Greetings to the IUFoST Community!

In this edition we share some of the images from events at World Congress which was hosted in Mumbai. It was wonderful to be surrounded by members of the IUFoST Community and to attend sessions showcasing some of the science research happening globally in Food Science and allied fields. Thank you to all who travelled to Mumbai to share in our 19th World Congress and our thanks go to the organisers – Team India under the leadership of Dr V. Prakash for putting together a memorable event.

FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

It is my great honor and privilege to have been elected President of the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST). I would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts and hard work of my immediate predecessor, Professor Dr. Dipl.-Ing. Dietrich Knorr in creating what will be a stronger organization. I look forward to my new role as your President and to interacting with each Adhering Body, Academy Fellow and anyone who wants to contribute to the future of IUFoST and its mission. If you have ideas to contribute or questions to pose, please free to contact me at mschmidl@umn.edu. These are exciting times for IUFoST and together we can enhance our chosen profession and contribute to a better world.

Professor Dr Mary K. Schmidl

Fi EUROPE – GDL – IUFoST WORKSHOP

IUFoST was pleased to collaborate with Fi Europe and GDL at a recent workshop held in Frankfurt, Germany.

Pictured (below) at the workshop are (L-R): Dr. Volker Heinz, Prof. Dr. Dipl.-Ing Dietrich Knorr, Dr. Carole Tonello-Samson, Prof. Dr. Dipl.-Ing Henry Jäger, and Barbara Dubovcova.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OUTCOMES

During the World Congress in Mumbai, IUFoST held its biennial General Assembly. This year, this was a full day meeting with the morning session being an open meeting to hear reports from the various committees and the afternoon being the formal ‘Special Meeting’ which was attended by Adhering Body Representatives (who were entitled to vote) and a number of observers.

During the morning open session, we heard reports from several of the committees: Awards and Competitions Committee; Scientific Council; Early Career Scientists Section; Food Safety Committee; Food Security Committee; Membership Committee and the Articles and By-laws Committee. This was a really useful exercise which stimulated a number of questions and comments. The morning concluded with a detailed description from Prof. Walter Spiess of the process which he and his committee had gone through to review and re-write the Articles and By-laws including the lengthy and repeated consultations with the Adhering Bodies. As was to be expected, there was considerable discussion over this last presentation, but this really helped inform and set the scene for the later formal part of the meeting.

In the afternoon the meeting was convened as a formal Special Meeting given the items of Special Business on the agenda. During this, the elections of Prof Mary K. Schmidl as the new President and Dr Lucia Anelich as the new President Elect, were confirmed along with the new Governing Council Members.

The main focus of the meeting, which was very well attended, was on the proposed changes to the Articles and the By-laws. Following further discussion, these were ultimately passed by a significant majority. Since the changes were approved you should have received a copy of both the Articles and By-laws which took effect immediately following the meeting.

Draft minutes from both parts of the General Assembly meeting will be published shortly.
REFLECTIONS ON THE 19TH WORLD CONGRESS, MUMBAI, INDIA

The Fellows’ Dinner is a highlight of the World Congress, and this year was no different. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet up with our global Fellows and to welcome our new Fellows of the Academy.

From L-R: Drs. Alastair Hicks, Matthew Moore, K. Shikha Ojha, Aman Wirakartakusumah, Min-Jeong Kim, Azis Boing Sitanggang, Emmanuel Hatzakis, and R. Paul Singh

HOLIDAY WISHES

Wishing our IUFoST Community best wishes over the holiday period and we look forward to a vibrant and productive 2019!

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