



**Subject: Message from President, IAFoST (update)**  
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***My Dear Distinguished Fellows of the Academy,***

Since my last message to you, Fellows of IAFoST have been deeply involved in every aspect of IAFoST's activities worldwide. I would like in this message to mention some of the initiatives and to thank all of you who are working so hard to advance food science and technology globally and fight against food insecurity. We can contribute through education, hard core science, latest technologies and adaptable, affordable and accessible technologies to assist the needy.

As regards publications, we have seen two major books released by IAFoST in the last several months, all involving Fellows of the Academy. The first, "**Global Issues in Food Science and Technology**" is edited by Academy Fellows Gustavo Barbosa-Canovas, Alan Mortimer, David Lineback, Walter Spiess, Ken Buckle and Paul Colonna. This book presents the latest insights on topics from key presentations of the IAFoST world congress held in Nantes, France. This is a fascinating document to add for any knowledge bank!

The second, "**Food Science and Technology**" is a comprehensive food science and technology core curricula textbook, edited by Academy Fellow and IAFoST President Geoffrey Campbell-Platt and featuring 21 chapters written by 30 contributing authors including our IAFoST colleagues Paul Singh, Gerald Moy, Cherl-Ho Lee, Herbert Stone, Gordon Robertson and Rickey Yada. This book provides the fundamental knowledge needed for those entering our profession and gives them the core principles essential for creating advanced technologies in the future for the benefit of us all.

In addition, our journals, **International Review of Food Science and Technology (IRFST)** include contributions from IAFoST Fellows as does the *Special Issue of Trends in Food Science (TIFS)*, and both are making an impact with your help.

Editors Gordon Robertson and John Lupien are continuing to build the free and downloadable handbook: "**Using Food Science and Technology to Improve Nutrition and Promote National Development: Selected Case Studies**", which now includes 12 chapters, with three written by Academy Fellows - John Lupien, Alastair Hicks and M.S. Swaminathan. More contributions are welcome and are on the way from what I hear!

Of course, we must not forget the ongoing efforts of the IAFoST Scientific Council. These Fellows of the Academy, Mary Schmidl (chair), Colin Dennis (past chair), Rickey Yada (chair- elect) and councillors Ralph Blanchfield and Cherl-Ho Lee have been

involved in many scientific activities, among them the development and production of **Scientific Information Bulletins (SIBS)**. Functional Foods, written by Fereidoon Shahidi and Organic Food, written by Ralph Blanchfield have already been produced and three others will be completed by year's end.

*Sincere congratulations to all of you who have responded to the educational needs within our profession and to the global community at large through the above publications.*

Moving on to other aspects of our Fellows' contributions and work, I must mention the Distance Education programme and the pilot project underway in Sub-Saharan Africa.

This task force is led by Daryl Lund, President-elect of IAFoST and most of nine modules that will be presented are being prepared by Fellows of the Academy. The first test module - Food Deyhydration has been a resounding success and the group is continuing on to the intermediate level. More will be heard about this in the coming months. This DE Programme is unique and we are all very proud of its success. The programme is expanding but we have to find new ways of meeting the global demands for such DE programmes. Everybody wants it!

We are also working in the most important areas of Food Safety and Food Security by our efforts to improve the safety and stability of the food supply chain. Both IUFoST committees are working to provide solutions to some of the problems facing the world's food supply chain. Food and nutrition security and food supply are immense subjects that require us to continue to interface with other international organizations as we work towards common solutions. We are grateful to all the contributors in this effort of the Academy.

In the news has been Joseph Hulse who we are pleased to hear has been appointed visiting professor at the University of Waterloo, Canada, another accomplishment among many for the former President of IUFoST and Founding Fellow of the Academy. On a sad note, we have said Farewell to two distinguished Fellows this year, both founding fellows of the Academy - these two outstanding scientists were Fritz Diehl of Germany and Kiang Ai Kim of Singapore.

You will all be receiving information in the next few days regarding nominations to the Academy and I urge each one of you to consider candidates for election and to think of candidates not only from academia but from industry and government as well who you believe are international leaders in the field of Food Science and Technology and who have made a difference to the World of Food Science and Technology.

We are eager to hear from you on any of the topics or others that I have touched upon today as examples. Perhaps we should use our new forum - *the IUFoST blog* - to discuss some of the issues so important to us all.

We look forward to your innovative ideas for achieving new goals for the Academy and for enhancing the efforts already underway as we all prepare for our meeting in Cape Town next year. Before then, let us be proactive in our e-discussions of current topics relevant to each of our countries and regions, on topics with a common thread of interest to all the Fellows. Perhaps through our work, we can generate a policy paper for our networking and to take the agenda forward.

*With my best wishes to you all,*

**V. Prakash**

**President**

**International Academy of Food Science and Technology (IAFoST)**

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