

## Minnesota IFT April Meeting & Student Night

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Como Park Zoo and Conservatory - Visitor Center

1225 Estabrook Drive St. Paul, MN 55103



### April Chair's Message - Prof. Tonya Schoenfuss

Hello everyone,

Did you know that the nation's largest surimi plant is in Motley, MN? I didn't. And if you know me very well, you know I like to know things like that. Like MN is number one in sugar beet and turkey production in the US. And we are number 2 in Cheddar cheese production. I learned about Motley being the surimi capital, and you did also, if you were fortunate to hear the entertaining and informative talk by our Macy award winner, Dr. Jae Park. I am not drawn to our IFT dinner meetings because of what the speaker's topic is. The value for me is to learn something new, meet new people, reconnect with friends in other companies, and enjoy a nice meal at a great venue that our arrangements committee has put together.

Our April meeting is speakerless - it is our annual student recognition and awards night. That does not mean it will not be entertaining. We will have our annual students vs. industry quiz bowl competition. If you want to re-live your glory days as a food science quiz bowl student, reserve your spot at the table with a buzzer in your hand by contacting the official team captain, Rusty Nelson at [rusty.a.nelson@supervalu.com](mailto:rusty.a.nelson@supervalu.com). We will also have guests from National IFT present to accept the checks from our section and from Cargill for the Feeding Tomorrow scholarship fund.

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If you are planning to go the IFT National meeting, don't forget to register by May 6<sup>th</sup> to get the early-bird discount. Also, instead of a Minnesota Breakfast, there will be a mixer at 5 pm on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. If you want to attend, make sure you search for Minnesota under "Optional Ticketed Events/Field Trips" and sign up. I think this will be more fun than a breakfast, although now I have no excuse not to run in the fun-run, so I signed up for the run. So if you would like to support student scholarships and run off some beignets, sign up for that too for the morning of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see you at Como Park on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the next meeting!

Tonya C. Schoenfuss  
MN IFT Section Chair

## MN IFT April Meeting Details

### Date

Tuesday, April  
26, 2011

5:00 PM - Check-  
in and Social  
Time

6:00 PM - Dinner

7:00 PM - Awards  
& Mock College  
Bowl Competition

### Directions

<http://www.comozooconservatory.org/plan/directions/#/directions>

### Menu

#### Italian Buffet

- Display of Roman Artichokes
- Macedonian Fruit Salad
- Arugula and Spinach Salad
- Spring Vegetable Cavatappi
- Sautéed Breast of Chicken, Artichoke Hearts, Sun-Dried Tomatoes, Marsala Wine
- Grilled Flank Steak Marinated in Garlic, Rosemary and Black Pepper
- Rosemary -Roasted Potatoes with Asiago Cheese
- Caramelized Carrots, Pearl Onions and Zucchini
- Artisan Bread and Butter

**Dessert-** Family Style Petite Dessert Platte  
Limoncello Tartlets, Turtle Brownie Bites, Petite Cheesecake, Carmel-Hazelnut Tartlets, Almond-Chambord Raspberry Cakes, Chocolate Dipped Fruits

### Location

**Como Park Zoo and  
Conservatory**

1225 Estabrook Drive  
St. Paul, MN 55103

651-487-8201

[www.comozooconservatory.org](http://www.comozooconservatory.org)

### Cost

**Members / Guests -**  
\$45.00 (includes  
student sponsorship)

**Retiree's/ Displaced  
Members - \$25.00**  
**Students - Free**

## Reservations

Register on line at [www.mnift.org](http://www.mnift.org). On-line credit card payment is preferred. Reservations are due by Thursday, April 21 by 5:00pm. Please note this venue like most requires the final numbers and payment by that date. We always add extra meals and may have cancelations but if you want to guarantee dinner, please register before the deadline. If you have special dietary requirements, need to cancel, inquire about late registration or have other questions please call 612-590-8902.

NOTE: EVERYONE, including Free Students and Chaperones, need to register to get accurate meal counts for the venue.

## CONGRATULATIONS, New Section Officers!

It is our pleasure to announce the newly elected MN IFT Executive Committee Members for the 2011-2012 schedule. Thank you for your willingness to serve our section!

**Chair Elect:**

Naomi Sundalius, Michael Foods

**Membership Secretary:**

Michele Wolf, General Mills

**Recording Secretary:**

Rachel Prosocki, General Mills

**Section Representatives:**

Jessica Mitchell, Cargill

Joel Reiman, Hormel

Emily Wise, Target

### Do YOU have a submission for the newsletter???

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## Upcoming Events:

- April 5<sup>th</sup> AACC-NW Section Meeting  
April 26<sup>th</sup> Student Recognition Night  
April 29<sup>th</sup> UW-Lacrosse Symposium on Industrial and Fermentation Microbiology  
May 17<sup>th</sup> MN IFT May Social at Pinstripes

## Food Science Club Updates:

### University of Minnesota

The students defeated the faculty at the Students vs. Faculty College Bowl Drill. Eight Food Science and/or Nutrition students volunteered at Second Harvest Heartland. We all had a great time weighing, sealing, and packaging pasta for those in need. With our and the other volunteers' efforts combined, we packaged 1,400 pounds of pasta! The Food Science and Nutrition Club is beginning an interdepartmental program to help underclassman by pairing them with a junior or senior to answer any questions they may have about their education, professional goals, time management, department involvement or any other topic. By doing this we hope to make their college experience more complete by helping them learn from others who have gone through it.

Sarah Gutkowski

U of MN Food Science and Nutrition Club's President

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## Featured Member: Corinne Otte



Corinne always enjoyed science as a child. When looking at majors offered at Madison, WI, her mother saw this interesting major called "food science." After talking with the contact person, Dr. Hartel, mentioned on the brochure, Corinne decided to major in food science. At Madison, Corinne was involved with the Food Science Club and IFT. She held leadership positions like Student Representative and Treasurer. For her Master's, Corinne decided to risk her status as a Badger and become a Gopher. She worked under Dr. Ted Labuza—which seems

to be a trend in the past newsletters. Corinne thought it was worth the change because her ultimate goal was to work at General Mills, where she is now.

Corinne is currently a R&D Scientist at General Mills working on bakery products. She used to do a lot of baking at home, but now her baking for fun at home has decreased due to all the baking at work. Corinne is on the MN IFT Finance Committee as the Assistant Treasurer. She has also played a role on the Arrangement Committee. This shows Corinne's dedication to the organization.

During her undergraduate years, Corinne had three internships. She was one of the lucky individuals to intern in France—live on a farm, milk cows, and make yogurt. The following summer, she interned at Roundy's while working on products like meat and seafood. After her senior year as an undergrad, she interned at Kraft working on product development.

When Corinne is not working at General Mills or volunteering for the MN IFT, she is preparing for her upcoming wedding. She also enjoys being outside, training for triathlons, and collecting recipes—whenever she sees a good recipe she has to save it. "It is scary how many recipes I collect," said Corinne. Therefore, if you are looking for a good recipe, ask Corinne.

Some of her favorite MN IFT events include a Summit Brewery Tour and multiple Young Professional Events. These events include more interaction with other participants. She hopes to see small group discussions, cooking classes/demonstrations, and tours.

-Profile by Sarah Gutkowski