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## IFT ANNUAL MEETING & FOOD EXPO 2014



More than 16,000 of the world's top food science and technology professionals joined together in New Orleans to learn about the most recent product, ingredient, and technology developments, and their potential business impact, as well as to identify trends that will shape the industry.

Each year, the IFT Annual Meeting & Food Expo brings together professionals involved in both the science and the business of food from industry, academia, and government.

IFT President Janet Collins welcomed attendees to the 2014 IFT Annual Meeting & Food Expo on Saturday evening, June 21, and

invited them to travel along with her on a trip back in time to highlight the history of food science and some of IFT's major milestone in this, its 75th anniversary year.

"Even though we are 75 years old, there was so much innovation that led up to the formation of IFT," said Collins. "In so many ways, the history of food science and technology is intertwined with the history of IFT."

"We have truly come a long way, but our work is not done," she continued. "We need to come up with new innovations in the next 75 years to feed the more than 9 billion people expected on our planet by the year 2050."

## Upcoming Events:

- **July 30, 2014 |**  
GLS-IFT Golf Outing  
Yarrow Golf and Conference Center
- **August 19, 2014 |**  
CS-IFT Golf Outing  
Cog Hill Golf and County Club
- **September 16, 2014 |**  
GLS-IFT Dinner Meeting  
Downtown Market Grand Rapids

## Great Lakes Representatives Attend Strategic Leadership Forum

Rachel Klataske (current Chair), Andrea Gerstle (incoming Chair), Kiery Wilson (Member at Large), and Julia Bradsher (Incoming Chair Elect) attended the 2014 Strategic Leadership Forum on Saturday June 28 in New Orleans. Each year, IFT organizes this event to help Section Leaders plan for the next year. This year was focused on strategies for planning effective meetings and events. GLS-IFT representatives shared ideas with members of regional sections from around the country. We look forward to utilizing the ideas generated for this year's event calendar!

# 30th Annual Great Lakes IFT Golf Outing

Join us Wednesday, July 30th at one of Michigan's premier golf courses. Yarrow Golf & Conference Center is located on 300 acres of natural beauty in Augusta, Michigan. Start off the morning with registration beginning at 7am, a continental breakfast, and then get your four person team ready for our shotgun start at 9:30am. Entry fee is \$100 per person.

Following golf, enjoy an early buffet dinner as we announce our event winners and draw for some great prizes.

Suppliers: If you'd like to donate snacks or items for the "goodie bags" please email us at [greatlakesift@gmail.com](mailto:greatlakesift@gmail.com).



**For more details and to register a team, visit our website at [www.greatlakesift.com/events](http://www.greatlakesift.com/events). Registration deadline is July 23rd, 2014, or when the event sells out.**

## Chicago Section IFT Golf Outing on August 19th

Join Chicago Section IFT members and friends at our sixth annual golf outing at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club and support CS-IFT Scholarships! Last year's outing raised almost \$11,000 for scholarships. We will be golfing on both Course #1 and #3.

Golfing will be followed by a social hour with hors d'oeuvres. The day will conclude with a dinner buffet and awards presentation.

**Cost:** Golf, Lunch & Dinner = \$150.00 (paid by August 9)

Dinner Only = \$50.00 (paid by August 9)

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering to help make this event great, contact Mike Hosler at 630.941.8554 and [michael.hosler@missionflavors.com](mailto:michael.hosler@missionflavors.com) or the CSIFT Business Office, Michael Cooper at 630.916.4960 and [mcooper@chicagoift.org](mailto:mcooper@chicagoift.org).

**Visit the website at [www.chicagoift.org](http://www.chicagoift.org) to register.**

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Tuesday, September 16th, 2014**

**Our team is busy working on a dinner event this fall at the Downtown Market Grand Rapids you will not want to miss. Please mark your calendars for this event!**

The Downtown Grand Rapids Market is a mixed-use facility that brings together production, distribution, marketing and education about local produce. The indoor facility features a 24-vendor market hall, while dozens of farmers and artisans line the outdoor farmer's market shed. They offer several exceptional spaces throughout the site, including rentable incubator kitchens, rooftop greenhouses, and the nation's first demonstration kitchen for kids (you have to see it to believe it). The Market is set to be LEED-certified (also the first in the nation), features a green roof, live walls, geotherm wells, rain gardens, and plenty of other innovative sustainable features.



## Great Lakes IFT Food Ambassador Visits Coleman High School

On May 19th, GLS IFT provided a Food Ambassador for the students at the Coleman Regional Agriscience Center. This newly created center is open to Coleman, Midland, Meridian, Bullock Creek and Gladwin area schools, and offers junior and senior high school students the opportunity to study courses specific to agrisciences field. Marie Zwemmer, the Agriscience teacher, contacted GLS IFT and requested a Food Ambassador to speak to students about opportunities to apply their Agriscience education in the Food Industry. Andrea Gerstle from Nestle was a guest speaker at Coleman for 2 Agriscience classes with 42 students. Career opportunities including Product Development, Food Engineering, Sensory Science and Quality Assurance were presented as well as educational requirements and salary information. Students gained some

hands on experience by participating in a sensory test and evaluated samples of new products launched in 2014.

**Would you like to be the next Food Ambassador for a Michigan Science**

**class or career fair? Contact Gene Maly [Gene\\_Maly@amway.com](mailto:Gene_Maly@amway.com) or Janice Harte [harteja@anr.msu.edu](mailto:harteja@anr.msu.edu)**



**Coleman Regional Agriscience Center**

## Suppliers Day 2014

The Great Lakes IFT Suppliers Day was held on April 30, 2014. This year's theme was "Beach Party" and this group sure did make some waves! Suppliers manned over 140 booths to provide food industry professionals with insights into the capabilities of their companies. The winner of the 2014 Best Decorated Booth was Givaudan (pictured at right).

Congratulations also go out to the Online Vendor Registration Winners, Nutegrity and Sargento. Attendees who pre-registered online were eligible for a special drawing for a free IFT membership the next time they renew! Congratulations to Jeff Leder from Old Orchard, Demetri Preonas from Deepwood Marketing, and Alissa Wesche from Old Orchard.

Following the Supplier's Day event, the annual Wine Dinner was held at the Yarrow Golf & Conference Resort in Augusta. The Yarrow chefs created an outstanding menu showcasing their extensive knowledge of food and wine pairings. The Beach Party theme was continued from earlier in the day and can be seen in the fun-filled decor of the Yarrow Resort!

Visit the Great Lakes IFT Blog at [www.greatlakesift.org/blog/](http://www.greatlakesift.org/blog/) for more pictures!



## Great Lakes Section 2014 Outstanding Volunteers

The Outstanding Volunteer Award recognizes exceptional efforts in volunteerism as determined by each Section. This year the section recognizes:

**Heidi Farkas, Milne Fruit Products**

**Rachel Klataske, Post Foods**

**Hilary Sepe, Nestle**

**Ana Wiessel, Nestle**

Recipients of the award were recognized with their name on a panel in the Hall of Honor during the IFT Annual Meeting & Food Expo<sup>®</sup> June 21-24 in New Orleans, LA. In addition, they will be recognized in several IFT newsletters and publications. A formal letter and pin was also sent to each recipient.

Congratulations, and thanks for all that you do for the Section!

# Job Shadow Program reaches new record!



This years job shadow program has peaked the interest of almost 50 students from Michigan State and Wayne State Universities! Participating companies have graciously agreed to open their doors to offer “a day in the life” of a food industry professional for these aspiring students. These work days will be coordinated between students and participating companies to take place this summer. Thank you to our student representatives, Madison Rial from Michigan State, and Vasiana Tomco from Wayne State for matching the students and companies, and all participating companies. We have already heard from several new companies that want to join this great program next year! Please reach out to Steve Levi or Sarah Smith Simpson if you would like more information about the program. [steve\\_levi@barry-callebaut](mailto:steve_levi@barry-callebaut) [sarah.smith-simpson@rd.nestle.com](mailto:sarah.smith-simpson@rd.nestle.com)

## 2014-2015 Executive Committee Members

**Congratulations to our newly elected board members!**

They will assume office on September 1, 2014.

Chair-Elect– Julia Bradsher, Global Food Protection Institute

Secretary— Ellen Hystead, Kellogg Company

Treasurer— Todd A. Van Thomme, Price Heneveld LLP

Member at Large — Anthony Huesman, Nestle Nutrition

Other Executive Committee members will be continuing their time on the board:

Chair- Andrea Gerstle, Nestle Nutrition

Member at Large- Kiery Wilson, Post Foods

Member at Large/Past Chair- Rachel Klataske, Post Foods

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## IFT Brand Ambassador Award

The Great Lakes Section IFT was awarded the 2014 IFT Brand Ambassador by IFT President Dr. Janet Collins at our March 27 Dinner Meeting! This is only the second time this award has been given to a section. The IFT Brand Ambassador Award is awarded to sections who demonstrate the spirit of Brand IFT by sharing tools, resources, and programs for the good of others. These sections go above and beyond what is asked of them for the benefit of their membership, their community, and IFT. Here is what Dr. Collin's had to say: "This award signifies the commitment of the section leaders to the members, the profession, and to IFT. You take everything that is asked of you and do it bigger and better than ever anticipated. This level of participation embodies the spirit of the global IFT community."

**Congratulations to all section members and leaders!!!**



## Great Lakes IFT Awarded Section of Excellence for 2013-2014

We are pleased to announce that our section is being recognized as a 2013-2014 Section of Excellence. This recognition symbolizes the section's commitment to IFT, section members, and the food science and technology profession. The events held throughout the year, exemplary volunteers, dedication to students, and excellence in leadership demonstrate ongoing devotion to ensuring that the sections will flourish for years to come.

In order to be recognized as a Section of Excellence or Section of Merit, the section must meet or exceed several criteria. They include the following: the section

Annual Report and Financial Report are submitted by the deadline, membership exhibits stability or growth, at least three meetings are held in the year, the section website/newsletter is up-to-date, and the section demonstrates their commitment to future generations of food scientists and their community.



# Area Job Openings

## **Title: Food and Agricultural Processing Specialist (Academic Specialist) #9462**

**Position Location:** Negotiable split between western Michigan MSUE office and MSU Product Center Food-Ag-Bio Venture Development office, Michigan State University, East Lansing

**Date Available:** Immediately

**Position Description:** Develop and grow an effective program of consultation services in processing and technical operations management for food and agricultural processors in the state of Michigan. This program will focus on assisting processors (new and existing) to establish and expand their processing operations, solve technical and operational problems, and address processing aspects of new product development.

As part of the program, the successful candidate will: Deliver one-on-one counseling with food and agricultural processing clients of the MSU Product Center. Such counseling could include consultation on process design, operations and problem-solving, product development related processing issues, packaging, food safety, process authority, HAACP, regulatory compliance and other critical processing needs of clients; Coach and assist a network of 15 MSUE innovation counselors located throughout Michigan in developing and delivering processing management counseling services; Maintain and expand a network of contacts and resource providers both within MSU and with industry experts beyond MSU to assist the growth of food and agricultural processing in the state; Actively participate with the Community Food Systems work group within the MSUE Greening Michigan Institute; Serve as a liaison with the growing network of incubator kitchens around the state. The position reports to the Associate Director of the Product Center who is responsible for venture development related counseling with input from the Director of the MSUE Greening Michigan Institute.

**Minimum Requirements:** A master's degree in scientific or business field related to processing and operations management, or equivalent work experience. A minimum of 5-years' experience (10 years or more preferred) with food and/or agricultural processing and operations management. Working knowledge of process design, operations and problem-solving, product development related processing issues, packaging, food safety, process authority, HAACP, regulatory compliance and other critical processing procedures. Excellent communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills required.

**Salary:** Commensurate with Experience

### **For more information and application:**

<https://jobs.msu.edu/> Search for position #9462

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer. MSU is committed to achieving excellence through a diverse workforce and inclusive culture that encourages all people to reach their full potential. The University actively encourages applications and/or nominations of women, persons of color, veterans and persons with disabilities.

## **Food Technologist Job Number: 14003580 Nestle Health Science Fremont, MI**

Main purpose of job: Design, plan, validate and implement the development of new products, line extensions, product improvements for Global meals & Drinks that are in compliance with established safety standards, good manufacturing Practices (GMPs) and will follow and uphold all Food Safety, Food Quality, Occupational Safety, Health and Environment policies as pertains to role. Lead and/or provide functional expertise on cross-functional project teams, including technical input for internal and external manufacturing start-ups.

Responsibilities include: Innovation/Renovation- Design, execute and analyze experimental approach for product design. Develop information for Product/ingredient specifications, in-process control points and testing requirements. Support, coordinate and conduct pilot plant trials and factory scale trials. Must be able to effectively trouble shoot and offer plausible, executable solutions

Nestle is an 'Equal Opportunity Employer' and is looking for diversity in candidates for employment.

Minimum 0-4 years applicable Food Science or related discipline

- Bachelors degree with 3-6 years of applicable Food Science experience
- Masters Degree with 2-4 years of applicable Food Science experience
- Ph.D degree with 0-2 years of applicable Food Science experience

<http://nestlejobs/fremont/nestle-nutrition/food-technologist-jobs>

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## Call for Volunteers

Our Section is always looking for volunteers to provide many different services. Volunteers are needed this year to help with event planning, event photography, writing articles about recent meetings, Facebook updates, judging student scholarship applications, and more!

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