



Food Executive of the Year



CAFP Conference 2004-Hamilton, ON



The 30th annual CAFP Conference took place, June 9-13, in Hamilton, Ontario. In the tradition of past conferences education and hospitality was at the forefront. At the conference approximately 140 delegates, members and guests attended educational sessions, bursary and award presentations, and enjoyed fun filled events such as the tropical fiesta and a night out on the town.

This year's education program highlighted food trends and the conference theme *Trends on the Horizon* unfolded throughout all events of the conference. Speakers included **Bonnie Stern**, a well known TV personality, entertainer **Carole Bartuzzi Lucianna**, consultants **Geoff Wilson** CFE and **Stephen Burns**, design consultants **Stephen Tyler** and **Rick Wong**, and **Jim Robinson** from the research company NPD Canada. New this year was the *Trends Faire* exhibition where delegates and guests had the opportunity to check out what's new and exciting about food and food products. The 14 exhibitors participating included Sara Lee Coffee & Teas, Sodexho MS Canada Ltd., and the Ontario Ministry of training Colleges & Universities.

In addition to the national sponsors Ecolab and Nestlé other sponsors included Kraft Canada and Sodexho as gold sponsors, Campbell Soup Company, Celco Ltd., E.D. Smith, Sara Lee and W.T. Lynch as bronze sponsors and other companies that made product donations.

The election of the National Board took place at the annual GMO on Saturday with **Tom Mitchell** of Calgary being re-elected for a third term as President.

As in previous years CAFP honoured and recognized its own mem-

Joining Tom Mitchell on the National CAFP Board for 2004-05 are:

- Rosie Maclean**, CFE, *President Elect* Toronto
- Brian Emmerton**, CFE, *Vice President Membership and Marketing* . . . Toronto
- Alicia Garcia**, CFE, *Vice President Junior Development* London
- Peter Lam**, CFE, *Vice President Professional Development* Vancouver
- Colleen Kelly**, CFE, *Secretary / Treasurer* Vancouver
- Jennifer Hills**, CFE, *Past President* Ottawa

bers for their contributions and achievements. The prestigious CAFP Food Executive of the Year award was presented to Ottawa member **Liz Forbes**, CFE manager nutrition, wellness and food safety at Kemptville College near Ottawa. (More on page 4)

At the Nestlé Gold Plate Luncheon 13 student members who earned the Branch Gold Plate award were recognized and received award trophies. Out of this group the national Nestlé Gold Plate winner was **Amanda Holman**, President of CAFP Student Branch at Brescia University College in London, Ontario. In addition to the Gold Plate Award, Nestlé also assists incoming Student Presidents with the *Nestlé Team Leadership Award*. Due to this support 14 students qualified for the award and attended the national CAFP Conference.

Support to CAFP junior members also comes in the form of bursaries

from Ecolab, Sara Lee and CAFP. At conference 2004 CAFP National awarded ten Ecolab bursaries and one Sara Lee bursary, valued at \$1,000 each. CAFP Bursaries consisted of the **Ron Whittet**, **Don Mc Phie** and **John McCormick** Memorial Bursaries also

of \$1,000 each and one CAFP bursary. (More details on pages 7 and 8)

The Branch Awards Committee recognized outstanding achievements and initiatives of CAFP Branches. Under the category Special Event **Marketing—Industry & Leadership Recognition** the Toronto Branch received recognition for Top Management Night and its pre-event student mentoring program. The London Branch received an Outstanding Initiative Award for Junior Development and the New Brunswick Branch was recognized for Excellence in Community Service.

The CFE Program is one of the most unique, comprehensive and meaningful professional credentialing programs existing within the Hospitality Industry in North America. Its principles are founded on one of the primary goals of CAFP to promote excellence through education, leadership and exper-

ience. At the CFE Luncheon chair **Judy Ann Wybenga** CFE recognized 21 recipients, including six student members. Achieving CFE status is a benchmark for measuring past achievements and setting goals and standards for oneself for the future. Congratulations to the recipients.

Congratulations to the Hamilton/Niagara branch for hosting a impressive National conference. **Elizabeth Chan-Li** and her conference committee members along with all the Hamilton/Niagara branch members, extended their renowned warm hospitality throughout the entire conference.

Next year the 31st annual conference of the Canadian Association of Foodservice Professionals will take place June 15-19, 2004 at the Crown Plaza Chateau Lacombe Hotel in Edmonton, Alberta. The conference theme will be *Change, Challenge, Champion* and the educational program will provide the tools to deal with change, challenge and be a Champion. More information including summaries of the educational sessions will be announced shortly. ☐

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