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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear CAFS Members,

Time, like a busy traveler, never ceases its steps. It seems like just yesterday while we emerged from the celebration of 2007 holiday season, we are now at doorstep into spring. I hope this newsletter finds all of you healthy and well, and have been already implementing your plans to achieve great goals that you are aspired to for the year.

Chinese people have this well-known saying: “一日之际在于晨，一年之际在于春。” It stresses the importance of planning at the beginning. Your executive committee has been working hard on it since the beginning of 2008 fiscal year. The committee has had three teleconferences already (9/29/07, 12/15/07 and 2/23/08). The leadership team discussed a wide range of issues and challenges facing the CAFS and attempted to design appropriate strategies to address them. We envision that our society to help the members to achieve professional excellence, to be a platform to encourage membership engagement and interaction and to serve the members' diverse interests better than before. Among many initiatives that the Committee has taken, let me just highlight a few of them here.

The Executive Committee has unanimously approved to launch a Lifetime Membership Drive effective immediately

till December 31, 2008. The deal is that the CAFS professional members who decide to join the elite Lifetime Members can do so at a discount rate of \$240 during this period. This is a 20% saving over the standard rate. An additional special bonus is that anyone who becomes a lifetime member before the Annual Banquet (June 30, 2008) will receive a complimentary banquet admission. This action encourages long-term commitment to your beloved society and your colleagues. It also alleviates the inconvenience of remembering paying the small membership fee yearly. You can do it once for all and not to worry about forgetting your membership dues ever. We encourage all the professional members to consider this attractive opportunity.

Establishment of a non-profit organization status will enable CAFS to receive donation. It has been the hope of CAFS leadership teams for many years. Under Dr. Martin Lo's leadership and diligent effort, we have made solid steps towards this goal. It is hopeful that we will be able to report back our success within next few weeks. Once we are there, we will have opportunities to build a sound financial basis for the society and to support many scientific and professional services to our members.

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We have witnessed that the world economy is increasingly globalized over the last few decades, hence international scientific and technical exchanges become more important to professionals and businessmen. This is an area that CAFS as a unique food science professional society can demonstrate its collective strength and provides its members opportunities to serve and excel. Dr. Joseph Jen, Ex-Under Secretary of USDA and CAFS President 1977-78, has identified a potential opportunity for us. He envisioned a Sino-US Food Processing Forum to be held in China late 2008. The primary purpose of the forum is to enhance information flows and to establish solid interaction between CAFS members and Chinese counterparts. The forum will broadly cover four areas, namely cereal and oil, meat safety and meat products, fruits and vegetables, and functional foods. The expertise composition of the delegation should be multidisciplinary. Recently, he, with assistance of Hongda and Martin, has developed a proposal and presented to Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) of China for consideration. We will keep you timely posted about this excellent opportunity. If you are interested in participation, you may want to let us know.

Have you visited the CAFS web page lately? Are you looking for a job? YiFang has been diligently keeping the site up-to-date. The

job posting page is a new addition listed a number of current academic positions. Visit it frequently to see new postings if you are in the phase of looking to expand your horizon. Also, if you are a personnel officer or have needs to recruit talented CAFS members, you will find this an effective way to reach out to your ideal candidates. Please send your job announcement to our webmaster.

There are much more to report from the Executive Committee. I am thinking about sharing all the minutes of our past teleconferences with you by posting them on members only web page section. I will welcome you to check it out, and give us your thoughts on the issues that we discussed, or bring new issues that you wish us to consider. Your encouragement and involvement is always helpful for our society.

Before I close my message, I would like to share with you my wonderful experience of visiting with some of CAFS members in Hong Kong late last year. The venue was the 15th Annual Conference of Hong Kong Institution of Science (HKIS) held at Hong Kong University on November 3. The theme of the conference was Recent Advances in Food Science – Meeting the Challenges. HKIS holds annual conferences focusing on one specific scientific subject each time. Our colleagues at Hong Kong University and others have been absolutely impressive

to elevate the recognition of food science among all the competing scientific disciplines by successfully holding this conference. The conference was nicely organized and superbly conducted. Dr. Chi-Tang Ho was the keynote speaker and delivered an excellent presentation titled “Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals.” I was asked to present a talk “Food Nanotechnology: Enhancing Food Quality and Safety.” A number of CAFS members were presented at the conference. We have had opportunities to visit with each other for a mini-CAFS reunion. I was thoroughly immersed in their extraordinarily warm hospitality, and most thankful to all of them, especially Professors Sun Kwok, C.Y. Ma, Steven F. Chen, Ming-Fu Wang, Edmund Lee, Zhen-Yu Chen, Mr. Leo Yuen, Mr. Y.L. Lee, and Ms. Cindy Chan, for such a wonderful time. I also want to thank Dr. Romeo Leu, CAFS President 1997-98, for his tips to tour Hong Kong and Macau in most efficient way. It was indeed an awesome trip.

Best regards,

Hongda Chen
CAFS President 2007-08



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Candidate for President –Elect

Dr. Fur-Chi Chen, Research Associate Professor in the Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Research at Tennessee State University, received his B.S. in nutrition from Chung-Shan Medical and Dental College, Taiwan, M.S. in food science from University of Wisconsin-Stout, and Ph.D. in food science from Auburn University. His research is focused on the development of rapid methods and biosensors for detection of toxins, allergens and foodborne pathogens in foods. He joined CAFS as a student member in 1996, and received an Outstanding Student Award from CAFS in 1997. He has served on Public Relations/Fund Raising Committee from 2000-2001. He became a life-time member of CAFS in 2005 and has served as CAFS Secretary and Newsletter Editor since 2006.

Candidates for Directors

Dr. Jianrong (Janet) Zhang, Research Scientist at Simmons Foods Inc. in Arizona, has been a regular attendee to CAFS activities. Dr. Zhang received her B.S. from Wuhan Food Industry College in China. She then completed a M.S. from Clemson University, and a Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. She worked at NFPA in DC before joining Simmons.

Dr. Kevin Zhou, Assistant Professor of Food Chemistry at Virginia Tech, joined CAFS as a student member when he was a Ph.D. student at the University of Maryland. He has served at the registration desk for many CAFS annual meetings and continues to be a strong supporter for CAFS activities. Dr. Zhou received his Ph.D. in Food Chemistry from Maryland in 2005, and holds a MS in Nutrition and Food Safety from the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (2001) and a MD degree in Preventive Medicine/Public Health from Shandong Medical University in China (1998). His research fo-

Remember to renew your membership

It is time to renew your CAFS membership, you can either download the [CAFS membership application/renewal/update form](#) or use the following page, and send it in with your membership due to:

Dr. Vivian Wu
5735 Hitchner Hall 101A
The University of Maine
Orono, ME 04469-5735
USA

No better time to become a CAFS Life-Time Member

You can do it once for all and not to worry about forgetting your membership dues ever.

We invite you to join the elite Lifetime Member at a discount rate of \$240. This is a 20% saving over the standard rate. This promotional rate will last till December 31, 2008.

Act immediately, send your Life-Time Member Application and have an additional special bonus, that anyone who becomes a lifetime member before the Annual Banquet (June 30, 2008) will receive a complimentary banquet admission.

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Membership Application / Renewal / Update

You are using this form for: (please check one) New Application Renewal Update

Name: _____

(individual member or representative of corporate member, as you wish this appear in the membership directory)

Professional Affiliation: _____

Business Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ ; Fax Number: _____

Residence Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ ; Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Preferred Correspondence Address: (please check one) Business Residence

Present Position and Area of Interest/Specialization:

Education (All Degrees, Year Received, Institutes Graduated From):

Promotional Rate \$240
(till 12/31/2008)

Membership Dues for Calendar Year: _____

__ Student Member \$10 __ Life Member \$300 (Payable only once) __ Active Member \$20

__ Associate Member \$20 __ Corporate Member \$250 (including dues for one active member or associate member)

Total Amount Due \$ _____ (please make check payable to Chinese American Food Society)

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Application Verification:

Name of University: _____

Faculty Name & Title: _____ Phone #: _____

Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership I.D. Code No.: _____ (to be completed by the CAFS Treasurer)

Please return this form with payment to:

Dr. Vivian Wu

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Call for Nominations of CAFS Student Scholarship and Professional Awards

Student Scholarship Award

Purposes:

1. To stimulate college-bound, high school juniors and seniors to consider majoring in food science and technology
2. To encourage diligence and excellence in the pursuit of undergraduate studies in food science and technology
3. To promote quality and professionalism in scientific research and communication skills among graduate students in food science and technology

Eligibility:

1. Scholarships for high school juniors and seniors are available to sons and daughters of active CAFS members. Winners are selected based on their academic records, essay, recommendation letters (at least one from school counselor or teacher), and extracurricular activities.
2. Undergraduate student scholarships are available to undergraduate students who are enrolled in IFT accredited food science and technology programs and are or intend to become CAFS student members. Winners are selected based on their academic records, essay, recommendation letters (at least one from CAFS professional member), and extracurricular activities.
3. Graduate student scholarships are available to graduate students who are enrolled in IFT accredited food science and technology programs and are CAFS student members. Winners are selected based on their academic records, essay, recommendation letters (at least one from CAFS professional member), extracurricular activities, and the submission of an abstract for presentation at the upcoming IFT Annual Meeting.
4. Awards: All winners receive a cash prize, a commemorative certificate, and an invitation to the award ceremony at the CAFS annual banquet.
5. A successful applicant may apply again in the following year.

Application:

Applicants are required to submit a letter of application, an essay of career objec-

tive, current resume, academic records, IFT abstract (Graduate student scholarship only), and two recommendation letters to the Award Committee Chair, Dr. Y-H. Peggy Hsieh, 420 Sandels Building, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida 32306-1493.

Email: yhsieh@fsu.edu

Deadline for 2008 Application: May 2, 2008

Professional Achievement Award

Purpose:

To recognize a professional member for his/her outstanding contributions to the field of food science and engineering, as it relates to teaching, research, extension, administration, or leadership in the food industry.

Eligibility:

Active CAFS members only. The winner receives a commemorative plaque and an invitation to the award ceremony at the CAFS annual banquet.

Nomination:

Nominator should submit a nomination letter, current resume of the nominee, and two reference letters from current CAFS professional members to the Award Committee Chair,

Distinguished Service Award

Purpose:

To recognize a professional member for his/her outstanding and sustained contribution to CAFS.

Eligibility:

Active CAFS members only. The winner receives a commemorative plaque and an invitation to the award ceremony at the CAFS annual banquet.

Nomination:

Nominator should submit a nomination letter, current resume of the nominee, and two reference letters from current CAFS professional members to the Award Committee Chair, Dr. Y-H. Peggy Hsieh, 420 Sandels Building, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida 32306-1493.

Email: yhsieh@fsu.edu

Deadline for 2008 Application: May 2, 2008



Number of Awards per Year:

Scholarship awards: high school seniors (1-2), undergraduate (1), graduate (1)
Professional Achievement and Distinguished Service awards: one each.
These awards will only be honored when qualified recipients are identified.

Selection Process:

Upon receipt of all applications by the deadline, the Award Committee will review all applications and supporting documents. Each committee member will assign a numerical rating on each candidate (3, 2, or 1 for each of the four criteria). Those candidates receiving the highest scores will be the winners. In case of tie in a given category, the committee chair can call for a re-vote.

CAFS Scholarship Criteria:

1. Applicant's stated goal consistent with the purpose of the CAFS scholarship
2. Superior academic achievements demonstrating diligence and intelligence
3. Research and extra-curricular activities demonstrating motivation and dedication in the pursuit of studies in food science and technology
4. Observations by professionals (faculty, members, etc.) in recommendation letters

Member News

Congratulations to Dr. Steven Pao

Dr. Steven Pao, food safety microbiologist in Virginia State University's Agricultural Research Station, recently received the Bronze President's Award for his volunteer efforts to assist the Veterinary Department of the Ministry of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The ninth largest country in the world with a population of approximately 15.2 million, Kazakhstan is located in Central Asia, south of Russia and northwest of China.

Pao visited the country under the auspices of the Office of Volunteers for Prosperity at the U.S. Agency for International Development. Volunteers for Prosperity is an interagency initiative established by President Bush's Executive Order 13317. It encourages international voluntary services by highly-skilled Americans supporting major U.S. efforts to promote health and prosperity around the world.

During his two-week deployment in November 2006, Pao provided Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system training to governmental inspection officials, and laboratory and food industry professionals. He also conducted on-site consultations on HACCP implementation and laboratory practices, and assessed and made recommendations on inspection and laboratory operations.

In its 2007 annual report, Volunteers for Prosperity cited Pao for his efforts in assisting the Ministry of Agriculture to build a comprehensive food safety management system that will help ensure the safety of food produced and allow the country to participate more fully in the global marketplace.

Pao returned to Kazakhstan for a second stint in August 2007 on another two-week volunteer assignment. Working with the Phytosanitary Department, he trained governmental officials and laboratory personnel on HACCP implementation, food safety procedures, modern detection techniques, laboratory equipment requirements, and evaluation methods based on national and international standards.

Pao has been recognized previously for his volunteer services to improve food and agricultural communities in Central America. In 2005, he conducted practical training sessions on food microbiology to quality assurance laboratory representatives from the government, universities and private companies in El Salvador.

That same year, he also visited Nicaragua where he worked closely with industry and regulatory laboratories, and lectured on laboratory certification programs at the University of Central America.



Photo: Pao providing food safety training in Astana, Kazakhstan (2007)

Amendment of the CAFS By-law 6.2

CAFS Executive Committee has approved the amendment of the By-Law below: The annual membership dues date of July 1st be moved to September 1st under the By-Law 6.2 for the convenience of operation.

Amendment of the CAFS By-law 6.2

A new member pays the initiation fee and one half of the appropriate membership dues if he/she joins the Society prior to September 1st, and only pays for next year's dues if he/she joins after September 1st. A member whose dues are not paid by the first day of January following September 1st shall be suspended. If such dues are not paid by September 1st for two successive years, the membership will be cancelled. An initiative fee and membership dues will be required for re-instatement.

Yong D. Hang
CAFS By-laws Committee Chair

CAFS Financial Report

Chinese American Food Society Financial Report starting from July 19, 2007

Prepared by Vivian C.H. Wu

Item	Amount	Notes
Beginning Balance	\$ 4,700.00	As of July 19, 2007 (The ending balance transferred from Dr. Martin Lo)
2007 Annual Banquet in Chicago, IL:		
Lao Sze Chuan Chinese restaurant	\$ 2,195.60	Paid on 7/30/2007
Pre-Registration	\$ -	Received before 7/26/2007
On-Site Registration and membership door price expense	\$ 3,025.00	Including dinner & memberships excluded from donation
2007 Scholarship: high school	\$ 100.00	To Christina Zhou 7/30/2007
2007 Scholarship: Graduate Student	\$ 100.00	To Yu Wang 7/30/2007
Subtotal	\$ 615.19	
Incomes:		
Membership Dues Received by Mail	\$ 330	Received before 7/26/2007
Membership Dues Received by Mail	\$ 10	New student member Received on Dec 07
Subtotal	\$ 340.00	
Global Chinese Health Food Symposium		
Incomes:		
	\$ 5,000.00	JIFSAN supports
	\$ 5,227.00	IFT final balance
Subtotal	\$ 10,227.00	
expenses:		
2007 Banquet Phoenix in Chicago*	\$ 4,449.50	reimburse to Martin on 08/24/07 (total is 4949.50, \$500 deposit has paid)*
other expenses**	\$ 2,151.34	reimburse to Martin on 10/15/07**
Subtotal	\$ 6,600.84	
total from GCHFS	\$ 3,626.16	
Total as of Dec. 14, 2007	\$ 9,281.35	



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Phoenix restaurant: total: \$4949.5
(The \$500 deposit has already been reimbursed by CAFS)

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Notepad \$302.25
USB Drives \$1,002
Gift \$359.29
Additional supplies \$313.39 + \$66.06 + \$43.35 = \$422.80
Hotel charge for package handling \$65

The subtotal of the last five lines come to \$2,151.34



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About CAFS...

The Chinese American Food Society was created from an idea generated by a group of passionate Chinese food professionals at the IFT Convention in New Orleans in 1974. One year later, at the IFT Annual Meeting in Chicago, the CAFS as we know it today was born and Professor Bor S. Luh was elected as the first President of the group. Today CAFS continues to grow and serves as the only professional organization for oversea Chinese food professionals. CAFS remains as an active sub-division of the IFT and maintains close relationships with food science societies in Mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. Currently, the CAFS community has close to 300 Student Members, Members, and Life-Time Members spread over North America, Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and other areas of the world.

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are the opinions of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the official position of CAFS and should not be interpreted as such.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear CAFS Members:

It is time again for me to send you another issue of CAFS Newsletter. In this issue, we have several information regarding CAFS election, award nomination, and life-time membership promotion. I would like to thank Dr. Hongda Chen for writing an encouraging message to our members; Dr. Martin Lo for his efforts in recruiting new blood for CAFS; Dr. Peggy Hsieh for preparing the call for award nominations, and Dr. Vivian Wu for preparing the financial report. I would also like to thank Dr. Steven Pao for sharing his successful story and Dr. Yong Hong for reporting the amendment to the by-laws. Your supports are the most vital to the Newsletter, please keep them coming. Don't forget to cast your vote and to nominate deserving colleagues and students for the awards. Of course, don't miss this good opportunity to joint CAFS as a life-time member.

See you next time

We lost our contact with Jack Huang.
Please let me know if anyone has his
updated contact information.

Fur-Chi Chen