

Oregon Section



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Institute of Food Technologists

Bioaerosol Transmission of Pathogens: Implications for the Food Industry

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IFT Distinguished Lecturer

Dr. Suresh Pillai, Professor of Microbiology, leads the Environmental Microbiology and Food Safety Program at Texas A&M University. Dr. Pillai received his Ph. D. in Microbiology and Immunology from the University of Arizona and joined the Naval Medical Research Institute to work on rapid detection systems for biological threat agents such as *B.anthraxis* and *Cl. botulinum*.

Dr. Pillai's research focus has been on the fate of microbial pathogens along the US-Mexico border and on the ecology of pathogens in natural and man-made environments as it relates to pathogen transport in groundwater, surface water and food. Current projects include developing advanced technologies for sterilization and disinfection for NASA, the food industry, and the wastewater and drinking water industries.

Dr. Pillai is involved in a number of professional activities and is currently serving on the Scientific Advisory Board of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Center for Microbial Risk Assessment.

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IFT Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Location:

Otto and Anita's
3025 SW Canby St
Portland, Oregon 97219-2470
Phone: 503.452.1411

Times:

4:30 PM Executive Committee
5:30 PM Social Hour/Registration
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Dr. Suresh Pillai

Registration Fee:

Advance Registration: \$25.00
At the Door: \$28.00
Students: \$13.00

Directions to Landon Farms:

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Jeff Clawson

I hope everyone is enjoying the new-year and so far. It feels like time is simply flying by and it would be nice to stop, relax, and enjoy some time with friends, acquaintances, and fellow food industry folks. OSIFT will have two opportunities for just that this February! Starting off is this meeting on the 5th where we will feast on Bavarian food at Otto and Anita's and learn about Bioaerosol Transmission of Pathogens from Dr. Suresh Pillai.

On the 25th the section welcomes all to the annual Suppliers Night which as been renamed to FIX (Food Ingredient Expo). If you can separate yourself from work early that day please come attend the technical sessions. We have three great speakers who will be presenting on topics that you will find fascinating – check out the information online at http://www.ift.org/sections/oregon/Suppliers_Night/index.htm.

The evening of the 25th will be filled with suppliers that will help you find that product you have been looking for, tasting cheese (provided by the OSU Food and Fermentation Club), enjoying a free meal, possibly winning a great raffle prize, networking with people from the industry, and seeing old friends. It is very important that you invite co-workers and other food industry people to this FREE event – the suppliers will be there to visit with and answer questions you may have. Of course the suppliers would like to see a lot of people at this venue so let's not disappoint them!

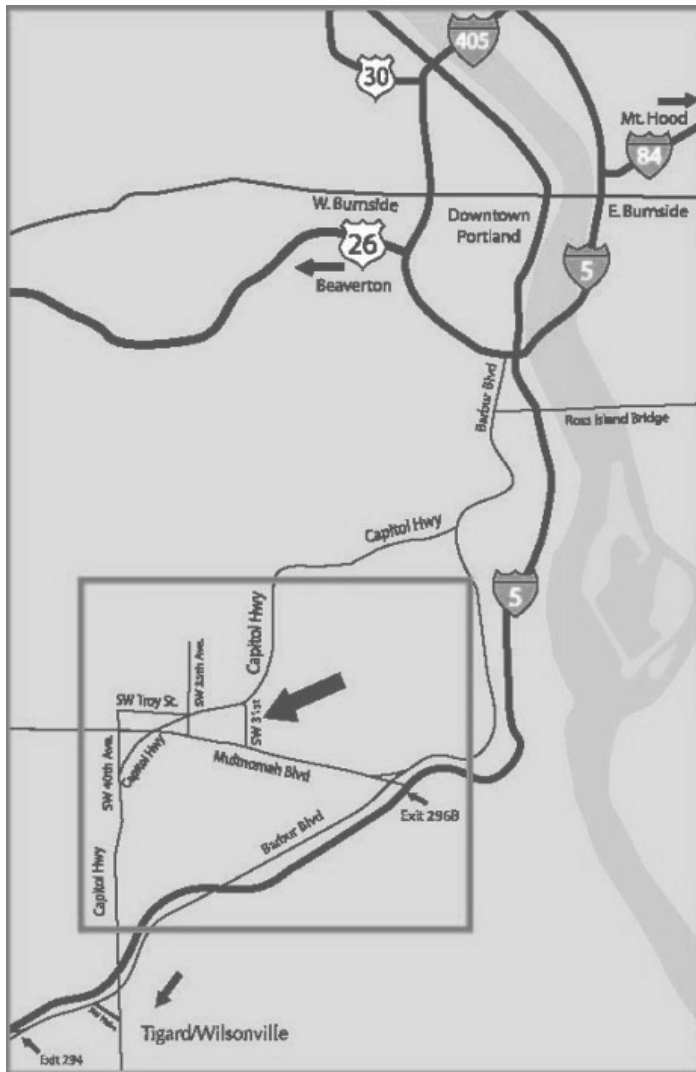
Jeff

OSIFT Chair



Map to Otto and Anita's:

OREGON SECTION IFT 2007-2008 Meetings



Mark your calendars now! Meeting times are the same unless noted:

- 4:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting
- 5:30 PM Social Hour/Registration
- 6:30 PM Dinner
- 7:30 PM Presentation

Monday, February 25, 2008

Location: Lloyd Center Doubletree,
1000 NE Multnomah, Portland
Speaker/Topic: Suppliers' Night

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Location: Alessandro's,
120 Commercial St NE, Salem
Speaker/Topic: Yan Yun Zhao and the
97th Annual Oregon Dairy Industries Conference

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Location: Northwest Viticulture Center,
215 Doaks Ferry Road NW, Salem
Speaker/Topic: Annual OSIFT Awards Program

Save the date!

IFT Annual Meeting & Food ExpoSM
June 28 - July 2, 2008, New Orleans, LA



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Update: Holiday Food Drive

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Oregon Food Bank at the December meeting at Langdon Farms We collected \$2690 in check donations including \$1000 from the Oregon Section IFT and \$1690 in personal donations in addition to 194 pounds of food which was desperately needed.

All those who contributed check donations shall receive a receipt by mail from Oregon Food Bank.

Bill Grano
OSIFT Hospitality Chair



FOOD IN THE NEWS

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture have stated that foods from healthy cloned animals and their offspring are as safe as those from ordinary animals.

For more information visit the USDA or FDA websites.

Suppliers' Night Gets FIXed!

A New Name for a Long Standing Tradition

The Suppliers' Night Committee has been very busy working on ways to improve attendance at our annual event and provide a more productive environment for the suppliers who exhibit. One of the biggest changes you will notice is that we have changed the name from "Suppliers' Night" to "FIX*", or Food Ingredient Xpo* (equipment and services, too!) The purpose of this was to make the name of the event more descriptive of what actually takes place. We have received some very positive comments about this change and it looks like the new name is going to stick.

Other changes include reorganizing the table layout in the exhibit hall, a new format for our raffle, and an OSIFT wine glass give-away for IFT members. We have a great line-up of speakers for the technical sessions and supplier registrations have been brisk. I want to thank Dirk Schulbach, Sarah Masoni, Lindsey Moreland, Sarah Schwab and David Eisele for their effort and creative energy.

With all this said, mark you calendars and plan to join us at the Portland Double Tree Lloyd Center on Monday, February 25th. Technical sessions will run from 1:30 to 4:15 and the exhibit hall will be open from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

I hope to see you there.

Dann Barnard
OSIFT FIX* Chair

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Happy New Year! For those of you who are Oregon Section Members (not National), your membership expired on December 31st. Please send in your renewal forms with payment ASAP to keep yourselves current!

This year at FIX*, we will be giving away FREE Oregon IFT wine glasses to all current Section members! If you've yet to renew or have been thinking about joining, this is a great time to do so!

Let me know if you need a new form and I can send you one. They can also be found on our section website and at all section meetings.

Thank you and don't forget to stop by the IFT booth at FIX* to redeem your wine glass!

Lindsey Moreland
OSIFT Membership Chair



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February OSIFT Meeting Reservations
 Please make your dinner reservations no later than 5:00 PM on Thursday, January 31st for the meeting on Tuesday, February 5th, 2008. (See meeting details on cover page.)

PLEASE PRINT:
 Name: _____
 Company _____

This is a confirmation of a phoned/FAxed reservation.

A person making a reservation and then not attending will be billed for the price of the dinner, unless (1) the reservation is cancelled before the indicated deadline for the month, or (2) he/she sends a replacement who has not already made a reservation.

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