

International Food Technology Conference Report

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The International Food Technology meeting and food expo held in Anaheim, California from June 6th – June 9th 2009, marked the first time I have been able to attend an international food science and technology conference. I had the pleasure of being able to network with representatives from the food industry as well as meet several students and professors from a variety of academic institutions around the globe. There were a plethora of very interesting presentations and talks that I attended ranging on a variety of topics including common myths related to high fructose corn syrup, and the health advantages of producing foods with soy oils. The highlight of the conference for me would definitely be when I was able to present my poster of 'Cellulosic fiber interaction with starch, gluten, and wheat flour'. Conference attendees whom were interested in my poster presentation stopped by and I was able to discuss my research with them as well as answer any questions that they had at the present time. I found that presenting my research was a very engaging experience as I was able to discuss my results with individuals who share similar research focus as I do, and their advice towards my research was invaluable. I would like to thank the Agricultural Institute of Canada Foundation as well as the International Union of Nutritional Scientists for their generous support in my travel funding, it was greatly appreciated.