

INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS DC SECTION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

Happy new year and hello from officers of the DC section of the Institute of Food Technologists! We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful holiday season and new year!

Starting this year, we will be sending out quarterly newsletters to highlight events for our section as well as celebrate accomplishments of section members. We will also highlight regulations which may be of relevance to section members as well as other happenings around town.

If there are any questions about the newsletter, accomplishments, or tips to include, please email us at ift.dc.section@gmail.com.



FOOD POLICY IMPACT

The 2019 IFT Food Policy Impact Meeting is taking place February 11-12 at Arent Fox in Washington, DC (1717 K Street NW). This year, the American Society of Nutrition is supporting IFT for this exceptional program.

This year's program includes presentations from a variety of government officials on topics such as bioengineered disclosure, nutrition communication, standards of identity, cell-cultured meat, and more! [Registration is now open](#).

Registration costs are \$100 for professionals and \$35 for students. For DC area students, the Corn Refiners Association is supporting registration costs for up to 20 students. A resume and cover letter should be sent to Allison Cooke (acooke@corn.org) with the subject line "2019 IFT Food Policy Impact Student Registration" by January 18. Decisions will be made no later than January 25.

KEY DATES

DC Distillery Tour

March 14, 2019

On Thursday, March 14 at 6:00 pm, please join us for a tour of District Distillery Co. at 1414 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009. The tour will be approximately 40 minutes and include four tastings of products chosen by the tour guide. The cost for the tour is \$10. Please RSVP for this event [here](#). We hope you join us for this fun event!

INTERESTED IN BEING AN OFFICER?

Are you interested in being an officer for the DC Section? The positions of President-Elect, Secretary and Member-at-Large (4 slots) are up for election this year with terms starting in September 2019. If you are interested, please advise DC Section Secretary Allison Cooke (acooke@corn.org) and DC Section President Andrea Wong (awong@crnusa.org). More information about section elections will be shared later this year.

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE?

Is there a particular topic or issue that you're interested in that you want to write about for the quarterly newsletter? If so, please reach out to us (ift.dc.section@gmail.com) to share your thoughts!



BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

Your DC Section officers are planning several events throughout the year around the DC area as well as in conjunction with the 2019 IFT Annual Meeting and Expo in New Orleans. Be on the lookout for more information on these events in upcoming newsletters.

Have an idea for an event or is your organization hosting an event or program which could use some volunteers? Let us know! We can share these in upcoming updates with section members.

SECTION MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Each quarter, we will include a section of the newsletter to highlight Section member accomplishments. If you have an accomplishment which should be highlighted in our newsletter, please let us know! You can share with us at ift.dc.section@gmail.com.

Recent Section member accomplishments include:

- ▶ In September 2018, Laura Shumow joined the American Spice Trade Association as Executive Director. She was previously the Vice President of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs for the National Confectioners Association.
- ▶ In January 2019, Dr. Jim Griffiths was promoted to Senior Vice President, International & Scientific Affairs at the Council for Responsible Nutrition. His previous position was Vice President, International & Scientific Affairs.
- ▶ Since October 2017, Jack Cooper has been Executive Director of the Animal Digestible Food Packaging Initiative (www.adfpi.org). The goal of this initiative is to convince, inspire and encourage food industry partners to cooperate with government research funding agencies to seek funding through public-private partnerships to work on new food packaging materials which are digestible by animals. This initiative is seeking volunteers to assist in management. Interested parties can reach Jack at JLC@adfpi.org.

MEMBER TESTIMONIALS

Have something great to say about the DC IFT Section? Let us know! Our Section website (dcift.org) includes testimonials from many of our Section members. Let us know what the Section has done for you, such as providing a great networking opportunity or informing you with information about what is going on in the world of food policy. Please send any quotes with an appropriate affiliation to us at ift.dc.section@gmail.com.

KEY REGULATIONS

On December 20, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) published their final rule on disclosure of bioengineered foods. The final rule provides the options for disclosure of bioengineered foods, including text, symbol and electronic disclosure. Additionally, while the final rule does not mandate disclosure of ingredients derived from bioengineered sources as they do not contain detectable levels of modified genetic material, the final rule does permit the use of voluntary disclosure in these instances. Disclosure is required when the unintentional presence of modified genetic material exceeds 5% in an ingredient and disclosure is required if there is any intentional use in products. The mandatory compliance date for all regulated entities is January 1, 2022. The final rule is available for review on the [Federal Register](#).