You are cordially invited to attend a seminar series on

**Food Packaging**

**Lecture 1**

**The Role of Packaging in Maintaining Product Quality and Safety**

Date: Monday March 18, 2013  
Time: 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm  
Location: American University of Beirut (Main Campus) – West Hall, Auditorium A

**Lecture 2**

**Shelf Life Modeling, Barrier, Migration and Product-Package Interaction**

Date: Tuesday March 19, 2013  
Time: 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm  
Location: American University of Beirut (Main Campus) – West Hall, Auditorium A

**Lecture 3**

**Packaging of Fresh Produce, Post-harvest Handling and Modified Atmosphere Packaging (MAP)**

Date: Wednesday March 20, 2013  
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Location: Agricultural Research and Educational Center at the American University of Beirut (AREC)

**Lecture 4**

**Sustainability and Recycling**

Date: Thursday March 21, 2013  
Time: 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm  
Location: American University of Beirut (Main Campus) – Agriculture Wing A, Room 310

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**Dr. Rafael Auras** is an Assistant Professor with the School of Packaging, at Michigan State University. He has an undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from the National University of Misiones, Argentina, an MSc in Materials Science and Technology from the National University of San Martin in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and a Ph.D. in packaging from Michigan State University. His research interest includes mass transfer in polymers, biodegradable and compostable polymers, life cycle assessment, packaging waste, and sustainable packaging systems. He has authored and co-author more than 100 publications including edited books, book chapters, patents, and peer review articles.

**Dr. Bruce R. Harte** is Professor at the School of Packaging, Michigan State University, and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition. He has been a member of the packaging faculty since January, 1979, and was Director of the School 1993 – April 1, 2004 and Associate Director of the School’s Center for Food and Pharmaceutical Packaging Research from its inception in 1987 – 2007. Dr. Harte was an executive board member of the International Association of Packaging Research Institutes from 1993 – 2003. He was selected to the Packaging Hall of Fame in 2004 and in 2010 was made a Distinguished Professor of Michigan State University. Dr. Harte has had substantial interac-