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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear CAFS members:

It is my honor to be elected President of Chinese American Food Society and to serve our organization and our members. I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and have been doing well. It is regretful that I could not join you at our annual banquet (I can feel my mouth full of water every time I think of our banquet) in New Orleans because of the conflict in my meeting schedule. This is a good platform for me to catch up with you and share my thoughts for the coming year of CAFS.

As we know, CAFS is currently a biggest organization in the United States of America that represents Chinese food scientists and technologists. It consists of so many outstanding members and enthusiastic volunteers. It provides our members excellent opportunities to meet professional peers, to establish networks and collaborations in food technology fields, to share career development experiences, to start and develop your leadership experience, and to enjoy your annual IFT meeting. By working closely with our dedicated members, especially with remarkable leadership team of our past President Hongda Chen, President-elected Fur-Chi Chen and executive committee members, to achieve the goals of our organization, I feel quite challenged and excited. In this, my first message of CAFS president, I would like to highlight key components of my thoughts for the year of 08-09.

Executive Committee Meeting – I would like to continue our teleconference practice at a regular basis to discuss how to maintain and move our organization forward. Thanks for Albert Hong's help, on 9/29/2007, Past President Hongda Chen launched our first teleconference. Before 2008 IFT Annual Meeting in New Orleans, we had had a total of 5 teleconferences to discuss the life-membership drive, preparation of CAFS meetings, forum and banquet, application for non-profit organization and other emerging issues. Under Hongda's leadership, we significantly improved our budget by bringing our budget balance back to 5 figures and made a significant progress in application for non-profit organization. In this coming year, we will continue to use teleconferences to discuss new challenges we are facing, to make proper changes in our current operation based on new requirements of our society in a timely manner, and to plan our activities in 2009 IFT Meeting. Every one of you will be welcome to make suggestions to our teleconference meeting agenda by emailing or calling me and other committee members. You are all also welcome to attend our executive committee meeting directly and have the input to what we need to/should do for CAFS.

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Message from the President

Membership Drive – Members are the core of our organization. The membership due is CAFS major income. All CAFS presidents, not only the current team, recognize that stabilizing our current membership and attracting new members are our priority. We will continue the life-member drive that was initiated by Hongda in the year of 07-08. In addition, we will further analyze our current membership status and explore new ways to maintain our new members and bring more members to our organization.

CAFS Membership Benefits – Membership benefits are one of the main reasons for people to join CAFS. In this year, we will focus on our membership benefits. We will look into what kind of benefits we can offer for our members and how to successfully deliver the benefits to our members, and let them feel the value by being our member and paying our membership due. We need ideas and actions. Please email or call us if you have any suggestions and thoughts on CAFS membership benefits.

Obviously, I am going to have big shoes to fill and need a big favor from all of you. It would be greatly appreciated if all of you as CAFS members can implement your right and responsibilities, voice your opinions, bring your ideas forward, and become involved. I look forward to working with you over the next 12 months.

Sincerely yours,

Hong Zhuang

Amendment of the CAFS By-law 6.2

During the 2008 Annual Banquet, CAFS members have approved the amendment of the By-Law: 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.

It's Not Too Late to Join CAFS Life Member for a Promotional Rate of \$240

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

We invite you to join the elite Life 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.

Send your application to Vivian Wu, CAFS Treasurer
5735 Hitchner Hall 101A, The University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469-5735



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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):

Membership Dues for Calendar Year: _____

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

__ 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

5735 Hitchner Hall 101A, The University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469-5735

LETTER FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

Dear CAFS members:

It has been a very rewarding experience for me to serve as the CAFS President in FY 2008. I want to express my sincere gratitude to you for giving me this unique opportunity to serve and for your constant supports throughout the year. I would like to take a moment to share with you some of my reflection and observation gained through this experience.

CAFS remains as a premier professional society in which the members share common passion in Chinese culture and food science and technology. CAFS has long established a system of effective leadership structure and a set of sound operation principles built over more than three decades by dedicated efforts of all past presidents, officers and volunteers. The FY 2008 Executive Team has continued the tradition and made its contribution to improve the Society.

The CAFS leadership team was an exceptional one this past year. Their dedication and active engagement formed a solid basis capable of addressing difficult issues. Chinese have sayings like “一个好汉三个帮” and “众人拾柴火焰高”. With such a core group of movers and shakers, my presidency was easy like “walk in a park”. I owe a great debt to each of the team members. Vivian’s innovation to ensure membership collection, Fur-chi’s superb quality newsletter and the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings, Qixin’s thorough update of the membership directory, Angle’s novel and constructive ideas, and YiFang’s improvement and timely update of the Society website are just some aspects of their unique talents and contributions. All of the Standing Committee Chairs provided their superb leaderships in these vital functions of the Society and were a great support to the Executive Committee. These include Peggy’s Awards, Yong’s By-Law, Amos’ Membership, Yao-wen’s Conference and Symposium, and Martin’s Nomination.

I would especially acknowledge Martin’s contribution. He was the best past president that I could hope for. Not only he contributed invaluable advices on important issues, but also he took the burden of many tasks upon himself. For example, with his persistent effort, our non-profit status application has been submitted to IRS for review and approval. The Global Chinese Health Food Symposium he led was a great success and produced a handsome income for the Society. He was always resourceful at time and places most needed. I felt extremely fortunate to have him at my side throughout the year.

One of effective management practices that my executive team implemented was a bimonthly teleconference system in which the team discussed various critical issues of the Society, developed strategies, and ensured timely execution. For the teleconferences, Dr. Albert Hong is to be acknowledged for arranging the facilities complimentary to the CAFS, hence a valuable saving to our limited resources

Among many challenges we faced last year, the greatest one was probably the poor fiscal situation. At the beginning of the fiscal year, the society’s bank balance had eroded to a historical low \$4,700. The Executive Team assessed the situation and options, and developed a set of strategies to revert the situation. I was very pleased to report to the membership assembly at our annual banquet that the CAFS has regained its fiscal strength. Our bank account has since moved from 4 digits to 5 digits. The current balance is about \$11,000 which is an improvement of 134% comparing to a year ago. We have more than double of our financial resources in one year, hence moved the Society into a better position to serve the members’ professional needs.

To renew our membership commitment to the Society, we launched a life membership drive. Thanks to enthusiastic responses of our dedicated members, the society has added a dozen new life members this year. We now have a total of 68 life members. Their confidence in the long term sustainability of the CAFS is exemplary. Their financial contributions provided timely infusion to the CAFS financial wellbeing. This drive is continuing till the end of year. I encourage our professional members to consider joining this elite group of our membership.

As I conclude my column, I am really pleased to have this rewarding experience by working with some most exceptional people to serve the Society together. If you would like to experience it, please submit your name to me since I have been slated as the Chair of Nomination and Election Committee in the coming year. I am looking for a few good men and women to lead the Society. Will you like to be one of them?

Finally, I thank you again for your support throughout the year, and ask you to give your full support to Dr. Hong Zhuang, the CAFS President of FY 2009 and his team.

Sincerely yours,

Hongda Chen, CAFS President of FY 2008

ANNUAL BANQUET REPORT & HIGHLIGHTS

CAFS 2008 Annual Banquet was held at Five Happiness Chinese Restaurant in New Orleans on June 30, 2008 from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. The banquet started with a brief introduction from Hongda Chen, CAFS President. "We are here to recognize and celebrate the members' achievements, and to draw inspiration from their success" and "to network with old friends and new ones." Hongda stated in his introduction.

This year we have several special guests; among them are the new IFT Fellows, Drs. Sam Chang, Bonnie Sun Pan, and James Swi-Bea Wu, IFT Stephen S Chang Award winner Dr. Casmir C. Akoh, Ms. Amanda Perl from IFT, and delegates from China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.

Peggy Hsieh, Chair of Award Committee, acknowledged the hard work from the members of Award Committee; she then presented awards to the winners in each categories. The Student Scholarship winners were Minfeng Jin from University of Tennessee, Jingjing Shen from The University of Maine, and Xin Yang from North Carolina State University. The Distinguished Service Award winners were Drs. YiFang Chu and Chia-Hua April Hsu. The Professional Achievement Award winners were Dr. Tzu-Min Pan from National Taiwan University and Dr. Pam Tom from University of California-Davis.

The dinner followed, after Hongda acknowledged all the new life members, CAFS cabinet and standing committees, and past CAFS Presidents. The dinner proceeded with a warm atmosphere and pleasant conversation. The dinner menu was fantastic; it filled with delicious dishes and plenty for everyone to go around.

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After dinner, Hongda resume the program with a report of activities from Executive Committee. Martin Lo, Chair of Nomination Committee, announced the results of 2008 CAFS election and introduced the newly elected CAFS Officers, Fur-Chi Chen, the President-Elect, and Jianrong Zhang and Kevin Zhou, the Executive Directors. Martin reported the completion of a successful Student Workshop during this year's IFT and acknowledged all the organizers and speakers.

Hongda on behalf of Yong Hang, Chair of By-Laws Committee, made a motion to pass an amendment of the By-Law to change the annual membership dues date of July 1st to September 1st under the By-Law 6.2 for the convenience of operation. The motion passed unanimously. In the closing comments, Hongda congratulated two CAFS members, Drs. Bonnie Sun Pan and James Moy for their outstanding achievements as newly elected IAFoST Fellows. To encourage CAFS members to pursue professional development and recognition, Dr. Daniel Fung offered several tips for winning professional awards. After introduced by Hongda, Dr. Jiang Bo from Chinese Institute of Food Science and Technology gave a brief overview of CIFST.

The banquet came to the end with the tradition of door prize drawing. Hongda passed the CAFS gavel to Incoming President, Hong Zhuang. The gavel was accepted by Fur-Chi Chen on the behalf of Hong Zhuang. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

See you next year!

By Fur-Chi Chen



NEW CAFS OFFICER

Secretary & Newsletter Editor

Dr. Yi-Cheng Su is an associate professor of seafood microbiology and safety of the Department of Food Science and Technology and Seafood Research and Education Center of Oregon State University. He graduated from National Taiwan Ocean University in 1983, received M.S. of Food Science and Technology from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1989, and Ph.D. of Food Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1994.

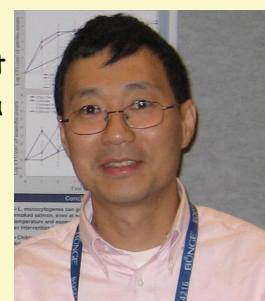
Prior to his current position, Dr. Su was a supervisor of a microbiological testing laboratory of Covance Laboratory, Inc. in Wisconsin and a senior microbiologist of Michael Foods, Inc. in New Jersey. Dr. Su's research is focused on seafood microbiology and safety, includes preserving quality and improving shelf-life of seafood, developing rapid methods for pathogen detection, reducing bacterial contamination in seafood, and developing processes for ensuring seafood safety. He has published 27 peer-reviewed articles and 3 book chapters.

Dr. Su is a lifetime member of Chinese American Food Society, and a member of American Society of Microbiology, AOAC International, Institute of Food Technologists, International Association for Food Protection, Pacific HACCP Advisory Panel, Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association, and Pacific Fisheries Technologists. He is currently serving on Editorial Boards of Journal of Aquatic Food Product Technology, Journal of Food Protection, and Journal of Food Safety.



Web Communications

Haiqiang Chen received a Ph.D. degree in Food Science from Penn State University in 2001. After graduation, he worked as a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the University of Delaware for about a year. Then he worked for Silliker, Inc as a Research Program Manager for another year. He joined the University of Delaware in 2004 as an assistant professor. His research area is in food safety and food processing. Current research focuses are on high pressure processing and antimicrobial packaging.



Job opportunities, event updates and member news ? Please contact us

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FINNACIAL REPORT

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

Prepared by Vivian C.H. Wu

Item	Amount
Beginning Balance	\$ 4,700.00
2007 Annual Banquet in Chicago, IL	
Lao Sze Chuan Chinese restaurant	\$ 2,195.60
Pre-Registration	\$ -
On-Site Registration and membership	\$ 3,025.00
door price expense	\$14.21
2007 Scholarship: high school	\$ 100.00
2007 Scholarship: Graduate Student	\$ 100.00
Subtotal	\$ 615.19
Mailed in Membership	
for Sept 30, 06-Aug 30, 2007	\$ 330
Subtotal	\$ 330.00
Global Chinese Health Food Symposium	
incomes:	
	\$ 5,000.00
	\$ 5,227.00
Subtotal	\$ 10,227.00
expenses:	
2007 Banquet Phoenix in Chicago*	\$ 4,449.50
other expenses**	\$ 2,151.34
Subtotal	\$ 6,600.84
total from GCHFS	\$ 3,626.16
Expenses	
Purchase of CAFS checks	\$8.90
Appclation of non-profile	\$300
Website	\$100.95
Website	\$59.95
subtotal expense	\$469.80
2008 Annual Banquet in New Orleans, IA:	
Five Happiness Restaurant	\$ 2,560.00
Pre-Registration	
On-Site Registration and membership	\$ 3,450.00
door price expense	\$170.20
2008 Scholarship: Graduate Student	\$ 100.00
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certificate holders and mailing of nonprofit	\$ 42.83
Subtotal	\$ 376.97
Mailed in Membership	
for Sept 30, 07-Aug 30, 2008	\$ 1,820
Subtotal	\$ 1,820.00
Total as of Sept 10, 2008	\$ 10,998.52

UPCOMING EVENTS

2009 IFT Scientific Program Call for Session Proposals & Abstracts

Due to the meeting being almost one month earlier, submissions will begin being accepted on October 1, 2008. Key deadlines and materials for the call for session proposals and abstracts are as follows:

Submit a Session Proposal (symposium, panel, workshop, roundtable) – Deadline: November 20, 2008, 4:00 p.m., CST

Submit a Technical Research Paper (oral, poster, Division competitions, graduate student research paper competition, 2009 George F. Stewart IFT International Research Paper Competition) - Deadline: December 12, 2008, 4:00 p.m. CST

Submit a New Products & Technologies Abstract - Deadline: January 12, 2009, 4:00 p.m. CST

Details on submitting proposals and abstracts are available at www.ift.org/knowledge (click on Call for Proposals). For additional information, please don't hesitate to contact IFT's Knowledge and Learning Center at 312.782.8424 or e-mail knowledge@ift.org.

IUFoST 2008 - Shanghai

The 14th World Congress of Food Science and Technology "Food for Health and Wellbeing: Tradition Meets the Future" will be held in Shanghai, China from October 19 – 23, 2008

For information please remember to visit the Congress website at: <http://www.iufost2008.org/>.

Sino-European Traditional Fermentation Food Symposium

China●Wuhan 5-7th November, 2008

Organizers

The Brewing Committee of China

Huazhong Agricultural University

Contact information

E-mail: chenfs@mail.hzau.edu.cn

Main Contents of the Symposium

We warmly invite the professors, researchers, entrepreneurs of the traditional fermentation foods from Italy, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, Taiwan, Hongkong, Mainland of China, etc. to attend the symposium, and discuss with opportunities and challenges, present research situation, and international academic exchange and cooperation in the field of the traditional fermentation foods. The main contents as followed.

1. Research on microbiology of traditional fermentation food
2. Safety management of traditional fermentation food
3. Modernization of traditional fermentation food
4. Internationalization of traditional fermentation food





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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:

Hope you have enjoyed this issue of Newsletter. Did I refresh your memory of our 2008 CAFS Annual Banquet in New Orleans? Thanks to Peggy Hsieh, Vivian Wu, and Martin Lo for sharing their collection of photos. I would like to thank Hong Zhuang for sharing his visions and plans for the coming year and Hongda Chen for a reflection of last year's activities. This is my last issue of Newsletter. We have two new CAFS officers on board. Yi-Cheng Su and Haiqiang Chen will continue to communicate with our member through Newsletter and Website. Your supports are the most vital for the growth of CAFS. Please send us your comments and updates.

See you next time

Fur-Chi Chen