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Dear Fellow CAFS members,

The summer is over, and a new school year has started. Each one of us is enthusiastically and energetically embracing the new year with goals, plans and implementing tactics. I am pleased to report that your executive team is about to formally start this process for the CAFS with the first teleconference scheduled on 9/29/2007. The team will conduct a series of teleconferences throughout the year to study where the Society is and where it should be, and devise a set of initiatives and action plans to advance the CAFS to a new high. Please stay tuned and work with us closely in the months ahead. As it is frequently said, together we can make a difference.

CAFS is a terrific organization with a history of more than 32 years of excellence. It proudly has many outstanding members, including distinguished scholars, influential and effective leaders in all sectors, successful businessmen, and aspiring young professionals. More importantly to the vitality of the organization, we have many enthusiastic volunteers who have contributed their valuable time and unique talents to serve the members. They collectively demonstrate the core value of the CAFS, and are invaluable assets to the organization. Please let us celebrate their achievements and salute them for all they have done for the CAFS.

Time has advanced. The world we are living in is increasingly globalized and hence the ways of conducting business is much different. Today's CAFS has changed since it was found in 1975. Its membership is more diverse and thus their needs are much different. How to understand the needs of our members and provide best support to individuals' pursuits will remain a central topic for the Executive Committee. Please help us to develop a clear vision about the future of the CAFS by sharing your thoughts by emailing or calling me and other committee members.

To wrap up this column, I would like to acknowledge Dr. Martin Lo, my immediate predecessor, for his tireless services to the CAFS over last ten years. Martin is a familiar figure to all of us as he is the first person greeting you at the registration table of our traditional annual banquets year after year. He organized and chaired student forum for many years which is one of the CAFS best services providing career advices to students and junior members. He also managed our finance for a number of years as the treasurer. Most recently he was the President. The smashing success of Global Chinese Health Food Symposium in conjunction with the most recent IFT AM is a proud product of his hard work. He is impressively energetic and resourceful. I am looking forward to his continuous contribution as the immediate past president during my term.

Expecting a great year ahead,

Respectively yours,

Hongda Chen

2007 CAFS ANNUAL BANQUET REPORT

Every year at IFT Annual Meeting, it is time for all CAFS members and their family members and guests across the world to get together and have an annual 10-course meal meeting. This year, our traditional annual banquet meeting was held at Lao Sze Chuan in Chicago Chinatown on the evening of July 30. Lao Sze Chuan is a highly rated Chinese Restaurant in Chicago area and a place to go for very authentic Chinese food (Thank YiFang Chu, April Hsu, and Martin Lo to pick up Lao Sze Chuan for this year banquet). Our banquet was arranged at the second floor of Lao Sze Chuan and the registration was very quickly filled by CAFS members and guests.

The banquet started with announcement by Hongda Chen shortly after social hours. Dr. James Moy first introduced our guests and new members, including Prof. and Dr. Heinz-Dieter Isengard, Head of the Food Analysis Dept. at the University of Hohenheim in Stuttgart, Germany (Picture 1), Dr. Tzu-Ming Pan, President of the Health Food Society of Taiwan, Prof. and Dr. Cheng-chu Liu from Shanghai Fisheries University, Shanghai, and Ms. Amanda Perl, Special Projects Leader From IFT.

Food arrived to tables shortly after the introduction. Vegetable and meat piled in dishes and looked so good, making my mouth very watery. After half of dishes were served, my stomach was already completely full. To tell you truth, some dishes were so spicy. Even I, a guy who grew up from the province that is well known by its Chili Oil Noodle dish, could not handle them. They are very Chinese and excellent, though. Martin told us that the owner of Lao Sze Chuan was very proud of its reputation and charged us very reasonable prices for the banquet. Here specifically, I would like to appreciate his generousness and Lao Sze Chuan services, which were essential for the success of our banquet.

Near the end of the dinner, CAFS President Martin Lo stood up to the microphone, made a financial report and declared the results of the 2007 CAFS officer election. Dr. Hong Zhuang, Chair of the Award Committee, presented CAFS annual awards to the winners (Picture 3) in 2007. Martin Lo gave out certificates to new CAFS lifetime members (Picture 4). While watching the people walking up and receiving the lifetime member certificates, I felt very lucky and moved, since it is these dedicated volunteers who compose the backbone of CAFS and support CAFS growing through the past more than 30 years. In the banquet, all CAFS members also had an opportunity to share the happiness with Dr. Peggy Hsieh, CAFS veteran and Professor of the Florida State University, who was elected a IFT Fellow and Dr. Tung-Ching Lee, CAFS veteran and Professor of the Rutgers University, who won IFT Babcock-hart Award this year. The honors are their personal pride and also are CAFS' pride. We sincerely wish that every member of CAFS would grab such honors home sooner or later in their professional career.

The next exciting moment of the banquet was presenting door prizes. The door prizes included chocolate candies, mugs that are donated by Former CAFS president Kenny Chuang, and CAFS 20th anniversary polo shirts. The grand prize was a very gorgeous brief case. The most popular prize was the polo shirts. It took no time for them to disappear. People cheered for the winners (Pictures 5 and 6). I felt a little sad about our table after this happy moment of the night. I was the one who took the lottery tickets out of the black box and more than quarter of the banquet attendees got the prize. Of 10 people from our table, no one, even no one won (either I or the others should switch the tables next year). However, I, personally, really had very great time in the banquet. In addition to the very, very delicious food, I also had an opportunity to catch up with my old buddies, such as Dr. Zhulin Shi, Dr. John Liu (Picture 2) and Dr. Steven Pao, and meet new friends and professionals, such as Dr. Whae-Ling Chuang from National Taiwan Ocean University, Dr. Albert Hong of Kraft Foods, Prof. and Dr. Chengchu Liu from Shanghai, and Ms. Amanda Perl from IFT whom I had talked on the phone from time to time.

The banquet ended with the speech by the next CAFS President Hongda Chen after he received the gavel from CAFS President 2006 – 2007, Martin Lo (Picture 7).

Finally, I would like to take this chance to thank Martin Lo and his team. Without his effort, his team and his leadership, the banquet could never have gone so well. I was also grateful for every CAFS member and guest to be there and make the banquet success. As we know, without you, every individual member, there would not be CAFS and there would not be any CAFS banquet. I wish you all would have enjoyed the delicious dishes and meeting. I look forward to seeing you all at 2008 CAFS Annual Banquet in New Orleans!! Take care!

Hong Zhuang, President-Elect of CAFS



Picture 1. Dr. Peggy Hsieh (2nd from left) and Dr. and Prof. Heinz-Dieter Isengard (3rd from Left) at 2007 CAFS Annual Banquet



Picture 2. Dr. Howard Zhang (right), Research Leader of ARS-USDA, Dr. Tony Jin (left), Research Food Technologist of ARS-USDA, and Dr. John Liu (center), Food Safety Director of Del Monte Fresh Produce Company at 2007 CAFS Annual Banquet



Picture 3. CAFS President Martin Lo received the CAFS Distinguished Service Award for his excellent service for CAFS

Picture Highlights of 2007 CAFS Annual Banquet



Picture 4. CAFS President Martin Lo presented the CAFS Life-Time Member Certificate to Dr. Joseph J. Jen, senior advisor to the president of California Polytechnic State University and former undersecretary of USDA.



Picture 5. Door Prize announcement "Next winner is"



Picture 6. CAFS President Martin Lo handed out a door prize to the winner



Picture 7. Passing the gavel to CAFS President 2007 -2008, Hongda Chen

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 \$14.21	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
Subtotal	\$ 330.00	
 Total as of Sept. 8, 2007	 \$ 5,645.19	

Final balance information from IFT regarding Global Chinese Health Food Symposium has not been reported.

2007 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

Martin Lo, CAFS President 2006-2007, called to order the regular meeting of the CAFS Executive Committee Meeting at 3:30 pm on Saturday, July 28, 2007 in McCormick Place Convention Center, Chicago.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Martine Lo, Hongda Chen, Fur-Chi Chen, Vivian Wu, Hong Zhuang, Albert Hong, YiFang Chu, Steven Pao, Qixin Zhong, Janet Zhang

III. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as read.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

No minutes were presented at the meeting.

V. Activity reports

- a) GCHFS'07: Martin reported the GCHFS has been a successful experience.
- b) IFT symposia: No report.
- c) Non-profit organization: Martin reported CAFS is applying for the status of non-profit organization, which will give CAFS certain financial advantage. He also suggested forming a committee to work on this issue.

VI. Committee reports

- a) Nomination - the 2007 election was concluded and all the positions are filled.
- b) Award - Hong Zhuang, the award committee chair, reported the award winners have been selected and awards will be presented in the annual banquet.
- c) Scholarship - Martin reported certificates for the scholarships and other awards have been prepared.

VII. Financial report

Financial report was approved by the executive committee.

VIII. Membership update

There were discussions on how to increase membership, and facilitate the way of paying membership. Motion by Hongda to have a membership drive and to form a membership committee.

Following discussions were made:

Certificates, benefits, and privileges for life-time members

Stories of life-time member or new members profile in Newsletter

Life-time Achievement Awardees need to be life-time members

Stories of life-time achievement awardees in Newsletter,

Reminders of membership due through regular mail or e-mail.

Online bill payment option for paying membership due and recipe for payment.

IX. Directory update

Martin reported that April Hsu has made an update on CAFS directory. Qixin Zhong will assume the duty of the Directory Editor for 2007.

X. Annual banquet preparation

Martin said flyer and direction to the 2007 annual banquet will be available in Internal Lounge. There were discussions on the arrangements of dinner program, reception desk, and audio equipment, certificates for life-time member, door prices, and ways of transportation back to hotel.

XI. Old business

No report

XII. New business

Motion to have teleconferences of executive committee meetings several times during the year, by Hongda and second by Albert. The motion was carried unanimously.

To discuss possibility to post CAFS's announcements or news through IFT website

Hong Zhuang and Kenny Chuang will visit exhibitors from China in Food Expo to promote CAFS and to seek feedback from industry

XIII. Adjournment

Martin Lo adjourned the meeting at **5:30 pm.**

Minutes submitted by: Fur-Chi Chen, CAFS Secretary

Highlight of Global Chinese Health Food Symposium

Dear fellow CAFSers:

It is with my greatest pleasure to report on behalf of the organizing committee the success of the Global Chinese Health Food Symposium (GCHFS) 2007 held on July 27 and 28 at McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago. According to the registration record, GCHFS attracted more than 100 attendees from all over the world, including people from Mexico and Brazil, making this a true global event.

As the chair of GCHFS, I would like to attribute the accomplishments to the organizing committee, the staff of IFT who provided outstanding services during the preparation and throughout the event, and all speakers/presenters. First of all, this important event would not have had such a nice turnout without the extensive efforts of our advisory board to recruit and encourage participations from the functional food research communities in China, Taiwan, and the US. The sizable delegations from China and Taiwan were absolutely critical and of significance. Despite the slight hindrance of communication due to lack of simultaneous translation setup for the symposium (it was just too pricey for CAFS to afford without skyrocketing the registration fee), the overall exchange of scientific findings and discussions were effective and remarkable, and indeed promoted and broadened understanding on the subject areas.

Needless to say, being the first professional event hosted by CAFS the preparation stage for the symposium was like a rollercoaster and in fact nerve-wracking at times. However, it was the service spirit among CAFSers on top of the professionalism and aptitude in science that brought the whole event together. Drs. Peggy Hsieh, Hongda Chen, and James Moy were the guru of professionalism and it was their wisdom helped shape the scope, format, and agenda of the symposium. The contribution of Dr. Qixin Zhong's organizing skills was recognized in collecting abstracts and lining up the speakers based on subject relevance. The technical and poster sessions enjoyed a smooth ride with pleasant atmosphere, all thanks to the supervision of Dr. Fur-Chi Chen. The charming smile of Dr. Vivian Wu definitely brightened the early morning at the registration table and throughout the symposium, while Drs. April Hsu and Alan Chu did an excellent job recommending the Phoenix restaurant for our dinner banquet.

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I feel extremely lucky to have the chance to service CAFS in this capacity. According to the core group consisting of experts from China, Taiwan, and the US, the next symposium will be held in Hong Kong and Dr. Steven Chen at Hong Kong University will chair the event. Although the commercially registered website for the symposium is soon to expire, I will continue to host the entire symposium website on my server at <http://lo.umd.edu/gchfs/main.htm> and the presentations and abstracts could be easily downloaded from the link at the bottom of the main page in case you missed the opportunity to join us this time.

Sincerely,
Y. Martin Lo, GCHFS'07 Chair



Member News

CAFS News in Canada

Food safety is a very critical issue in the Chinese food industry. China government has launched a HACCP training program for Chinese food companies in Canada. "General Administration of Quality Supervision Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ), Beijing, China" sent a delegation, 15 governmental officers from different provincial government offices, to Guelph for a two-week training course to learn more about food safety, quality control and HACCP program in October last year. On October 22, AQSIQ will send another delegation, total 18 professional staff from 16 provincial food safety Offices, to get training in "Canadian Research Institute of Food Safety (CRIFS)", University of Guelph.

Many CAFS members in Canada, and some Chinese graduate students in Department of Food Science, University of Guelph do volunteer work as interpreters during HACCP training courses. With supports from CAFS members in Canada, China government has established a long-term collaboration with Canadian universities and governmental research Institutes in training courses of food safety, quality control and HACCP program for Chinese food industry.

John Shi
(Executive Director of CAFS, Chair of Board of Chinese Canadian Association of Food Industry and Professionals (CCAFIP))

Fung to be awarded the Inaugural Outstanding Educator in Food Safety Award sponsored by Food Safety Magazine and ConAgra Foods

Dr. Daniel Y. C. Fung, Professor of Food Science and Animal Sciences and Industry, will receive the Award at the International Association of Food Protection Annual Meeting at Orlando, FL in July 2007. The Award honors Fung's contribution to educating more than 18,000 undergraduate and graduate students, distance learning students and professionals in classroom teaching, symposia, seminars, workshops, and meetings on Microbial Food Safety around the world. Dr. Fung has just completed the XXVII International Workshop on Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology at KSU, June 15-22, 2007. This popular workshop has attracted about 4,000 participants from 60 countries to Manhattan, KS to be trained in the latest technologies in detecting microbes and controlling them for Food Safety and Security. During the May 2007 KSU graduation ceremony Fung celebrated the graduation of his 100th graduate student (34 Ph.D. and 66 M.S.) as the major professor, an achievement few professors can claim. Fung has published more than 800 research papers, books, proceeding articles, and abstracts since beginning his career in 1969 at Penn State. He came to KSU in 1978.



Event Announcements

Food Summit 2007 co-organized by IFT and CIFST, to be held in Hangzhou, China from November 10-13. The website is <http://www.foodsummit.cn/indexe.asp>. On the request of Dr. Herbert Stone, a past IFT president, Dr. Hongda Chen and Dr. Hong Zhuang served on the Summit advisory committee.

With the successes of the Food Summit in China 2006 in Xiamen, Food Summit in China 2007 and the 5th Annual Meeting of CIFST would be combined to be held in Hangzhou from November 11 through 13 in the joint efforts from CIFST and IFT. The theme for this year is "Better living—Food science, safety and standards". The conference will be an important step for CIFST's continuing work on the construction of craft brother estimation system and talents stratagem.

The conference will consist of plenary sessions, technical sessions and postgraduate students' forum. It will concentrate most influential technologists and entrepreneurs from across boarders. The conference will persevere in the success before, to be the greatest platform for the communication of the food science, technology and equipment between the international and national universities, scientific research institutes and corporations. The conference will include discussions on technological topics nowadays in a forward looking manner, to promote the development of food technology and progress in food industry.



The 7th International Conference of Food Science and Technology, co-organized by Southern Yangtze University and University of California, Davis to be held in Wuxi, China from November 12-15. Dr. Hongda Chen will give a plenary presentation on nanotechnology for food science and technology. The conference website is <http://icfst2007.sytu.edu.cn/>.

The 7th International Conference of Food Science and Technology (ICFST) will be held in Southern Yangtze University on November 12-15, 2007. The ICFST was initiated and has been organized by Southern Yangtze University and University of California, Davis since 1991. It has blossomed into a major biennial event with ever increasing participation from numerous countries. The 7th ICFST, which will be held on the beautiful new campus of Southern Yangtze University close to Lake Tai, will carry the theme "Food Innovation and Safety in the Goble Market". This conference, like the previous six, will feature a series of presentations and discussion in plenary, scientific and poster sessions, and informal gatherings to highlight the recent achievements in food science and technology.

Research Fellowships Announcement



USDA-CSREES funding for Graduate Research Fellowships

The Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition is seeking a qualified and motivated research assistant to perform important research while working toward a Ph.D. degree in Food Science. The position is available immediately and will remain open until filled.

Ph.D. Fellowship

- The person will perform research in areas related to food microbiology and human health, identify fungal strains associated with regionalized patulin production using molecular microbiological techniques, study the effects of varied processing methods on patulin levels in apple cider, explore antimicrobial mechanism on molecular level, as well as discover antimicrobial and anticancer properties of functional food compounds.
- The person will be involved with publication of research and grant writing to fund other lab projects and will gain some teaching experiences from assisting graduate laboratory and undergraduate classes and mentoring Masters and undergraduates in the group.
- Benefits include a stipend of \$24,000/year, tuition waiver and 50% of the student health insurance premium for 3 consecutive years of full-time study.
- U.S. citizen only.

Qualified applicants will have a background and previous degree in Molecular Biology, Microbiology, Food Science or Biology.

Minority students are strongly encouraged to apply.

Interested students should contact Dr. Vivian Wu, Project Director at the address below:

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Please review graduate student application guidelines posted on the web site referenced below or contact The Graduate School directly to receive application materials:

<http://www2.umaine.edu/graduate/>

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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 everyone is doing well. Remember it's not long ago we just met in Chicago. Now it is time again for me to send you another issue of CAFS Newsletter. In this issue, we have several reports of CAFS activities during IFT meeting in Chicago. I would like to thank Dr. Hongda Chen for writing an encouraging message to our members; Dr. Hong Zhuang for presenting a wonderful report with picture highlights to refresh our memories of 2007 Annual Banquet; Dr. Martin Lo for reporting accomplishments of the first Global Chinese Health Food Symposium held in US, and Dr. Vivian Wu for preparing a concise financial report. I would also like to thank Drs. John Shi and Daniel Fung for sharing their stories with us. You supports are the most vital to the Newsletter, please keep them coming.

See you next time

Fur-Chi Chen