AFST(I) Haldia Chapter

The Department of Food Technology, Haldia Institute of Technology has opened a new chapter of ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS & TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)- AFST (I) named AFST(I) Haldia Chapter. The chapter has opened on September 18, 2018 officially with Six (6) Life Members, Twenty (20) Full Members and Ninety four (94) Student Members. Further, Three (3) Life Members, Five (5) Full Members and Thirty seven (37) student members are added.

Following members are the office bearers:

- Shri Gourab Chatterjee, President
- Mr. Biprabuddha Chatterjee (Head R&D- Adani Wilmar), Vice-President
- Mr. Subrata Saha (Business Head) Cotecna Inspection India, Associate Vice-President
- Dr. Sumita Das, Hon. Secretary
- Ms. Rahel Suchintita Das, Hon. Treasurer

Following are the events that have been held under the banner of AFST(I) Haldia Chapter:

- **Event: National seminar entitled “Food Safety and Quality Management: Current Status, Limitation and Challenges (FSQM-2018)”**

Department of Food Technology, Haldia Institute of Technology had organised a national seminar entitled “Food Safety and Quality Management: Current Status, Limitation and Challenges (FSQM-2018)” on October 11, in collaboration with The Institution of Engineers (India)-IEI and Cotecna Inspection India Pvt. Ltd., partnered by AFST(I), and in association with Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC). This food safety and quality awareness Seminar was organised to serve as a great opportunity and platform for all food communities across the country to have a comprehensive understanding on relevance of Food Safety and to cater the importance of Food Safety and Quality Management Systems in Food, Agriculture, Biochemical and allied Industries. A national forum comprising of eminent experts from Indian Chamber of Commerce, Adani Wilmar, Emami Ltd, Novozyme South Asia Pvt. Ltd, IFB Agro, Cotecna Inspection India Pvt. Ltd etc were called to share the advancement of quality management, future
regulatory framework, practical food safety compliance challenges and limitations, food industrial regulatory practices, and how to improve awareness regarding food safety management. AFST(I) Haldia Chapter has celebrated ‘World Food Day’ during FSQM-2018

- Agilent Technologies (India) has organized a One Day National Seminar entitled ‘Advanced Separation and Detection by Chromatographic and Spectroscopic Technique’ in collaboration with Department of Food Technology, Haldia Institute of Technology and in association with AFST(I) Haldia Chapter on January 25, 2019 at Hotel Golden Retreat, Haldia, India.

- AFST(I) Haldia Chapter in collaboration with the Department of Food Technology, Haldia Institute of Technology had organised an Invited Lecture on the topic of “Recent Trends in Fats and Oil Processing” delivered by Dr. Sibabrata Mukherjee, Industry Technology Specialist, Novozymes South East Asia Pvt. Ltd. on April 23, 2019.
AFST(I) Haldia Chapter in collaboration with the Department of Food Technology, Haldia Institute of Technology had organized an Invited Lecture on the topic entitled “Transition of Food Technologists from Academia to Industry: Requisites, Roles and Challenges” delivered by Mr. Ankur Chaturvedi, Senior General Manager-Operation and Safety, Emami Limited on April 27, 2019.
AFST(I) Haldia Chapter has successfully celebrated World Food Day 2019 in collaboration with CII-SKA, FACE, on 16th October, at CII - Suresh Neotia Centre of Excellence for Leadership, Sector 1, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, in line with FAO & FSSAI’s theme of “Healthy Diets for a Zero Hunger World”. Aligned to this theme, the premise of this event was entitled “Strengthen Nationwide Actions on Eat Right for a Healthy India”.