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September Dinner Meeting—September 16



Join the IFT Great Lakes Section on September 16, 2014 at the Grand Rapids Downtown Market for our September Dinner meeting! The Downtown market has several great spaces that may be used to educate residents and visitors about local produce. The facility hosts a farmers market, and several cooking demonstrations each month, including a series for children. Come early to enjoy the market before attending a great dinner and presentation!

After dinner, a presentation will be given by Wei Liao, Ph.D., P.E., Associate Professor and Director of the Anaerobic Digestion Research and Education Center at Michigan State Uni-

versity. Just as the Downtown Market aims to educate visitors about sustainability, Dr. Liao will be giving a presentation on, “A self-sustaining organic waste utilization concept to address the food wastes handling challenge”.

The dinner and meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. You can still register for the event by visiting greatlakesift.org/events/ Additionally, if you are interested in volunteering for the event, please contact greatlakesift@gmail.com



Upcoming Events:

- **September 16, 2014 | GLS-IFT Dinner Meeting**
Downtown Market Grand Rapids
- **Sept. 20 - Oct. 11 | Day of Service**
Various locations throughout Mid- and West Michigan
- **October 24, 2014 | American Society of Microbiology—MI Branch Fall Meeting**
Hagerty Center, Traverse City

DATE CHANGE!

- **October 29, 2014 | GLS-IFT Dinner Meeting**
Culinary Institute of Michigan, Muskegon
German Dinner and candy making demo
- **December 11, 2014 | GLS-IFT Holiday Meeting**
The Wine Loft, Kalamazoo
Bring a toy for the Toys for Tots drive!



Congratulations to the Great Lakes Section of IFT for being recognized as an IFT Section of Excellence for 2013—2014!

Volunteer for IFT GLS Days of Service!

Join us throughout September and October at a IFT GLS Day of Service! There are several dates and locations throughout the state at which you (and in some cases your family) may volunteer. Days of Service are an initiative of the IFT Student Association, and is encouraged by the National IFT. When you volunteer, be sure to send photos and information on how much food you and your group packed to be featured in the Winter newsletter! Email to greatlakesift@gmail.com



More information and registration is available at greatlakesift.org/events

- September 20: Food Bank of South Central Michigan, Battle Creek
- September 23: West Michigan Food Bank, Grand Rapids
- September 24: Tru North Community Services, Fremont
- September 27: Greater Lansing Food Bank, Lansing
- October 11: Forgotten Harvest, Detroit



Great Attendance at IFT GLS Golf Outing

This year over 100 golfers came out to support the IFT GLS Golf Outing at Yarrow Golf Course in Augusta. The teams were able to enjoy a beautiful day, thanks to all of the volunteers and student representatives working hard to make this day possible!

hard work to make this a great day!



Special thanks to Bev Simpson and Sue Riippa for all of their



October 9-10

East Lansing, MI

Attend the MSU Women in STEM Conference

Hosted by the Michigan State University Colleges of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Education, Natural Science, and Social Science, on October 9-10 join with MSU alumnae working in the Science Technology, Engineering, and Math Fields. This is a great opportunity to expand your professional network, and acquire tools and knowledge that can assist you in furthering your career objectives. The Keynote speaker, Grace Gorrell will give a presentation on “How to Power Forward During Challenging Times”.

The event will take place at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, MI.

Registration is open until September 28, and if you and a friend register together, you will each receive 20% off your registration!

For more information, visit womeninstem.msu.edu



IFT GLS Welcomes New Section Officers!

Each Fall, the Section welcomes new officers and committee chairs. Many thanks to those who served the Section in 2013 and 2014, and to those looking forward to working with the Section in 2014 and 2015! Welcome to:

Chair: Andrea Gerstle

Chair Elect: Julia Bradsher

Secretary: Ellen Hystead

Treasurer: Todd Van Thomme

Member at Large: Kiery Wilson, Tony Huesman

Past Chair: Rachel Klataske

Thanks to Scott Peterson and Sue Riippa for their continued work in the Section Meeting Planning, Supplier’s Day, and Golf Outing Committees. If you are interested in volunteering in any of the following committees, please reach out to: greatlakesift@gmail.com

Opportunities include:

Scholarship Committee, Job Shadowing Committee, New Professionals Committee, Membership Committee, Food Ambassadors Committee

IFT GLS New Professional's Event

Ten young professionals were able to attend our recent event at the Cricket Club in Battle Creek for a Young Professionals Happy Hour. The event was a great success, and the section looks forward to hosting similar events in the near future.

Special thanks to Rachel Klataske for organizing!



GLS IFT Member Referral Program

Refer your friends & colleagues!

No one is better qualified to spread the word about the benefits of the **Great Lakes Section** membership and IFT membership than you, a dedicated member.

Do you know a friend or colleague that would benefit from increasing their networking opportunities, expanding their knowledge, or advancing their career? If so, refer a new member to <SECTION> and IFT. By growing membership, you are creating a stronger community of peers with whom you can collaborate, network, and problem solve. Plus, **recruiting new members couldn't be easier!** IFT.org has all the copy you will need to forward on to your friends and colleagues. Click on "Referral Program" under the "Membership" tab and you will find the "Tips and Tools" page which house the invitation and follow up letters.

Visit ift.org/referral today and begin earning your rewards *and* growing your IFT 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, HACCP, 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, HACCP, 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.

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.



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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!

Email us at greatlakesift@gmail.com and let us know how you would like to serve your section.

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