Des Moines area or going to Gray's Lake. Final decision to be made at May meeting. September 17 we will be going to a farm that has a nursery and finisher site. November 9th will be the supplier's night and student night. Bailey will lead this event. December 7th or 8th will be our holiday social where we will have our first annual toy drive for Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines. Shaw is working on hospital selection and culinary adventure (Iowa City event). We will have at a bar / dive place that has an area we can all hang out in. Very causal setting and likely an ugly sweater contest. The section will buy dinner for every attendee that donates a gift valued at \$25 or more. Dinner includes 2 bar beverages and appetizers served during cocktail hour. Will be from 5—8 with cocktail hour from 5—6. Door prizes included as well. Location is needed for the February 15th event. April 12th will be in Dubuque at Clark University.

4. Treasurer Report: Current balance is \$18,469.87. There are no outstanding balances. For our expenses we are okay on that and dinner meetings, we are over for scholarships. No program speakers or supplier night expenses for this year yet. Will do \$100 donation for the fun run. Coleman to follow up on filing taxes.

5. Food Science Club Report: The food science club put together a panel on graduate school that had current graduate students, those who had applied and faculty for applying and experience to give undergrads an idea of what to expect. A demonstration was given to the local 4H program on how to make ice cream. Award were given to graduating seniors. Spring break consisted of a tour of Wisconsin companies. They had positive feedback on this. The college bowl team took 3rd place overall at their competition.

6. Secretary Report: Working on getting testimonials for the website. No other updates.



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Minutes continued:

7. Member-at-Large Report: Weigel is working on getting the brochure and welcome packet put together to drop off in person to those who have not been in a while or don't come often. Secretary has budget for mailing the brochures if they can't be delivered. Bailey will help get the MailChimp list of members to Weigel. May have students help with these. Looking at doing a survey of inactive members. For Feb meeting looking at the culinary institute with a chocolate maker.

8. Adjourn: Shaw motioned to adjourn. Bailey second. The motion passes and the meeting is adjourned at 10:51 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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