

# 2019 SYMPOSIUM HIGHLIGHTS



 Society of Flavor Chemists  
**2019 Symposium**

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**CREATING FLAVORS FOR A  
CHANGING GLOBAL MARKET**

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## 2019 Flavor Symposium

“Creating Flavors for a Changing Global Market”

October 16 & 17, 2019

Hyatt Regency, Princeton, NJ

*By Sharon Tortola & Elsa Howerth*

*The* program began on a very chilly but dry morning with Elsa Howerth, President of the SFC, giving the opening remarks, speaking about the history of the Symposium and the agenda for the 2019 Symposium.

John Wright followed as the keynote speaker and spoke about his career as a flavorist and who he learned from.

*“If we had to choose an avatar, what would it be...a swallow soaring high on wings of inspiration or a scientific owl carefully pondering the deeper truth behind each complex challenge? Many of use empathize admittedly in widely varying degrees, with both noble images—but perhaps the best avatar of all is a magpie scooping up ideas wherever they may be found....”*



Magpies



It was a full house! Outstanding attendance by SFC members and non-members alike. It was great to see such diversity in the crowd, from juniors to seniors and everyone in between. The program offered something for everyone.

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Safety Assessments  
of Flavorings:

FEMA GRAS and  
IECFA

The keynote address was followed by several sessions on Regulatory topics including FEMA GRAS, JECFA, and flavorings with modifying properties within the IOFI guidelines. Sean Taylor PhD. from the FEMA Expert Panel spoke about FEMA GRAS and JECFA; Lorna Hopkinson and Kathleen Crossman from ADM spoke about the ever-changing landscape of flavor regulation, including Flavorings with Modifying Properties.



Stop worrying  
about the  
potholes in  
the road and  
enjoy the  
journey.

- Babs Hoffman



*Symposium summary written by Sharon Tortola. Sharon has been an active certified member since 2017 and is a new member of the Media Committee. She currently works for IFF.*

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These sessions were followed by a demonstration of sensory guidelines for FMPs provided by Rob Hastings from Almendra which included 2 tasting exercises – one involving ketchup and one involving lemon tea. These exercises showcased sensory testing methods for FMPs.



**When  
FMPs  
Function  
as  
Flavors.**

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After a lovely lunch, the program continued with a session on Gum Acacia and its uses in spray drying led by Damien Guillernet from Nexira. After break, Richard Pisano, Jr. of C&A, JD Vora from MANE, and Pia Henzi of MCI Miritz, gave spirited talks about various flavor ingredients in crisis around the globe. The final session of Day 1 was given by Yvonne Jin and Xavier O'Connell from Ingredion in which they discussed using Modified Food Starch in spray drying.



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At the special meeting, three candidates were voted in. Yuhong Chen from Mother Murphy's Lab upgraded to Certified. Jennifer Meehan from Firmenich became a new Apprentice member. Ryan McCoy from Flavor Producers upgraded to Certified.

The Certified SFC Members Special Meeting involved a spirited discussion about the proposed by-law change concerning SFC dues which in the end passed a two-thirds majority vote.



A momentous occasion for The Society Of Flavor Chemists! — the largest gathering of voting members at the 2019 SFC Flavor Symposium special meeting. Juniors, Seniors, Emeritus from different companies across the US and Canada made up the 75 voting members in attendance. Thank you for your participation. This was awesome!

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The cocktail hour featured a signature drink called “A Toast to Taste”, especially concocted to commemorate the 2019 symposium and our 65 year anniversary. It was developed by a group of Flavorists, which included former SFC President, Ken Kraut, to deliver many elements of flavors. The cocktail recipe contained ginger to represent eastern cultures, chili pepper to represent Latin western cultures, lemon and rum as sweet tastes, and rosemary for savory.



Cathianne Leonardi from ADM Wild gave a very entertaining dinner talk about flavor and sound and the perception of taste.

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*Day 2* of the program began on a very windy morning with back to back sessions on the use of cannabis in food and beverages and CBD regulations given by Scott Reifler of SoRSE Technology and Joanna Drake, General Counsel for FEMA. .

This was followed by Nadia Berenstein PhD. And her talk about the value of flavorists in the global market.



After the break, Joe Peragine from McCormick & Co. presented a lively session about the Fundamentals of Savory Flavors.



Then Sara Risch, Director of R&D and Private Label Sales for Popz Europe and Kit Yam, Professor of the Department of Food Science at Rutgers University, spoke about the challenges of flavor retention within sustainable packaging.



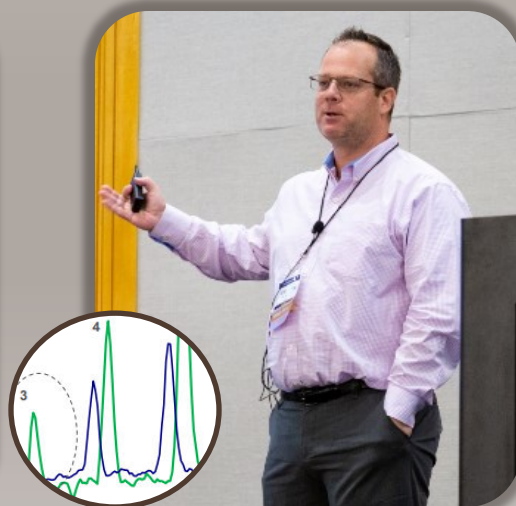
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Following a lovely lunch, a distinguished panel of Senior Flavorists answered questions from the audience regarding their careers as flavor chemists. The panel members were Mike Fasano, Alfred Goossens, Leslie Fisher, and John Wright. Dolf DeRovira, President of Flavor Dynamics, Inc. was the emcee for the panel.



The program ended with sessions on TTB flavor guidance and GC sample prep tips and the benefits of GCO analysis, given by Neil Pennington from TTB and Eric Pavlich from Agilent and Nicole Curto from GERSTEL, Inc., respectively.



# 2019 SYMPOSIUM PHOTO GALLERY



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SFC Presidents from left to right

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Alfred Goosens (1979)  
Ronnie McBurnie (2004)  
Mike Fasano, (1999)  
Elsa Howerth (2019)  
Dolf DeRovira (2000)  
Joan Harvey (2002 & 2007)  
Deborah Osborne (2016)  
Sam Tharpe (2018)  
Gary Raab (2012).

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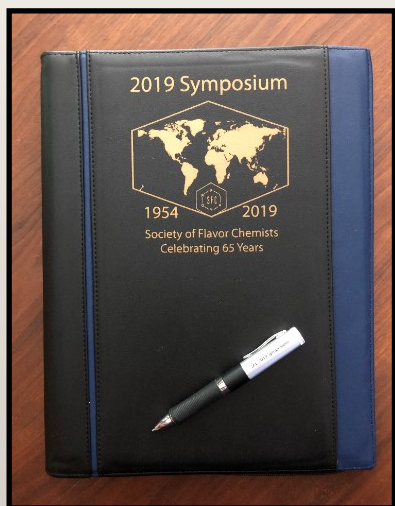
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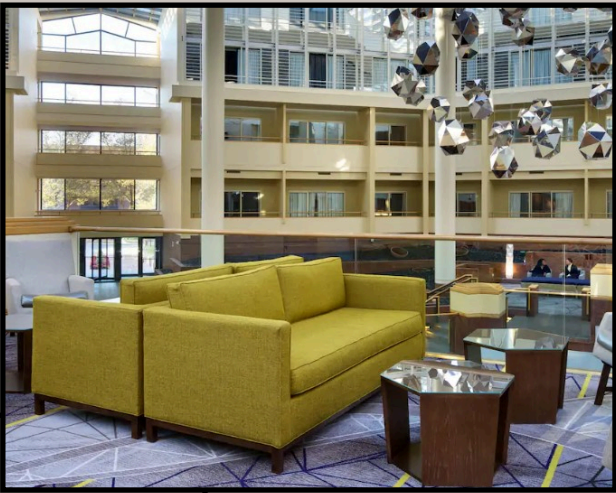


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