**General GHI meeting at the 2018 IFT Annual Meeting and Expo**

Hyde Park AB, Hyatt Regency McCormick Place

2233 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

Chicago, IL 60616

Sunday, July 15, 2018; 9-11am

Hyde Park A&B

The Global Harmonization Initiative (GHI) was founded in 2004 by the International Division of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) and the European Federation of Food Science and Technology (EFFoST) as a network of scientific organizations and individual scientists aiming to achieve harmonized global regulations and legislation. Although GHI is run and managed by volunteers, the number of GHI members continues to increase. Through its work groups (WG), GHI identifies activities that will help achieve harmonization. One of the main problems that hampers the progress of WG is the ability of WG members to meet and talk about ideas and plans and how to better implement them.

A greet-and-meet GHI membership event is planned for Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 9:00-11:00 am in Hyde Park A&B. We hope that you have included our event in your busy calendar during the IFT Annual Meeting in Chicago.

**Agenda**

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks Larry Keener/Huub Lelieveld

9:15 – 10:15 Introductions, Reports and Updates

* GHI Officers and tasks Larry Keener
* GHI Ambassadors Larry Keener
	+ Canadian Ambassadors (introduction)
* Work Groups Work groups
* Training and Education Rick Stier
* Publications/Books Larry Keener
* Communications Julie Larson-Bricher
* GHI Financial Update Larry Keener, Julie Larson-Bricher
* New Activity (suggestions) Larry Keener

10:15 – 11:00 GHI Discussion: ***Meet and Greet;***

 ***Activities that inspire action*** Ambassadors in Attendance