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Manuel Castillo Honored by Institute of Food Technologists

Chicago, IL - Manuel Castillo, Assistant Research Professor at the University of Kentucky, has been selected as the winner of the 2009 Samuel Cate Prescott Award by the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), a nonprofit international society with 20,000 members working in food science, technology and related professions.

The Samuel Cate Prescott Award is given yearly to an IFT member who has shown outstanding ability in research in some area of food science and technology. The award will be presented at IFT's Annual Meeting and Food Expo in Anaheim, CA on June 6th 2009, and includes a \$3,000 honorarium and a plaque from IFT.

Castillo's knowledge and understanding of milk coagulation as well as his expertise in the development of novel sensors and measuring devices has helped food industries to improve process control, production efficiency, and quality control.

Additionally, Castillo has made contributions to milk/cheese processing and engineering including an optical sensor technology that predicts curd moisture content during syneresis. He developed a lab-scale milk coagulation tester that is able to accurately measure total milk-clotting activity of rennet following the International Dairy Federation standards and procedures.

IFT recognizes the many accomplishments that individuals and organizations have made to advance the food science industry and to help ensure safe, affordable, and nutritious foods to the world. To honor these individuals and organizations, the IFT Awards Program was created. This program grants awards, fellowships, and prizes for outstanding accomplishments in all areas of food science and technology, administering 14 Achievement Awards, the Marcel Loncin Research Prize, and the IFT Fellows program. A complete list of Award Winners can be found on the IFT Web site at <http://www.ift.org/cms/?pid=1001772>.

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About IFT

Founded in 1939, the Institute of Food Technologists is a nonprofit scientific society with more than 20,000 individual members working in food science, food technology, and related professions in industry, academia, and government. IFT serves as a conduit for multidisciplinary science thought leadership, championing the use of sound science through knowledge sharing, education, and advocacy. For more information, visit www.IFT.org.