Greetings to the IUFoST Community!

IUFoST is a hive of activity already this year, what with World Congress organisation, nominations and elections underway, and the various committees meeting regularly to ensure that IUFoST continues to pilot Food Safety, Security and Education in these arenas, globally.

**CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

John Lupien has served as IUFoST observer at the Codex Commission on Food Additives (CCFA) for the past 15 years. He will be attending the 50th session of the CCFA in Xiamen, China in March 2018.

John writes: “In previous years I have also encouraged IUFoST to arrange for others to represent IUFoST at Codex Commission and Committee meetings. Since Codex Committees each have a host country (CCFA is hosted by China) it should be possible to identify individuals in each of the IUFoST member countries to serve as observers to the other Codex Committees.”

Please submit suggestions for IUFoST members who would be interested and willing to participate in the Codex Commissions to secretariat@iufost.org.

**NEW AWARDS & COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE**

Already in full flight organising the competitions for the World Congress in 2018, this committee is co-chaired by Rosie Maguire (South Africa) and Darunee Edwards (Thailand). Mary Schmidl (USA), Dietrich Knorr (Germany) and Anne Goldman (Canada) complete the membership.

**WORLD CONGRESS 2018: MUMBAI, INDIA**

Team India is enthusiastically into the final 9 months of preparation before this flagship event takes place in October in Mumbai. Abstract submission is going well, with that deadline fast approaching, and invitations are soon to go out to invited special lecturers. Review of the abstracts received will be the task of between 30 and 70 reviewers from within the IUFoST community. A detailed scientific programme is to be released online in the first week of February.

**STUDENT COMPETITIONS 2018**

Four exciting competitions will be held in Mumbai to inspire and recognise innovation and leadership amongst students in food science and technology.

1. **FOOD SCIENCE STUDENTS FIGHTING HUNGER: A GLOBAL STUDENT NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION**

   The purpose of this competition is to encourage FST undergraduate students to use their knowledge and skills to develop innovative food products to fight hunger.

2. **YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD COMPETITION**

   Seven young scientists in their first post-doctoral position, first academic position, age 35 or under, will be selected from nominees to attend the Congress.

3. **FOOD SAFETY WITHOUT BORDERS GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION**

   Food science and technology students enrolled in a M.Sc. or Ph.D. programme are invited to submit an academic paper with the objective of enhancing global food safety.

4. **IUFoST ROSE SPIESS AWARD FOR A SUSTAINABLE FOOD SUPPLY – Video competition**

   For full details of the competitions and how to enter please click here. Closing date for entries 1st April.

**NEW! THE ROSE SPIESS AWARD**

Generously endowed by Walter Spiess in loving memory of his wife, the Rose Spiess Award will be awarded for the first time at the World Congress in Mumbai later this year. Eligible students have been invited to submit videos which will be competitively judged, and the finalists will be present in Mumbai to screen their creation and receive their awards.

The Governing Council, in Cape Town, September 2017: (L-R) Lucia Anelich, Dietrich Knorr, Mike Knowles, Mariusz Piskula, Rosie Maguire, José Miguel Aguilera, Mary Schmidl & Darunee Edwards (LaR Hanna Wakim & Rickey Yada: not in picture)