



## American Association of Food Scientists for the Indian Sub-continent (AAFSIS)

Invites you to its

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Banquet, and IFT Panel Discussion

June 30 -July 1, 2008, New Orleans, LA

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American Association of Food Scientists for the Indian Sub-continent (**AAFSIS**) cordially invites you to its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, banquet and a panel discussion organized in conjunction with the 2008 IFT Annual Meeting. AAFSIS is a growing organization of food industry professionals with commitments to engage in and assist with causes relevant to food and agro-processing in the Indian Subcontinent. AAFSIS has been playing an active role since 2002 in participating and organizing symposia and panel discussions during IFT meetings on topics related to AAFSIS objectives that have long-term benefits to the food industry in the US as well as other countries.

This year, in tune with the IFT's theme on Driving Growth and Sustainability through Innovation, AAFSIS has organized a Panel Discussion on **Capacity Building and Public-Private Partnership for Food and Agro-processing Development in South Asia**, on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 from 10:30 AM to 12 Noon. This will be preceded by a business meeting of AAFSIS and banquet dinner on June 30, as detailed below. Your participation and support would indeed be a source of strength and inspiration to all of us.

We are delighted to announce that this year's AAFSIS program will include participants from India who have kindly accepted our invitation including Dr. V. Prakash, Director, CFTRI, the premier food research institute in South Asia; Mr. G. Balachandran, IAS, Chief Executive, Food Safety and Standards Regulatory Authority of India and Mr. V. Jayaraghavan, Chairman, Sathguru Management Consultants, Hyderabad.

**“LET US MEET, GREET, LISTEN AND NETWORK WITH OUR VISITING DIGNITARIES AND GUESTS!”**

### AAFSIS – PROGRAM at IFT 2008

#### AAFSIS Business Meeting

**Date:** Monday, June 30, 5:30pm – 6:30pm  
**Location:** The Embassy Suites Hotel  
New Orleans Arts & Warehouse District  
315 Julia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130  
PH: 504.525.1993

#### **Directions to Embassy Suites from Morial Convention Center**

- Start out going NORTH on CONVENTION CENTER BLVD toward JULIA ST. 0.1 mi
- Turn LEFT onto JULIA ST. 0.1 mi
- End at 315 Julia St New Orleans, LA 70130-3603  
(Only two blocks from the IFT Convention Center)

#### **Meeting Agenda:**

- Introduction to AAFSIS – Achievements, Opportunities and Challenges
- Election of officers for 2008-2009
- Other business

### AAFSIS Banquet Dinner

**Date:** Monday, June 30, 7:00pm –9:00pm

**Location:** The Embassy Suites Hotel (same location as Business Meeting) PH: (504) 525-1993

**Dinner:** \$30 (\$ 15 with Current Student ID)

**Seating is limited for this subsidized banquet. Please register by June 24<sup>th</sup>.** Contact the following to register and reserve your seat. **Neera (Mobile: (908)-627-1528; Email: [neera@iaminternationalinc.com](mailto:neera@iaminternationalinc.com)) or Ravin (Mobile: (763) 234-3401; Email: [rgnan@landolakes.com](mailto:rgnan@landolakes.com)).**

Please include the following information in your email: Name, Company/Affiliation, Phone Number to contact, and IFT membership status -Student/Professional.

**Note:** No tickets will be available at the venue for this subsidized banquet. **"A SUMPTUOUS INDIAN DINNER IS SERVED"**. Menu details are available at <http://www.aafsis.org>.

### After-dinner Speakers

**Mr. Vijayraghavan**, - "Building capacity for food industry and food enterprise in India: the NIFTEM initiative"

**Mr. G. Balachandran**, IAS - "What is new in food safety and standards regulations in India?"

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India is also soliciting qualified applicants for short- term and long-term assignments at its newly established National Institute for Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) near New Delhi. In his talk Mr. Vijayraghavan will describe possible opportunities for interested individuals to pursue.

### IFT Roundtable Panel Discussion

**Date:** Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 am – 12:00 am   **Session: 154**   **Location: Room 292**

**"Capacity Building and Public-Private Partnership for Food and Agro-processing Development in South Asia"**

**Session Organizer:** Dr. Ravin Gnanasambandam, Land O'Lakes, Inc.

**Session Moderators:** Dr. Syed Rizvi, Cornell University, and

**Ms. Chithra Panchapakesan**, MARS SNACKFOOD

### Speakers:

1. **Mr. G. Balachandran**, IAS, Chief Executive, Food Safety and Standards Regulatory Authority of India – introductory remarks
2. **Mr. Vijayraghavan**, Chairman, Sathguru Management Consultants, Hyderabad – introductory remarks
3. **Dr. Vishweshwaraiah Prakash**, Director, Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore, India - Innovating the innovation: CFTRI's Pathway of its record of more than 1200 Patents -A glimpse of this success story through capacity building
4. **Dr. John Flores**, IFT president and food science chair, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA - IFT's role and involvement in international food and agro-processing development initiatives
5. **Dr. Vijay Sood**, Vice President, International ITQ General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis, MN - Retail food product commercialization in developing countries: Challenges and opportunities
6. **Mr. Zaheer Baber**, Director, International Development Division, Land O'Lakes, Shoreview, MN - A perspective on capacity building and public/private partnership in food and agro-processing industries in South Asia

**AAFSIS expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the following companies for sponsoring the AAFSIS banquet 2008. Thank You for your support.**



**AAFSIS 2008 Organizing Committee:** Arti Bedi, Prakash Dhoka, Ravin Gnanasambandam, Kathiravan Krishnamurthy, Parthiban Muthukumarasamy, Chithra Panchapakesan, Syed Rizvi, Ramkishan Rao, Harmeet Singh, Neera Tulshian



**Position Advertisement – Dean,  
National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management**

Nominations and applications are invited for the position of Dean of National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM).

NIFTEM is being established with an initial investment of equivalent of US \$ 75 million near Delhi, the capital city of India. NIFTEM is proposed as the apex research institution in India to carry out food science, food technology and related research, education and enterprise development initiatives. The Institute will be fully supported by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India, while enjoying autonomy in its functioning. A state-of-the art campus is being created with most modern infrastructure, finest library resources and comprehensive residential facilities. The Institute will commence its academic and research activities by June 2009. Active recruitment of the faculty positions will commence soon and the chosen faculty will have international exposure with global partners of NIFTEM prior to commencement of the academic session in June 2009.

The campus will include the academic center with key disciplines comprising of Food biology, food chemistry, food nutrition, food process engineering and food entrepreneurship development, a modern food testing and toxicology lab and a food enterprise incubation center to nurture innovation and enterprise development. The total teaching staff will be in the range of 50 with a total student body at a peak level of about 900. NIFTEM will endeavour to attract the most talented undergraduate and graduate students from India and elsewhere. Strong research funding will help NIFTEM to focus on basic and applied research with active faculty and student involvement.

The position of Dean requires the capacity to manage a complex, dynamic organization with a vision of the future that will galvanize the faculty and inspire others to optimal productivity. Equally important is the ability to conceptualize this vision in terms of concrete goals and to organize resources and people to achieve strategic ends. Candidates should have long standing teaching and research background in food sciences/food technology or related disciplines. Essential for the position is the proven ability to effectively manage financial resources, expand private and industrial support and leverage domestic and international funding. Candidates must possess an outstanding record of scholarly achievement commensurate with an appointment as full professor in a reputed institution based any where in the world. NIFTEM will expect the incumbent to possess a strong demonstrated commitment to team building, gender equity, and excellence in teaching and learning and a demonstrated commitment to faculty shared governance.

The position will carry attractive compensation package with liberal perquisites as permissible under NIFTEM's rules/policy. Please send a covering letter and curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information for a minimum of three references by June 15, 2008, **preferably electronically** to [niftem@sathguru.com](mailto:niftem@sathguru.com) addressed to Special Officer, National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management.

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