BOD Chair's Column

Dear Alumni and Friends:

As shaking hands with Dr. Hongda Chen, Chair of Board of Directors (BOD) of NASYUA 2006-2007, to take over the responsibility of the BOD coordinator in our 2007 Annual Meeting, I could feel Dr. Chen's confidence, trust, and expectations. Under the lead of Dr. Chen, 2006-2007 BOD and Executive Committee (EC) led by Dr. Liuming Zhou have made a mile stone progress in NASYUA history through establishing an organization to smooth transition and steady growth. Now, the BOD 2007-2008 team is leading the organization. We will certainly carry the spirit that the previous team had and relay the torch to the next post.

Going forward, the 2007-2008 BOD will keep focusing on Membership Drive to bring a new service level to the NASYUA members. To reach the goal, we would 1.) Enhance our communication/publicity channels by redesigning and/or updating website and issuing more newsletters with special editions; 2.) Support alumni/friends gathering regionally - location and professional field wisely, besides having Annual Meeting successfully held; 3.) Enforce fund raising through establishing Resource Committee of BOD as the first step to take; 4.) Keep running existing business with an extra effort ready for improvements; 5.) Standardize operation procedures through modulating all programs, forms, and lists to improve our working efficiency; and the last, 6.) Amend by-law to match up the growth of our organization, the most important BOD housekeeping job.

As we all know, running an organization successfully or not completely depends on her members' efforts. Therefore, I would ask you to keep supporting and helping us, and call for volunteers standing out to serve for our own organization.

Respectfully yours,

Feng Guan Chair of the Board of Directors, 2007-2008

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President Column

Dear members,

Hope all of you have had an excellent summer season and are enjoying a beautiful fall season. It is my privilege and honor to serve as your president during 2007-2008. I would first like to thank your continuing support to enable successful growth of our new association. I would also like to express my appreciation to the past Board of Directors (BOD) and Executive Committee (EC) for their tremendous leadership and effort during 2006-20007. I also want to welcome all the new officers and look forward to working with you through this exciting but challenging year. In the past couple months, we have completed three major activities, including annual banquet meeting in Chicago, administrative transition from the past BOD and EC teams, and preparation and approval of our 2007-2008 activity plan and budget. Thanks to many hard-working members, the 2nd annual meeting was a great success. You will see some details of these activities through this edition of newsletter.

After being established for one year, our association has successfully passed her infancy. With the direction of our BOD during 2007-2008, our EC team will work hard to continually grow and maturate NASYUA community by effective membership drives, active and successful regional activities and successful annual events, establishing fund raising program, and increasing visibility and publicity with multiple networking systems. Two important areas that we should strive for improvement are membership and finance. We would increase communication with our members, alumni, and friends and expand our association at least by 20%. Our newsletters will be published bi-monthly. We have established a special Resource Committee, led by the BOD members (Chaired by Guohua Feng) and EC members (Chaired by Wuwei Cui), to improve our financial status so that we can provide more services to our members. Two workshops, instructed by our outstanding members Dr. Youling Xiong and Dr. Wuwei Cui, will be held during the 7th International Conference of Food Science and Technology (ICFST) at Southern Yangtze University (SYU) on November 12-15, 2007. More workshops or symposiums are being in discussion with SYU in the next spring. To increase our visibility, we will try to upgrade our website and publish NASYUA brochure. Student member is a valuable asset to our association's future. An award will be presented to an outstanding student member based on their professional performance during annual meeting.

Dear members, this is our community and family. Let us work together to make her strong and healthy. Please share your suggestions and join more activities in the coming year. In the end, I would like to wish everyone a great fall season, continued good health and great achievement.

Yingchang

2007-2008 President of NASYUA Yingchang Han



Congratulations on our 2nd Annual Meeting Success

NASYUA has made another historical success in celebration on the first anniversary on July 29, 2007. The annual banquette meeting was held at New Three Happiness Restaurant in China Town, Chicago, during annual IFT meeting. Over 120 alumni and friends gathered and celebrated this great event. The banquet was a smashing success with 120 attendees - showing great vibrancy of the association.

NASYUA would firstly express great appreciation to Roquette America, Inc., who covered dinner expenses of \$2400. Sr. Director of Technology, Dominique Baumann, delivered an impressive presentation about the company and products. (http://www.roquette.com). Also thanks to Dr. Bo Jiang for donation of T-shirt from Jiangnan University.

Although the President of Jiangnan University (JU), Dr. Jian Chen, was unable to attend the banquette, a great number of professors and students, including Vice President, Zhenyu Jin, Dean of Food Science and Technology College, Hao Zhang, as well as other collegial administrators, joined in the meeting. Vice President Jin introduced the major progress of the university in the past year. All the attendees were excited and impressed about the new campus.

We have also seen some of the long-time and new friends in the event, such as Dr. Joe Jen, ex Under Secretary of USDA and the past CAFS President, the CAFS President 06-07 Dr. Martin Lo, Sharon Shoemakers of UC Davis, James Wu from National Taiwan University, General Manager Yongjing Li from China Danisco, etc. We appreciated their continued support.

During the meeting, our annual Election Committee chair Chao Wu announced the results. Congratulations on the following newly elected members:

Board of Directors: Dihui Wang, Feng Guan, Guohua Feng, all for 3-year term

Officers of Executive Team:

- 1. President-Elect, Cui, Wuwei
- 2. VP-Canada, Gong, Joshua
- 3. Student Representative, Xia, Huan

Additionally, President Yingchang Han also announced and introduced the members of Executive team. These newly appointed members included:

Secretary Zhongbin Zhang (Frito-lay), VP Canada Gong Jianhua (Univeristy of Guelph, Canada), Member-At-Large Guoquan Hou (Oregon Wheat Center) and Chun Hu (UBC, Canada).



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Through the whole event night, alumni and friends were full in joy and excitement. Many witnessed the most moving moment when alumni first met over 15 years after graduation. Special thanks go to Chun Hu, Youling Xiong, and Yao Yuan for taking these valuable pictures to catch the moments. Below you would find the ever-biggest family picture we have had in North America.









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The English name of Southern Yangtze University was renamed to Jiangnan University (JU).

The 7th International Conference of Food Science and Technology

The 7th International Conference of Food Science and Technology (ICFST) will be held in Southern Yangtze University on November 12-15, 2007. The ICFST was initiated and has been organized by Southern Yangtze University and University of California, Davis since 1991. It has blossomed into a major biennial event with ever increasing participation from numerous countries. The 7th ICFST, which will be held on the beautiful new campus of Southern Yangtze University close to Lake Tai, will carry the theme "Food Innovation and Safety in the Goble Market". This conference, like the previous six, will feature a series of presentations and discussions in plenary, scientific and poster sessions, and informal gatherings to highlight the recent achievements in food science and technology. The subtopics in scientific program include:

Food Safety
Functional Foods and Bioactive Compounds
Food Processing, Preservation and Packaging
Food Biotechnology
Nutrition and Sensory Chemistry
Development Strategies of Food in the Global Market.

In order to promote professional exchange among academic institutes and the food industry and establish NASYUA visibility for its professional excellence and contributions to the food industry and society, NASYUA will co-organize two workshops with JU during the 7th ICFST meeting. The two workshops, Meat Processing 101 and Hydrocolloids: Structures, Functional Properties and Applications, will be instructed by our outstanding members Dr. Youling Xiong and Dr. Wuwei Cui.

Additionally, Dr. Hongda Chen is invited to be one of the plenary speakers, presenting nanotechnology. NASYUA also assisted in inviting some famous experts from the US to attend special programs. We encourage our members to attend this special meeting and enjoy the new campus of our home school.



Professor Zhengyu Jin, the VP for Research in the Jiagnan University, recently visited Canada to further strengthen the tie in collaboration with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and also to explore new opportunities with other Canadian institutes. His timing was quite good, as it was just close to the Mid-Autumn Festival. By taking the opportunity, the NASYUA members in the GTA (Great Toronto Area) got together and gave Prof. Jin a warm welcome. Prof. Jin also updated the members with recent progress of the new campus in our "home land". Attached photo shows their happy gathering. You can easily find out that Dr. Shu Chen was "praying" for goodness for all of them.

