



***Fellows of the International Academy of Food Science and Technology
from Daryl Lund, President 2010-2012***

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What a wonderful occasion to send my first greeting to you as President of IAFoST following on the announcement that one of our previous presidents is the recipient of the lifetime achievement award sponsored by UBM and IUFOST. Of course, I am referring to Ralph Blanchfield. Ralph has been one of the tireless supporters of IAFoST, along with IUFOST and food science and technology in general. He is most deserving as the first recipient of the award. From all of us, Ralph, our sincerest congratulations for a recognition so well-deserved.

While I am in the recognition phase of this communication, I would also like to thank Prakash for his excellent service during his term as our President. Significant advances were made in making the Academy relevant to IUFOST and to advancing food science and technology through service. I'll have more on opportunities for your participation in service later.

It seems like ages ago that we were gathered in Cape Town for the World Congress so expertly conducted by our colleagues in SAAFoST. They did a marvelous job in programming and in providing such fine hospitality. Among the more impressive accomplishments of the Congress was adoption of the Cape Town Declaration, a follow on to the Budapest Declaration passed in 1995 at the 9th World Congress in Hungary. The Cape Town Declaration emphasizes the essential role that IUFOST, the adhering bodies, and the Academy can play in food security, food safety and education and training. Further information can be found on the website at <http://iufost.org/iufost-introduces-outline-plan-work-global-food-science-community>. Our greatest strength for contribution is our intellectual capacity. In this endeavor, the Academy can play a key role. To illustrate, consider that two of our Fellows are taking on lead roles in education and training: Aman Wirakartakusumah as chair of the Education Committee, and Dietrich Knorr as chair of the Young Scientists/Students Committee. In addition two additional major initiatives of the Union are chaired by Academy Fellows: Walter Spiess and David Lineback co-chair the Food Security Task Force, and Mary Schmidl and Pingfan Rao work with Prakash on the Food, Health and Wellness Task Force. Food Safety is another major thrust of IUFOST's work. You have the opportunity to engage in and contribute to any of these activities. In addition, IUFOST has launched a new initiative recently in Vietnam: the Visiting Professorship Programme. Please consider volunteering to teach, mentor and/or advise graduate students in Vietnam and other developing countries. Just let Judith Meech know if you would be willing to participate.

Another significant action at the closing ceremony was the official turning over of preparation for Congress 16 to Brazil. The Brazil Society of Food science and Technology (SBCTA) will host the Congress in Salvador, Brazil, August 19-23, 2012. The theme of the meeting is Addressing Global Food Security and Wellness Through Food Science and Technology. Again, IAFoST will have an important role and numerous activities and we look

forward to seeing all of you there.

For the Academy, in addition to inducting the 23 members of the Class of 2010 Fellows at the meeting and to having a luncheon together the last day (at which each Fellow in attendance was presented with a podium banner created and produced by President Prakash), there was also a meeting of the Executive Council of the Academy. In addition to our stated goal to increase the activity of the Fellows in contributing toward the objectives of IUFOST, the Executive Council has examined the statutes of the Academy and will recommend some changes to be voted on by the General Assembly. We are considering suggesting a category of Honorary Fellow for the President Elect, Secretary General and President of IUFOST if the person is not already an elected Fellow of the Academy. Honorary Fellow designation would also apply to the distinguished invited lecturer at the World Congress if the person is not eligible for election or is not elected outright. Fellows of the Academy can assist in several other projects and activities in which IUFOST is currently engaged. Special attention should be paid to contributing a Scientific Information Bulletin in your area of expertise (see the list of current SIBs on the website <http://iufost.org/iufost-scientific-information-bulletins-sib>); contributing to the electronic book on case studies in food science and technology; contributing to the data base (Food INPHO) that Ralph helped establish with FAO; and participating in the distance-assisted training project as a mentor or module developer. Regarding the DE project, we are in the process of considering development of modules around specific products like fruits and vegetables, baking, dairy products, grains, meats, etc. I know that we have the expertise in the Academy to assist greatly in this development. We'll call on you in the near future for those contributions.

Finally, before signing off, I am asking for 5 or 6 of you to volunteer to serve as an ad hoc committee to draft a road map that adhering bodies can use in response to natural or man-made disasters. This would be a valuable contribution toward the overall efforts that IUFOST is making in food security. I am specifically thinking of the effort that Dr. Prakash and his organization (Central Food Technological Research Institute in Mysore) made in response to the tsunami that struck India in 2004. Although the Center had facilities to actually manufacture food products and is a special situation that no other adhering body possesses, it could still be helpful for adhering bodies to have a plan wherein the food science and technology expertise could be made available during these acute situations where safe, nutritious food is required on short notice. So if you are interested in serving and/or chairing this effort, please email me (dlund@cals.wisc.edu) with a copy to jmeech@iufost.org.

As we enter the holiday season, Dawn and I wish each of you health and prosperity in 2011. Enjoy your families and continue to make the signal contributions that you alone can make in food science and technology.