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Dear Research DPG Members,

For those whom I saw at FNCE® in October, it was great to see or meet you for the first time! For those who were not able to attend, the Research DPG had a strong presence at this year's FNCE® in Nashville. We were pleased that Evelyn Crayton (Academy President) and Aida Miles (Speaker to the HOD) were able to attend the breakfast.

Some FNCE® information, by the numbers:

- The Pre-FNCE Symposium on Non-Nutritive Sweeteners was filled to capacity with 400 attendees. Many thanks to our own Kathryn Keim for her wonderful moderation on this program, and thanks to PepsiCo with whom we collaborated to co-plan this event.
- RDPG member Lisa Spence from Tate and Lyle provided an eye-opening and informative talk on the new food ingredients that recently were introduced to the market or will soon be introduced. We had 11 Executive Committee members at the meeting, and we were not shy about asking questions. A warm appreciation to our own Nicole Litwin and to Allison Mikita from FoodMinds who helped coordinate this event.
- The Research DPG breakfast had a great turnout of 60 members in attendance on an early Monday morning. Congratulations to:
 - o Member of the Year: Chris Taylor
 - o 50-year member: Jean Ramsay
 - o The Sugar Association / Research DPG Pilot Grant winner: Francene Steinberg
 - o DuPont Nutrition and Health / Research DPG Pilot Grant co-winners: Mary-Jon Ludy and Robyn Tucker
 - o DuPont Nutrition and Health / Research DPG Emerging Career Research Scientist graduate poster award winners: 1) Emily Hill, 2) Chenin Treft, 3) Amanda Oakley
 - o We had 15 DPG members join our EML, one of the highlights of membership
- The RDPG Spotlight Session had about 150 attendees. Many thanks to our own Catherine Champagne and to Rebecca Krukowski who did a fabulous job organizing and presenting their research.

Although FNCE® has now concluded, the RDPG continues to have much to offer members during these cold, winter months. *The Digest* continues to be sent quarterly – this edition includes spotlight articles on Cynthia Thomson and Chelsea Schulman. We continue to have the CEU article in each of the Digests. We will continue to encourage our members to post on the EML. And, we plan to introduce our new website soon. If you have a question or concern, the RDPG Executive Committee is also only an email away at ResearchDPGChair@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

One of the most important things we can do as Academy members is vote in the Academy and RDPG elections. Last year, Research DPG member turnout was THREE TIMES HIGHER than the national average. This is fantastic! Let's continue to support our profession and be on the lookout for Academy emails on voting.

Happiest of Holiday Seasons,
Karin

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