



Louisiana Gulf Coast Section IFT

Greetings from the Chair-Elect

Greetings and welcome to the 2007 – 2008 Gulf Coast IFT. We are now two years after the devastating hurricanes. As part of the rebuilding process, I hope we can rebuild the GC-IFT.

As the rookie head of the Food Science Department, I am trying to fill the large void left by Dr Moody. The only analogy I can draw is standing at base camp on Mt Everest and looking up! Mike did a fantastic job and is a tough act to follow. I am asking for your help and suggestions on how the LSU Food Science Department can better meet your needs. Please call me anytime and come visit us at your convenience.

We have attempted to plan programs and locations that will encourage broad partici-

pation by industry, government and academia.

Our first meeting on October 30 will be a presentation by IFT Fellow Joe Regenstein from Cornell University. Dr Regenstein will talk about IFT programs and changes as well as dietary laws and producing foods that meet Kosher and Hillal guidelines. Dr Regenstein is an entertaining and knowledgeable speaker that will make the program well worth attending.

The second meeting will be at the Pontchartrain Winery on December 5. John Seago will present various wines and how the flavors interact with foods. This will be an opportunity to explore different wines and learn how wines are best paired with different types of foods.

The first spring meeting will include a visit to the newly renovated USDA Southern Regional Laboratory and a description of some of the projects that are on going there followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

The final program will be the traditional crawfish boil and awards ceremony held in April.

Please mark your calendars in advance for these important events. I encourage every member to participate in these events and hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Sincerely,

John W. Finley

Chair-Elect



Dr. John Finley

Disclaimer

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are the opinions of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the official position of IFT, nor the Regional Section and should not be interpreted as such.

IFT accepts and adopts the concept of diversity which views society as a mixture of all backgrounds each with a unique contribution. IFT

seeks to retain and celebrate individual differences and therefore will not discriminate based on race, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, disability or veteran status.



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IFT Annual Meeting in New Orleans



The IFT annual meeting will be in New Orleans on June 28 – July 2, 2008.

The local arrangement committee needs your help! If you are willing to serve on one of the various committees during the meeting, please contact Marlene Janes (mjanes@agctr.lsu.edu) or Joan King (jking@agctr.lsu.edu) by October 19, 2007.

Committees

- Technical Field Trips
- Hospitality
- Family Activities
- Speaker Room
- Welcome

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Submitting Session Proposals and Abstracts

IFT is now accepting session proposals and abstracts for the 2008 Annual Meeting. This allows you to take part in promoting the most up to date developments and contributing to the vital exchange of information and ideas in the field of food science.

A wide variety of presentation formats are available for you to choose. They include panel discussions, roundtables, symposiums, workshops, and more.

| ACTIVITY | DEADLINE |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Submit a Session Proposal | December 17, 2007 4:00 p.m. CT |
| Submit a Technical Research Paper Abstract | January 7, 2007 4:00 p.m. CT |
| Submit a New Products & Technologies Abstract | February 4, 2008 4:00 p.m. CT |



Food Science Department Advisory Board

Members of the board include, top row, left to right: Sam Wright, Colin Barrow, Jeff Kleinpeter, Dave Lineback, and Harlon Pearce. Seated, left to right: Kelsey Short, Gilbert Leveille and Ron Zappe



The LSU Food Science Department is continuing to expand its program and better meet the needs of the industry. To that end we formed a new advisory board which met in September.

Some of the recommendations were that our students be broadly trained in multiple aspects of Food Science so that they can adapt to the multitasking that is frequently required, particularly in smaller companies.

We are also instituting a pre-med option in Food Science that will provide pre-professional students a background in food

and nutrition which will help them as practicing physicians. If they opt to not attend medical school, then they will be trained in areas where they can find good jobs.

Another suggestion of the advisory board was that the department be more responsive to helping the industry with analyses that are not provided by contract laboratories. Toward that end we are currently recruiting research associates to manage our pilot plant facilities, a microbiologist to perform tests for industry and an analyti-

cal chemist to help with unique or unusual analytical problems.

The advisory board also has provided the Food Science department with six new \$2000 per year scholarships for Juniors and Seniors in Food Science. We are really grateful to those companies who are so generously helping our students.



Meeting Notice
October 30th, 2007
6:30—9:00 p.m.
Presentation by
IFT Fellow

Joe Regenstein

At
Holiday Inn—Gonzales
1500 Hwy 30
Gonzales, LA 70737
and
Dinner at *Mike Anderson's*
Located at the Holiday Inn



Meeting Registration

- Speaker only No Fee
- Speaker and Dinner Order off Menu

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please mail your registration to:



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DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM BATON ROUGE



Starting Point: Louisiana State University
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Destination: Holiday Inn GONZALES
 1500 HWY 30
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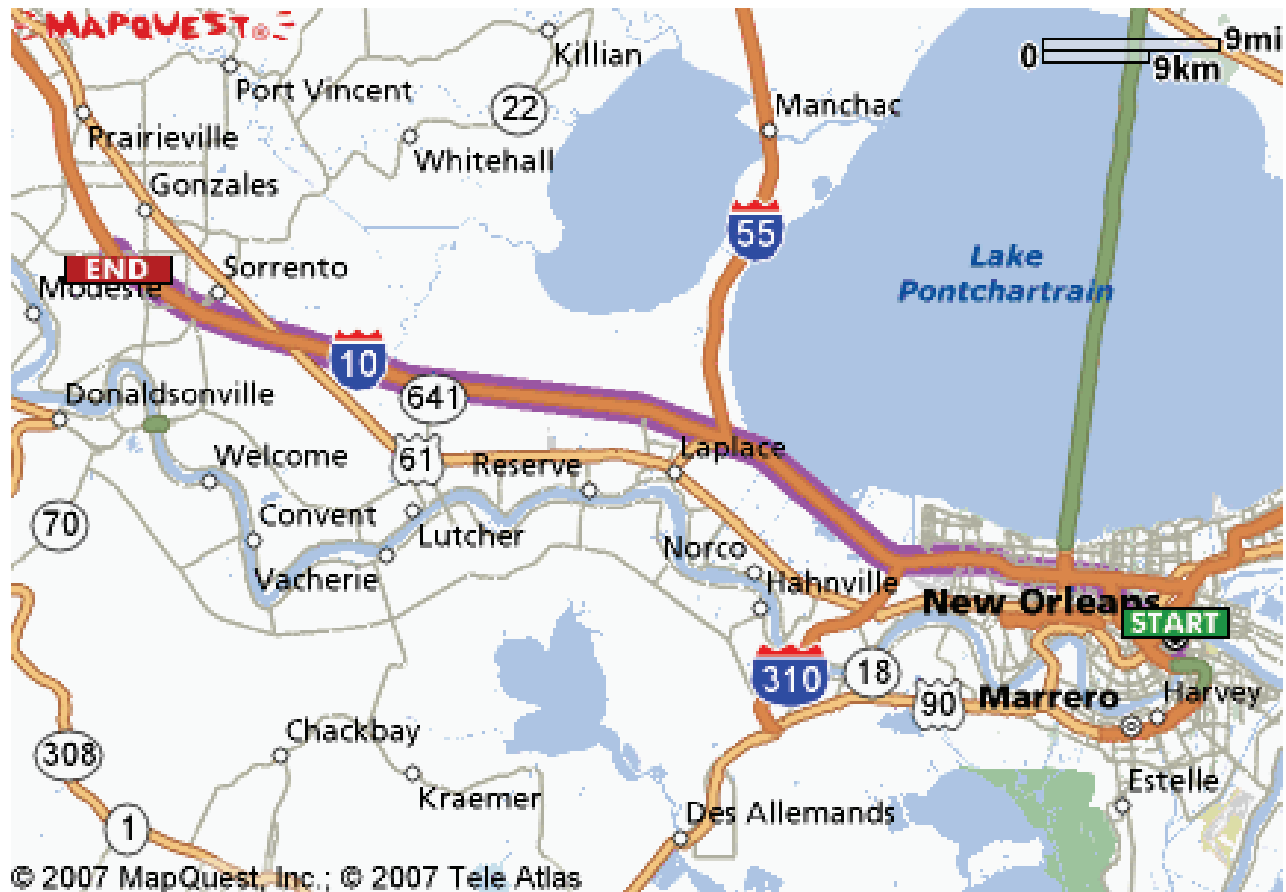
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| 2 | Turn RIGHT onto HIGHLAND RD. | 10.05 MI / 16.18 KM |
| 3 | Merge onto I-10 E toward NEW ORLEANS. | 10.45 MI / 16.81 KM |
| 4 | Take the LA-30 E exit, EXIT 177 , toward GONZALES. | 0.31 MI / 0.5 KM |
| 5 | Turn LEFT onto LA-30 E/W BRITTANY HWY. | 0.26 MI / 0.43 KM |

21.16 MI / 34.06 KM

Total Route Distance:

Approximate Driving Time: 0 Hours, 29 Minutes

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM NEW ORLEANS



Starting Point: New Orleans, LA

Destination: Holiday Inn GONZALES
1500 HWY 30
GONZALES, LA 70737

| Turn | Directions | Miles |
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| 1 | Merge onto I-10 W. | 53.75 MI |
| 2 | Merge onto LA-30 E/W BRITTANY HWY via EXIT 177 toward GONZALES. | 0.34 MI |

58.13 MI

Total Route Distance:

Approximate Driving Time: 1 Hours, 2 Minutes