



IFT: The Society for Food Science and Technology FOODSERVICE DIVISION

Foodservice Division Mission: "The mission of the Foodservice Division is to disseminate and promote research and other information on food technology as it relates to foodservice with the objective that operating conditions in the industry are improved." <http://www.ift.org/divisions/foodservice/>

Foodservice Division Executive Committee Teleconference / Meeting **Date: November 20, 2007 Time: 8:00 to 9:00 AM PST**

PARTICIPANTS: John Randall, Stephanie Struble, William Baran, Pete Snyder, Gideon Zeidler

1. Symposia for IFT 2008 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, June 28 to July 1

Two topics were chosen:

1. How does the retail food operator determine if a supplier is a "safe" source of food?
Follow GAP rules, as required by the FDA food code?
2. Protecting public health: How do operators assure that they have identified and controlled the hazards in the food that they sell?
Gideon Zeidler and Stephanie Struble will put the symposia together. Possible co-sponsors are the Quality Assurance division and/or the Microbiology Division. The deadline to submit the program to IFT is December 17th.

2. Reno Conference Update

Pete Snyder reported on the new developments since our last conference call.

1. The conference is supported by IFT and the IAFP Retail Food Safety and Quality Professional Development Group.
2. All speakers confirmed their participation. (Since this teleconference, a couple of speakers have been changed.)
3. The board approved \$6,000 as budget for speakers, advertising and other expenses only if needed.
4. Two exhibitors already have confirmed their participation. We are looking for more.
5. The outcome of the conference is to establish a research program for foodservice with sponsored research studies of retail processes. Potential research projects include: 1) validating new processes and 2) extending critical limits as safe. An extensive list is now being developed and will be shared with all members shortly.

3. Scholarships Initiative

Bill Baran reported that three years of commitment is required by the IFT. The scholarship pledge is made for three years, payable one year at a time. In case no qualified candidate has applied, there is no need to give the scholarship during this year. Stephanie Struble will carry on this assignment after Bill Baran has completed his term. Thank you, Bill, for a job well done.

4. Foodservice Division Reception at the Annual Meeting

The Foodservice Division reception during the IFT Annual Meeting will be held as in previous years, immediately after the Division Executive Committee meeting. John Randall has committed to be one of the sponsors for the reception. Thanks a lot, John!

5. Retail HACCP Technology Book

Woodhead Publishing Limited showed interest in publishing this book, with Pete Snyder, Editor. Pete is looking now for chapter writers. Gideon has volunteered to write a chapter on refrigeration.

6. Elections for 2008-09.

It is time to start planning for next spring's election by seeking out candidates for Chair-elect, Secretary and three Members at Large. There are two questions to decide:

1. Do we want a permanent RCA representative on the Executive Committee?
2. Do we want two-year terms for the Chair and Secretary? (Note: for the Chair, this means a six-year commitment, one year as Chair-Elect; two years as Chair; one year as Past Chair.)

Next conference call

Between February 1 and 15, 2008, after the Reno Conference.

NOTE From Gideon

After the conference call, I received a request from the IFT Student Division for supporting the IFT Fun Run 2008, which is held during the annual meeting. In 2007, the IFT Foodservice Division fully supported this student activity with \$3,500. I intend to continue this support in 2008. If you have any objections, please let me know.

Minutes submitted by Gideon Zeidler