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SIFST ANNUAL REPORT

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1 THE 32nd SIFST COUNCIL

The SIFST Council for the fiscal year 2008/2009, duly elected on 30th April 2008 at the Institute's 32nd Annual General Meeting comprised:

President:	Mrs. Ser-Low Wai Ming
Vice-President:	Mr. Koh Boon Liang
Honorary Secretary:	Mr Lawrence Low Kai Fong
Honorary Treasurer:	Mrs. Jeannette Wong-Chan Mei Hong
Council Members:	Mrs. Ku-Chong Lee Fong
	A/P Dr. Zhou Weibiao
	Dr Huang Dejian
	Ms. Cheryl Ng

Immediate Past President: Mrs. Tan Ek Ek, Irene

The following members were co-opted into the Council:

Ms Evelyn Lee Soo Min
Mr Goh Kian Heng
Mr Tay Seng Kiong
Mr Tong Yock Jin

Advisory Panel:

Mr Lim Chee Kian
Mr Yeoh Guan Huah
Dr Lee Kim Lian

Internal auditors: Dr Derek Yeo
Mr Tham Keng Leong

2 LEGAL ADVISOR

SIFST would like to thank Mr. Prakash Pillai for being SIFST's Honorary Legal Advisor. Mr. Pillai is a partner of Rajah & Tann.

3 MEMBERSHIP	2008/2009	2007/2008
Honorary Fellows	5	5
Fellows	17	16
Associates	152	149
Licentiates	100	101
Corporate Members	44	43

3.1 Corporate Membership

Total corporate membership has increased this fiscal year. Five companies joined as new corporate members, namely,

1. Fonterra (SEA) Singapore,
2. Prima Ltd
3. Jumain Sataysafaction Pte Ltd
4. Goldkili Pte Ltd
5. Spring, Singapore (Food Manufacturing Department)

Council would like to record a note of thanks to the membership subcommittee, Mrs. Irene Tan, Ms Evelyn Lee, Mrs Jeannette Wong and Ms Ravinder Kaur for helping with the membership applications, updating of membership subscription and keeping the record up to date with the secretariat.

4 ACTIVITIES

4.1 Food & Beverage Asia Magazine

SIFST continued to incorporate SIFST news in Food & Beverage Asia, published by Pablo Publishing Pte Ltd. The magazine is being circulated to 7,000 food industry professionals in Asia, including SIFST members since 2004. It has been featuring updates, announcements and reports about SIFST activities in every bi-monthly issue. The SIFST Annual 2008 was also co-published with Food & Beverage Asia.

The Annual offered a means of communication to members, reporting the Institute's news and publishing quality technical papers of interest. The Editorial Board comprised:

Mr Koh Boon Liang (Editor-in-chief)
Dr Lee Kim Lian
A/P Dr Zhou Weibiao
Mr Tan Soon Ann
Ms Mah Siew Yong

The Council would like to record a note of thanks to the Editorial Board and to Pablo Publishing for its contribution to support SIFST's events in this collaboration.

4.2 Professional Talks

The Institute held a total of three professional talks:

Title : **“CLEAN LABELS - ADDITIVES BECOME SUBTRACTIVES!”**
Speaker : Dr Philip Barlow,
Science and Technology advisor to a Food Innovation Project at
Sheffield Hallam University, UK
Date : 14th May 2008
Venue : Singapore Polytechnic Staff Centre

Title : **“The New Zealand Food Industry - What is New?”**
Speaker : Professor Richard Archer,
Head of the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health,
Massey University, New Zealand
Date : 12th August 2008
Venue : Singapore Polytechnic Staff Centre

Title : **Fruit-based Functional Foods for Health**
Speaker : Dr Dongxiao Sun-Waterhouse,
Food Science Team Leader, Functional Foods and Health, The
Horticulture and Food Institute of New Zealand Ltd,
Date : 12th November 2008
Venue : Singapore Polytechnic Staff Centre

Title : **Proteins at Interfaces: Understanding Food Colloidal Systems**
Speaker : Professor Eric Dickson,
Professor of Food Colloid, University of Leeds (UK)
Date : 23th February 2009
Venue : Singapore Polytechnic Staff Centre

4.3 SIFST Website (<http://www.sifst.org.sg>)

The new SIFST website continue to serve as a source of updates for members, announcement & reports on events organized by SIFST, it includes SIFST Profile, Council & Constitution, Annual Report & Publications. New features to be added in future include on-line membership application.

The Council would like to record a note of thanks to Mrs Ku-Chong Lee Fong, Ms Evelyn Lee Soo Min, Mr Koh Boon Liang and Mr Tay Seng Kiong for their efforts in updating the website.

4.4 Short Courses

The short course on “A Practical Approach to Food Safety: HACCP Implementation”, jointly organised with Singapore Polytechnic, continued its 21th and 22nd runs in the fiscal year.

The other short course on “Safe Practices in Food Manufacturing” continued its 15th and 16th run in the fiscal year.

The HACCP & GMP Internal Auditing Workshop, jointly organised with Singapore Polytechnic continued its 4th & 5th run in the fiscal year.

The “Understanding and applications of ISO22000:2005 Food Safety Management System” jointly organised with Singapore Polytechnic continued its 2nd run in the fiscal year.

Tailor-made short courses

A tailored made course for Anbros Industries Pte Ltd on “Safe Practices in Food Manufacturing” was conducted on Oct 5 & 12, 2008. The trainers for this course are Mrs Ser-Low Wai Ming, Ms Liew Mei Pheng and Mr Lawrence Low.

A re-run of the “Safe Practices in Food Manufacturing” was also conducted on 4th & 11th Jan, 2009 for Anbros Industries Pte Ltd.

4.5 Awards & Scholarships

1. Student Awards

The following awards were given in the fiscal year 2008/2009:

1. SIFST Award-cum-Rintoul Memorial Scholarship went to Mr Tho Pin Da from Singapore Polytechnic.
2. SIFST Award-cum-SIFST Scholarship to Ms Siti Nafisah from Temasek Polytechnic.
3. SIFST-NUS Best Student Award-cum-Scholarship went to Mr Guo Ren from National University of Singapore who achieved 1st Class Honours in the Food Science & Technology Programme.

2. HACCP Registered Consultants

There was no submission for this fiscal year.

4.6 SIFST Annual Dinner

The SIFST 32nd Annual Dinner 2008 was held at the Swissotel Merchant Court Ballroom on Sep 12, 2008. One hundred and twenty participants attended the event that included music entertainment, presentations of SIFST awards, scholarships and membership certificates, healthier choice competition, know your wine contest and lucky draws. Each of the participants was presented with a bag of goodies provided by our sponsors.

Council would like to thank the following sponsors for this event:

AVA, Chop Hup Chong Food Industries Pte Ltd, Golden Glory Food Industries Pte Ltd, Kaffa Kaldi Pte Ltd, Gourmet Food Safety Consultant Pte Ltd, Kwong Seng International Pte Ltd, Lim Lam Thye Pte Ltd, Petra Foods Limited, Pu Tien Holdings Pte Ltd and Swissotel Merchant Court Singapore.

A note of thanks to the Organising Committee comprising of Mr Koh Boon Liang, Mr Lawrence Low, Ms Evelyn Lee, Ms Cheryl Ng and Mrs Ser-Low Wai Ming for making the night a success.

4.7 SIFST Student Activities

1. Student Party 2009

The SIFST Student Party 2009 was held at ITE on 6 February 2009 at ITE College East, Simei. A total of 65 students from ITE, Temasek Polytechnic (TP), Nanyang Polytechnic and Singapore Polytechnic together with 3 council members attended the fun-filled event. This event provided an avenue for students from the different institutions to interact with each other. Highlights of the programme included games and a lucky draw. Participants were impressed by the well-organised and entertaining party.

The Council would like to thank the organizer, ITE College East Student Committee, under the guidance of Mr Tong Yock Jin, for their efforts in putting up an interesting program for the evening. Also a note of thanks to ITE for partially sponsored this event and to Gourmet Food Safety Consultancy for the donation of the first prize - a food hamper.

2. SIFST-SFMA Quiz Bowl 2008

SIFST, in collaboration with SFMA, organised a quiz bowl competition for their student members. The quiz bowl was held on 27 September 2008 at NUS with 12 teams participated in the first round. Each team comprised two students from either SP, TP or NYP, one from ITE and one from NUS. The best four teams competed in the final round on 15 Nov 2008 at the Asia Pacific Expo held in the Singapore Expo. The prizes for the winners were sponsored by SFMA.

The SIFST Quiz Bowl 2008 was organised by Dr Huang Dejian (NUS) and the rest of the Committee members were Mr Tan Soon Ann (Singapore Polytechnic), Ms Evelyn Lee (Singapore Polytechnic), Ms Toh Hui Kheng (Singapore Polytechnic), Mr Lim Swee Ling (Singapore Polytechnic), Mr Richard Khaw (Nanyang Polytechnic), Mr Tan Keng Beng (Temasek Polytechnic) and Mr Tong Yock Jin (ITE College East). The Council would record a note of thanks to the hardworking organising committee.

4.8 SIFST - Joint Seminars:

1. SNDA-SIFST Joint Scientific Symposium

SIFST jointly organised a Scientific Symposium with the Singapore Nutrition and Dietetics Association (SNDA) entitled ‘Promoting Nutritional Well Being: The Roles of the Food Industry & Health Professionals’. The event was held on May 23, 2008 at NUSS Suntec City Guild House was supported by the AVA, Health Promotion Board (HPB), NUS’s Food Science and Technology Programme and SP’s School of Chemical and Life Sciences, together with SFMA. The Symposium was attended by 80 participants comprising food scientists and technologists, nutritionists, dietitians, teachers and health professionals from government agencies, academic institutions, research institutes, and food manufacturing companies.

Mrs Ser-Low Wai Ming and Ms Chow Pek Yee, Presidents of SIFST and SNDA gave the Welcome address. The keynote speaker was Dr Tee E-Siong, President of the Nutrition Society of Malaysia. The other speakers are Ms Lim Lee San from AVA and Mr Sean Wong from HPB, Mr Wong Mong Hong from SFMA, Ms Beverly Watson from Fonterra Brands, Ms Cheryl Ng and Ms Alicia Ng from Nestle R&D Centre Singapore. The chairpersons for the sessions and dialogue sessions were Associate Professor Zhou Weibiao, Dr Lee Kim Lian and Ms Gladys Wong.

A note of thanks to the Organising Committee comprising of Mrs Ser-Low Wai Ming, Ms Chow Pek Yee, Ms Toh Hui Kheng, Ms Cyndy Au and Dr Huang Dejian. The Council would also like to thank Fonterra Brands (Asia Holdings) Pte Ltd for the sponsorship of the keynote speaker.

2. Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC)

- Current Issues and Trends of Edible Oils and Fats

The seminar was jointly organised by SIFST and MPOC was held on 18 July 2008 at Hilton Hotel, Singapore. It was well attended by more than 90 participants from government agencies, food industry and academic institutions.

A note of thanks to the Organising Committee comprises of Mrs Ser-Low Wai Ming, Ms Toh Hui Kheng and Dr Saw Lin Kiat. The Council would like to thank MPOC for sponsored this Seminar.

4.9 SIFST - Support to Other Organisations

1. Food and Hotel Asia 2008

President Mrs Ser was invited by Food and Hotel Asia (FHA) to speak at the FHA Food Safety Forum held on Apr 24, 2008 in Singapore. The title of her paper was “Designing and Implementing A Food Safety Programme for Your Organization”.

2. 9th International Hydrocolloids Conference (15-19 June 2008)

SIFST had supported the 9th International Hydrocolloids Conference organised by the Food Science and Technology Department of NUS from Jun 15 - 19, 2008.

3. Food Safety Executive Briefing 2008

The World Food Safety Organisation invited President Mrs Ser as a keynote speaker for their Food Safety Executive Briefing on Aug 5, 2008 held at Marriot Hotel, Singapore. The title was on “Implementing and Maintenance of Food Safety Programme for Your Organisation.

4. Seminar on Soy and Health

SIFST and SNDA co-organised the Seminar with Soy Food Forum, South East Asia on Sep 11, 2008 from 6.30pm to 8.00pm at the HPB Auditorium.

5. Singapore Food Manufacturers’ Association (SFMA)

President Mrs Ser attended the official opening ceremony of the Asia Pacific Food Expo 2008 at Singapore Food Expo on Nov 14, 2008 organised by SFMA.

6. Canadian Soy Bean Council (CSC) Industrial Seminar

SIFST supported this Seminar organised by the Canadian Soybean Council. The event was held at Marina Mandarin hotel, on the 26 Feb 2009. It was well attended by about 60 participants.

4.10 Participation at Overseas Conference

1. Food Innovation - ProPak Asia 2008

Ms Evelyn Lee, SIFST Co-opted Council Member, attended the Food Innovation - Propak Asia 2008 from Jun 12 - 13, 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand and presented a paper on “Uncovering Retro-Foods: The Changing Face of Complementary/Alternative Therapies Through Food”.

2. 41st Annual AIFST Convention

President Mrs Ser was invited by Mr Peter Lancaster, President of AIFST to attend their Annual Convention and Annual General Meeting from Jul 20 - 24, 2008 in Sydney, Australia.

3. Palm Oil Trade and Seminar 2008

The Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) invited and sponsored President Mrs Ser to attend its Palm Oil Trade and Seminar 2008, from Aug 21 - 26, 2008 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The event also included a visit to a palm oil plantation.

4. The 14th World Congress Food Science & Technology

Dr Lee Kim Lian and Mr Lim Chee Kian, SIFST Honorary Advisors, represented SIFST at IUFOST 14th World Congress in Shanghai, China, from Oct 19 - 23, 2008.

SIFST also nominated Dr Velmurugan Thavasi and Ms Viduranga Waisundara, both from NUS, for the Young Scientist Award and student fellowships award respectively for the IUFOST World Congress. They won the awards.

The Committee for the SIFST Product Awards 2007-2009 nominated the Innovation Award winner - Vitagen Collagen from Malaysia Dairy Industries (MDI) and Healthier Choice Award winner - Naturel Reduced Fat Spread from Lam Soon Singapore Pte Ltd to participate in the first IUFOST Global Food Industry Awards competition held at the Congress. The Vitagen Collagen - Rose Flavour won an award under the category of "Communicating Science-related Knowledge to the Consumer".

SIFST organised the Presentation Ceremony of an International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFOST) Global Food Industry Awards (IGFIA) and dinner celebration on 13 January 2009 at Grand Plaza Park Hotel, Coleman Street, Singapore. In this event, SIFST on behalf of IUFOST presented the Global Food Industry Award to Malaysia Dairy Industries Pte Ltd.

A note of thanks to Mr Lim Chee Kian, Dr Lee Kim Lian and Mr Koh Boon Liang in organising the presentation ceremony and also to MDI for sponsoring this event.

5 REPRESENTATIONS IN STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

The following members represented the Institute in various committees of government and professional bodies:

1. Mr Lim Chee Kian
 - International Union of Food Science & Technology (IUFOST) Governing Council
 - Federation of Institutes of Food Science and Technology in the ASEAN (FIFSTA)
 - Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), USA
 - Nutrition Labelling Technical Workgroup of the Health Promotion Board (HPB)
2. Mr Yeoh Guan Huah
 - International Union of Food Science & Technology (IUFOST)
 - Federation of Institutes of Food Science and Technology in the ASEAN (FIFSTA); Honorary Treasurer
 - Singapore Professional Centre (SPC)
3. Mr. Lim Kay Kong
 - Food Advisory Committee of the Agri-food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore
4. Mrs. Irene Tan Ek Ek
 - Singapore Professional Centre; Alternate Member
5. Dr Lee Kim Lian
 - International Union of Food Science & Technology (IUFOST)
 - Voting Delegate

- Institute of Food Science & Technology (IFST), of the United Kingdom - Liaison person
- 6. Mrs Ser-Low Wai Ming
 - International Union of Food Science & Technology (IUFoST) - Voting Delegate
 - Federation of Institutes of Food Science and Technology in the ASEAN (FIFSTA)
- 7. Dr Allan Lim
 - SPRING Food Standards Committee
 - SPRING Singapore (FSC) Technical Committee for Edible Fats & Oils
- 8. Mrs. Ku-Chong Lee Fong
 - SPRING Singapore (FSC) Technical Committee for Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods

6 UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6.1 Seminar - Singapore as a Food Hub 2009 - 17 April 2009
- 6.2 Night Tour to vegetable Whole Sale Centre and Fishing Port - to be confirmed
- 6.3 42nd Annual AFIST Convention - July 2009
- 6.4 11th ASEAN Food Conference 2009 - 21st ~ 23rd October 2009
- 6.5 SIFST Technical Trip to Vietnam, 23rd September ~ 2nd October 2009

7 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The SIFST Council wishes to record its appreciation to all those who have helped our Institute one way or another in the activities organised.



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President
32nd SIFST Council



(Mr Lawrence Low Kai Fong)
Honorary Secretary
32nd SIFST Council