



International Union of Food Science and Technology

Strengthening Global Food Science and
Technology for Humanity



As we begin the holiday season in many parts of the world and as the end of the year 2024 is fast approaching, I am pleased to share with you this note, on behalf of Board of Directors of the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFOST), with a message of thanks for your continued support to our vision aiming to strengthen the application of food science and technology for the benefit of all humanity.

It is also an opportunity for us to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, where our organization continued to promote food science and technology in various fora, the most important of which our World Food Congress so ably organized by our Italian colleagues and which drew over 1700 participants from over 90 countries.

During this past year, our organization achieved major milestones in forging collaborative agreements with various partners in the food arena including the International Dairy Federation, the Association of African Universities, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO). These agreements will enable us to promote food science education and to support technological developments serving vital food production sectors.

IUFOST's board and leadership team members were also keen to contribute to various events in support of national, regional and global food science events in the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Egypt and China, amongst others. All such efforts will no doubt bolster on-going actions of the food science and technology community in supporting the development of resilient and sustainable food systems – contributing to at least 13 out of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), impacted by food and therefore by food science.

These efforts add to our objective to continue to place IUFOST, as the voice of the global food science community, at the heart of policy and food standard setting activities pertaining to food safety and quality under the auspices of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and to convey the need to strengthen the foundation of these standards with robust scientific assessment and evidence.

The year 2025 will offer us the opportunity to further reach out to our adhering bodies wherever they are around the world and to support them in their national and regional endeavours where they continue to promote food science initiatives. We are counting on the support of our effective early career scientists' team, the leadership of the International Academy of Food Science and Technology (IAFoST) as well as our scientific council in all these outreach efforts.

The current and on-going debate on food processing and Ultra-processed food will bring us to further strengthen the partnership that we continue to enjoy with the International Union of Nutrition Science (IUNS). And as an organization, we will aim to develop and deliver a Strategic Plan that will help us to chart plans forward for our initiatives and allocate our resources in alignment with the agreed upon strategic pillars.

Once again thank you to each and every food scientist around the world for your contribution to the well-being of humanity. We will continue our journey together aiming for resilient and sustainable food systems globally. Enjoy the holidays with your loved ones. We look forward to opportunities of engagement and collaboration in 2025.

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