

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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### Upcoming events

04 Mar 2020  
Poster Competition/CIFT  
Networking Event

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Welcome to another great year at OVIFT!

I hope you all enjoyed your summer and were able to take some time off. First of all, I want to thank all of you for your continued membership to OVIFT this upcoming year. I am excited and honored to serve as your 2019-2020 Ohio Valley IFT Chair. Our past leadership have accomplished so much success for our Section and I hope to do the same with the support of 14 amazing board members.



Amy Bethel, 2019-2020 Chair

Our dedicated leadership board worked very hard to create a calendar full of fun and worthwhile events. With our members in mind, the board is planning events in both Columbus and Cincinnati that will include plenty of networking opportunities, philanthropy, education, and of course- fun!

We have a great board that plays a very important role in our Section but we are always looking for more members to join the board or volunteer at events. Volunteering is a great way to get involved, meet others and learn more about opportunities.

The time commitment does not need to be extensive, if you are interested, we would love to have you even if it would be just for an hour or two. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, big or small, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or one of our board members to learn more.

In other exciting news, our Section was recognized again as a Section of Excellence for 2018-2019! Additionally, I'm thrilled to announce that we were able to give away over \$35k in awards to our students this past year. I hope that we can continue the momentum and achieve these great things for the 2019-2020 year ahead.

I have really enjoyed meeting many of you over the past few years and look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events this year. Please do not hesitate to stop me to say hello or to share your thoughts and ideas for our Section, I'd love to hear them.

Have a great year!

Amy

## Goetta load of this!

Members and friends of the Ohio Valley Section IFT gathered at the Rhinegeist Brewery in the historic neighborhood of Cincinnati lovingly referred to as Over-the-Rhine on September 25th. The location was the perfect backdrop for the discussion of the day, the delectable Cincinnati speciality best known as goetta. Since its arrival with nineteenth-century Germanic immigrants, this humble dish has evolved from peasant staple to ubiquitous delicacy. Food etymologist and "Goettevangelist" Dann Woellert walked attendees through a fascinating tale of goetta's history in the city that made it regionally famous.



**Photos:** Food etymologist, Dan Woellert, speaks about the history of a Cincinnati favorite— goetta (left). He has documented the history of this grain sausage in his book *Cincinnati Goetta: A Delectable History* (right).

## A Night for Innovation

Ohio Valley IFT members met at the Edge Innovation Hub in Gahanna on October 30 to network and learn about Systems Thinking from Executive Director Craig Turner. This event was a great opportunity to discuss challenges and opportunities within the food industry. After the talk there was a breakout session where various groups all worked concepts for a new product to hit the market. It was a fun concept and a great opportunity to practice methods that we discussed.



**Photos:** (left) Craig Turner speaks on Systems Thinking at the Edge Innovation Hub. (right) OVIFT members enjoy an assortment of Donato's pizza!

# OVIFT Member Activity

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Gale Prince who celebrated his 50th anniversary of being an IFT member this year! Gale is the President of SAGE Food Safety Consultants in Cincinnati, OH. He is known throughout the food industry for his expertise in global food safety issues and is a recent recipient of the IAFP Lifetime Achievement Award. Cheers to Gale for reaching this incredible milestone in IFT membership!

**DID YOU KNOW** that several OVIFT members blog for Science Meets Food, the official blog of the IFT Student Association? Their posts discuss the latest and greatest in the science of food. Congratulations to OVIFT members Abbie Sommer, Makenzie Hannum, Alex Pierce-Feldmeyer, Amanda Sia, and Elliot Dhuey! Check out their recent posts linked to the right.

## Science Meets Food

[Building a Better Boba Ball—Part 2](#) (Amanda Sia)

[What's In My Food? Twinkie Edition](#) (Abbie Sommer)

[The Language of Food](#) (Alex Pierce-Feldmeyer)

[Started From The Pyramid, Now We're Here](#) (Makenzie Hannum)



**ALTERNATIVE PROTEINS** are a rapidly expanding category in the food marketplace. OVIFT Member Matt Teegarden recently moderated a live webcast panel discussion for IFT, which focused on the technology and trends in this important food category. The discussion is available as a free podcast as part of the IFTNEXT Food Disruptors podcast series also hosted by Matt.

[Click here](#) to listen to the episode.

**EACH YEAR** the OVIFT Board of Directors welcomes new members. Congratulations to the new board members and to those continuing their service.

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