

**16<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Dear Members of the Association,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As we approach World Food Day, I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt greetings to each of you. This day, celebrated on October 16th, is dedicated to raising awareness about global food security and promoting sustainable practices in food production and consumption. It serves as a poignant reminder of the vital role that food scientists and technologists play in addressing the challenges of hunger and malnutrition.

This year's theme, "Food for All: A Sustainable Future," resonates deeply with our mission as an association. It emphasizes the importance of innovation and collaboration in ensuring that everyone has access to safe, nutritious, and sufficient food. As members of this esteemed association, we are at the forefront of research and development in food science. Our collective efforts contribute significantly to improving food quality, safety, and sustainability.

This is a time to reflect on our contributions and consider how we can further our impact, not just within our nation but globally. Our work is crucial in developing solutions that can combat food insecurity and promote sustainable agricultural practices. By working together, we can drive meaningful change and ensure a better future for all.

In line with our commitment to professional development and collaboration, I am excited to remind you about the upcoming Indian Convention of Food Scientists and Technologists (ICFoST). This event will be held at the DYPU International Convention Centre in Navi Mumbai from December 18th to 21st, 2024. The convention offers an excellent platform to exchange ideas, showcase innovations, and network with fellow professionals from around the world.

I urge every member to register for this event and take advantage of the invaluable opportunities it presents. Engaging with experts and peers at ICFoST will not only enhance your professional growth but also contribute to the advancement of our field. We will explore cutting-edge research, discuss industry trends, and develop strategies to tackle the pressing challenges faced by the global food system.

Let us celebrate World Food Day by recommitting ourselves to the principles of sustainability, equity, and innovation in our work. I encourage you to engage with your communities, share knowledge, and inspire future generations of food scientists and technologists. Together, we can make a difference and create a sustainable future for everyone.

I wish you all a productive and inspiring World Food Day and look forward to seeing you at ICFoST in Navi Mumbai.

Warm regards,



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