

Minnesota IFT March Meeting

Monday, March 21st, 2011

Seven THE STEAKHOUSE

700 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403



Professor Jae Park

Oregon State University

Dr. Park is a professor of Oregon State University since 1992. As IFT Fellow elected in 2007, he published over 100 referred journal articles, 31 book chapters, and 2 patents. Having devoted his entire professional career to fish protein (surimi) research and outstanding outreach in technology transfer, Dr. Jae Park has distinguished himself as an internationally renowned scientist in surimi research, education, and technology transfer. His two books, *Surimi and Surimi Seafood*, published in 2000 and 2005, are the only surimi books published in English since 1992. As a mentor, he trained 33 graduate and post-graduate students for their MS and Ph.D. degree. He hosted 27 international researchers who conducted various research projects as a visiting scientist. He founded the OSU Surimi School in 1993 and Surimi Industry Forum in 2001 and offers the programs annually in Oregon. He also founded Surimi School Asia in 1996, Surimi School Europe in 1999, and Surimi Forum Japan in 2010. Over 4,000 people have been trained through his 45 surimi school or surimi forum programs offered globally.

Dr. Park will give a talk titled 'Celebrating the 30-year Production of Crabstick in the United States' during the Harold Macy Award ceremony on March 21, 2011.

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March Meeting Details

Macy Award Dinner

Date

Monday, March
21st, 2011

4:00-5:00 PM -
ExComm Meeting

5:00-6:00 PM -
Social & Check in
for dinner

6:00-7:00 PM-
Dinner

7:00-8:00 PM-
Speaker

Menu

Salad: Caesar

Entrée Choices (Served with chef choice
vegetables and red roasted potatoes):

Baseball Cut Sirloin

Grilled Salmon

Penne Pasta Primavera

Dessert: Assorted desserts & fresh fruit.

Parking Suggestions:

-Park and Shop (formerly Dayton's/Radisson Ramp)

<http://www.parkmpls.com/dailyparking.html>

Enter After 4:00pm - Exit by 6:00am \$5.00

Four entrances off 7th, 8th, Hennepin Ave & LaSalle Ave

-Minneapolis Marriot City Center -Central Parking System

[http://minneapolis.centralparking.com/Minneapolis-10-South-7th-](http://minneapolis.centralparking.com/Minneapolis-10-South-7th-Street-Parking.html)

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10 South 7th Street (Entrance)

Location

Seven THE
STEAKHOUSE

700 Hennepin

Avenue

Minneapolis, MN

55403

(612) 238-7771

Cost

Members / Guests -
\$40.00

Retiree's/ Displaced
Members - \$15.00

Students - \$ 5.00

Reservations

Register on line at www.mnift.org . On-line credit card payment is preferred. Reservations are due by Thursday March 17 at 5:00pm. Please note this venue requires the final numbers and payment by that date. We always add a few extra meals and sometimes have cancelations but if you want to guarantee attending, please register before the deadline. If you have special dietary requirements, need to cancel, or have questions please call 612-590-8902.

Need to get the word out?

Consider signing up for **advertising** for the MN IFT Newsletter this year. The money earned from the ads helps cover some of the newsletter expenses and remaining funds go towards scholarships. Prices vary depending on your ad size (\$25-200 each ad). It's easy and a great way to reach customers! Contact Karen Spartz (usksp@chr-hansen.com) for more info.

The 6th Annual 2011



We had a very successful 2011 MN IFT Auction for scholarship thanks to the help of all our wonderful donors and our ambitious MN IFT Members who love helping out a great cause.

We were able to exceed our goal of \$8000 and raise over \$8700 which will be split 50/50 between National IFT Foundation Scholarship Fund and MN IFT Scholarship Fund.

For those of you that like numbers, here's the auction in numbers.

Overall

\$8731 raised

142 items were won

55 different winners

41 different donors including companies and MNIFT members

Live:

\$2208 raised

54 items were won

Online:

\$6523 raised

88 items were won

Wonderful Donors:

Cargill • General Mills • Land O'Lakes Ingredients Solutions • Michael Foods • Dale Studios • Brenda Knapp Polzin • Organic Valley/CROPP • Tonya Schoenfuss • Katie Kolpin-Gustafson • Bell Flavors and Fragrances • Caravan Ingredients • Caribou Coffee • Chef Eugene Stoffel • Chuck & Don's Pet Food Outlet • Cooks of Crocus Hill • College of Ag, U of Minn. • Ecolab • Edlong Dairy Flavors • Food Perspectives, Inc. • Givaudan Flavors • Grain Millers • Griffith Laboratories • Gold 'n Plump • Hormel Foods • Core Food Ingredients • Jennie-O Turkey Store • Lisa Pannell • McCormick • Mother Murphy's • Naomi Sundalius • Newly Wed Foods • Ocean Spray • Red Arrow Products • RTech Laboratories • Sherri Schellhaas • Spicetec Flavors & Seasonings • Sun Opta • SuperValu • The Schwan Food Company • Terri Suthers • Lab Support /On Assignment

Special Thanks to all of the Wonderful Committee Members!

Awesome Committee:

Ron Heddleson • Dan Kennedy • Katie Kolpin-Gustafson • Lisa Pannell • Bob Prochnow • Jie Sun Joel Reiman • Anand Rao • Don Dockry • Leanne Pinsonneault

~ Naomi Sundalius, MN IFT Auction Chair

Featured Member Profile: Kimberely Mikaliunas



Kimberly always enjoys trying new foods. She has her family to thank for introducing her to food diversity. Whenever they traveled, her parents would find a way for her to meet the chef at the restaurant they were dining at.

Her love for food led her to the decision to become a chef. One of the places where she worked as an executive chef was at Dayton's. She enjoyed this position but wanted more. She wanted to also understand the science of food.

Before becoming a chef, she double majored in History and Political Science and minored in Psychology. Then, she went back to school to work with Dr. Joellen Feirtag and Dr. Ted Labuza and completed a Master's degree in Food Science. Her research was focused on retail food safety.

Kimberly is the current Chair Designate. In the past, she has volunteered for the membership and silent auction committees. She has many goals as chair from 2011-2012. Kimberly hopes to expand membership to professionals and students in fields not necessarily in food science, but related fields. She would like to see more community service events and ways to expand the understanding of food science.

She currently works for Target Corporation in Product Development. She focuses on many types of foods including, frozen, meals, vegetables, juice, and bread. Kimberly likes the variety and breath of the projects.

Kimberly strongly encourages people to be involved. MNIFT meetings are great for practicing and keeping up with networking and catching up with fellow professionals.

In her free time, Kimberly enjoys cooking, reading food magazines, and being part of hockey, softball, and bocce ball and trivia teams. She has an incredible memory for a variety of 80's music.

Kimberly greatly appreciates comments from MNIFT members. She would like to know what you want out of your membership, ideas for future programs, and comments on past events that you enjoyed or particularly did not enjoy. Speak up. We can't fix anything that we don't know about.

Kimberly hopes that food scientists will also learn the culinary side to food; both work hand-in-hand. In the end, the food has to taste good.

-Profile by Sarah Gutkowski



March 2011 Chair's Message

Thank you everyone on the Silent Auction, Web-site and Newsletter Committees for another stellar silent auction to raise money for student scholarships. The online bidding and payment system worked seamlessly, and the number and variety of donations made bidding a lot of fun. Thank you also to all the companies and individuals who donated items. I will let the committee notify us of the final total when they reveal the big check for National IFT.

This month I'd like to put in a pitch for volunteering for the section. Dinner meetings are great to network and stay active with IFT, but can be difficult to get to when trying to maintain a work/life balance. They also don't provide a deeper level of involvement in the section. On the web-site, there is a list of committees and current committee chairs. If you are interested in volunteering for any of them, contact the committee chair to find out more.

Some immediate needs we have:

- Anyone interested in being on the education committee, please contact me.
- **March 21st** (yes the same day as the Macy Award Dinner meeting) Minnesota State Science Fair Judges are **desperately** needed. MN IFT gives out awards for the two top Jr. and Sr. High School food related projects. You can help judge from 10 - noon or from 1 - 3 at the Radisson City Center in St. Paul. Please contact me at tschoenf@umn.edu if you are interested.
- April 1st and 2nd - The U of M Food Science Club is hosting the regional college bowl. Industry support is needed both days. Please see the call for volunteers from Ian Ronningen in this newsletter for more info, or e-mail him directly at ronni079@umn.edu.
- April 26th - Volunteers needed to participate as the moderator, timekeeper and participants in the annual college bowl against the local students. It's fun. Please contact me at tschoenf@umn.edu if you are interested.

Hope to see you at the Macy Award meeting,

Tonya

Other Related Upcoming Events

Fifteenth Annual Symposium on Industrial and Fermentation Microbiology

Friday, April 29, 2011

Radisson Center

La Crosse, WI 54601

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.uwlax.edu/microbiology/html/symposium15.html>

AACC-NW Section Meeting:

Learn about the R&D Approach from General Mills, Private Label Manufacturers, and Ingredient Suppliers at an AACC-NW sections sponsored meeting on April 5. The first 45 registrants will also get a tour of the new SuperValu facility followed by dinner and a presentation of different strategies and processes to bring products to market. Additional details on MN IFT website at www.MNIFT.org.

Multi-Society Networking Event

The Minnesota Section of the American Society for Quality (MN ASQ) is sponsoring a structured networking event. This is your chance to connect with individuals in other industries and expand your professional network. The event takes place on Thursday March 31 in Ramada Plaza Minneapolis. Registration cost is only \$5. Complete details are in the downloaded PDF document at,

<http://www.mnift.org/pdfs/MultiSocietyNetworkingEvent.pdf>

University of Minnesota Food Science & Nutrition Department

Spring 2011 Short Course: Introduction to Food Chemistry

March 29-31, 2011

For further information & registration, visit:

<http://fscn.cfans.umn.edu/outreach/shortcourses/index.htm>

New Professionals Event

The MNIFT New Professionals are hosting a Food Science Fair for the YWCA Girls Inc. program. Featuring "A Day in The Life of a Food Scientist" and Hands on Food Science experiments! Volunteers are needed to help with the experiments, and pass along a love for food science to the next generation!

Want to volunteer??

Contact Jessica Mitchell

Jessica_mitchell@cargill.com

952-742-3328

To sign up! Space is limited! Event is on Friday March 25th.

IFT Student Association Area Meeting in Minnesota

This year the University of Minnesota is proud to host the IFT Student Association Area meeting. This is a chance for students from other Universities to come and compete against one another in a head to head college bowl competition. Students will also have the unique opportunity to network with students and faculty from other departments too!

This is also a great opportunity for professionals to become involved. There will be a social hour, dinner and interesting lecture which will act as a networking event and mixer on Friday, April 1st from 6-9 pm. On the morning of Saturday April 2nd ten to twelve professionals will have the opportunity to take part in a short two to three hour product development competition by sitting on a team of students from all over the area. The competition will take place from 10:00 am to noon. Is product development not your thing? Show off your knowledge by helping to judge student answers in the regional college bowl competition which will take place from 1-5 pm Saturday afternoon. This area meeting is the gateway to the national college bowl competition and as many people know it can be a very intense event! All events will take place at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus in the Food Science and Nutrition Building. If you are interested in participating on Friday and/or Saturday or looking for another way to help out please contact Ian Ronningen at ronni079@umn.edu or 952-564-1707.

Food Science Club Updates University of Minnesota

Congratulations to the University of Minnesota's Developing Solutions for Developing Countries Team. They made it to the finals! Additional congratulations go to those involved in selling candy for the FScN Club. The candy fundraiser was a success. Thanks go to those of you who helped support the club by purchasing candy. An alumnus from the U of MN talked to the club about job and internship opportunities, and Hormel Foods' culture. At every club event, we encourage students to attend MNIFT events and apply for the scholarships. To celebrate Valentine's Day, students and faculty enjoyed decorating sugar cookies. We provided the sugar cookies, frosting and sprinkles—the participants provided their creativity (or just their appetite)!

Sarah Gutkowski
U of MN Food Science and Nutrition Club's President

Upcoming Dinner Meetings

April 26, 2011: Student Night at Como Conservatory

May 17, 2011: Social (For everyone) at Pinstripes

Do YOU have a submission for the newsletter???

The MN Section IFT Newsletter is distributed to *hundreds* of industry professionals, companies, students, and academia across Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin, and it's available for YOU to use! We, as editors, welcome articles, news, and announcements for the Newsletter. Simply send your questions and submissions to Jackie Koch (jrkoch2@wisc.edu, 612-423-9280) and Bridget McClatchey (BCMclatchey@landolakes.com, 219-863-4080).

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