A Select Fellowship

To keep our food supply safe, wholesome, and nutritious, food scientists apply biology, the physical sciences, and engineering to the study of food and its selection, preservation, processing, packaging, distribution, and use. Their premier organization is the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), a scientific society representing 22,000 professionals worldwide. Among the highest forms of peer recognition in the field of food science is election as an IFT fellow. CTAHR is home to four of the 464 IFT members honored as fellows, including two of the fellows elected in 2006.

CTAHR alumni Dr. Wayne Iwaoka initially studied soil science. An interest in foods led him to a University of Illinois doctorate in food chemistry. A CTAHR faculty member since 1988, he has researched red tide toxins and the browning of foods. His award-winning teaching approach emphasizes critical thinking, problem solving, conflict resolution, group work, and leadership. He is the founding editor of IFT’s Journal of Food Science Education and recently served as UH Mānoa’s interim Vice Chancellor for Students.

A Fulbright scholarship to the University of Massachusetts helped Dr. Aurora Saulo pursue physical chemistry and food science. She developed new commercial food products for multinational companies before joining CTAHR in 1985. As an extension specialist she educates the food industry and the public on food safety, food technology, new products, and laws. She has clerked at the Hawai‘i State Legislature and was elected to IFT’s Executive Committee.

Professor emeritus James Moy was elected an IFT fellow in 1993. A food engineer, he researched food processing technologies, particularly gamma-radiation, during four decades with the college. His work contributed to the use of irradiation since 1995 to treat Hawai‘i-grown fruits for mainland markets. He received the 2002 IFT International Award for his mentorship and technology transfer in food irradiation.

CTAHR’s first IFT fellow, emeritus specialist in food technology Roy Moser, was elected in 1978. During a career that spanned more than 30 years, he worked with businesses and trade groups on issues of food safety, sanitation, and processing.

Congratulations and mahalo to our IFT fellows for this well-deserved recognition of your “outstanding and extraordinary contributions.”