Human nature judges the quality of food visually prior to smelling or tasting. Nevertheless, color measurement of food specimen presents a number of challenges given the physical properties of certain products, like samples changing when in contact with an instrument, the instrument contaminating etc. This lecture will cover the basics of color measurement, available technologies to overcome the obstacles of food specific problems with traditional measurement devices and how to establish repeatable and representative characterization and specification of food color. Furthermore, success stories of food processors best practices in regards to color will be presented.

**Biography**

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