



July 2021

APZ Chair appointed IWFS World Council Chair

APZ Chairman Michael Tamburri has been appointed as World Council Chairman for the IWFS. He was handed the reigns from outgoing World Council Chair Andrew Jones at a virtual World Council meeting held June 28th 2021.

The World Council of Management (under IWFS Ltd in London) acts as administrator for the three IWFS Zones and consists of eight Directors - four from The Americas, two from Europe & Africa and two from Asia Pacific. The Chair rotates around the Zones and is normally a two year term.

The Chair oversees the operation of the Council which involves setting budgets, marketing merchandise, and organising festivals, publications, lectures and members insurance. During his tenure, Michael has said he will seek to develop stronger tri-zone collaboration with an aim to attract and engage the next generation of members.

Michael is married to Grace and, in addition to running a family wine business, assist in the management of their five grand-children. Congratulations Michael and all best wishes for a successful World Chairmanship!



IWFS World Council Chairman Michael Tamburri





From the International Secretariat London

Dear Members

We are halfway through 2021 and the pandemic continues to impact our Society in varying degrees, from country to country. I do hope there is some positive news in the coming months for us all and that you will soon be able to reinstate your programmes of events.

Here is a brief update on what is in the pipeline:

MONOGRAPH ON BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKEY

More details on this exciting new monograph. Charles MacLean and Stuart Leaf are just putting the finishing touches to the text of this exciting new monograph scheduled for publication and distribution by the IS to members by year end. Chapters include its history, the art of blending, tasting notes, and pairing blends with food. Be prepared to be converted to this “extraordinarily interesting and delicious spirit”.

BRANCH DIRECTORY FOR 2021/2022

A listing of IWFS contacts across the globe exclusively for members and a wealth of invaluable knowledge and recommendations! Whatever your travel plans, you can use the directory to seek out the local branch contact and find out ‘the’ places to visit and what is new on the local food and wine scene. All part of your IWFS membership and something money quite cannot buy. Copies will be coming available in the upcoming months from the IS and will be distributed to APZ members via their branch contacts. Do ask for your copy.

MEMBER APP – NEW UPDATE

Have you downloaded this App onto your phone or tablet yet? The IS has recently reviewed the content of this ‘must download’ App for all members and has made some additions. Now you can access the exclusive IWFS Vintage Card, read the latest issue of The Grapevine and your Zone magazine, view Society Archives and also view updates on the amazing Society Festivals planned around the world at the click of a button. Don’t miss out. Visit the website www.iwfs.org and download now.

Until next time, from a sunny London...

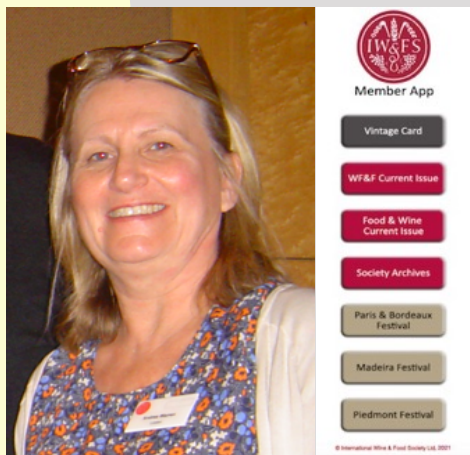
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Branch Directory cover



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2021 January to June

Branch Happenings

IWFS Singapore

It is with profound sadness that we note the passing of Dr. Yong Nen Khiong on March 15th 2021. Dr. Yong (NK to his friends) was a regular and respected presence on both the Singapore and international wine scenes for over four decades. He joined the IWFS Singapore Branch in the early 1980's and served as Secretary for several years. During this period, he helped draft the Asia Pacific Zone Constitution and was subsequently appointed first Chairman of the APZ. Dr Yong also served as International Chairman of the IWFS from 1992 to 1996 (notably the first Asian to do so). In recognition of his contributions, he was awarded the IWFS Andre Simon Gold Medal in 1998.

Dr. Yong was also highly accomplished in his profession. As a cardiac surgeon, he successfully performed Singapore's first open-heart surgery on 10 January 1965 and followed with Malaysia's first open-heart surgery in 1969.



Dr Yong, APZ AGM Singapore 2013



NK's 90th birthday with IWFS Singapore, Taiwan and Taiwan Belle 2017

He was the President of the Singapore Medical Association from 1980 to 1986 and simultaneously President of the Medical Association of South-East Asian Nations and President of the Commonwealth Medical Association for two years during this time.

Outside of the IWFS, Dr Yong was widely acknowledged for his generous philanthropic and educational contributions. As an educator, his articles on the subject of wine were a regular feature in the Singapore Business Times for over 30 years. As a philanthropist, he used the occasions of his birthday dinners to raise funds for causes close to his heart. In 2017, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, Dr. Yong raised S\$1.25 million for the St. Andrew's Autism Centre.



From L to R: Edna Tan (Kuala Lumpur), Melina Yong (Singapore) Fran Gerard (Victoria) and Dr Yong (Singapore)

Many members will remember being touched by the warm and generous nature of Dr. Yong and his charming wife Melina. Together they hosted many IWFS branch and APZ dinners at their lovely Singapore home. Dr. Yong will be greatly missed. We convey our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Melina Yong and family.

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Branch Happenings



Attendees at the Huang Pu Branch dinner

IWFS Saigon

IWFS Saigon Branch's March Dinner was hosted at the Residence of the Royal Thai Consul General Mr Apiratsukanthaphirom along with the Consulate team. Exquisite food, wine and cultural performances highlighted the wonderful spirit and hospitality of Thailand during the night. Another first for the IWFS Saigon Chapter saw Thai Wines from GranMonte in the Asoke Valley of Thailand being featured. Whilst the warmer climates of South East Asia are relatively new to the wine world, the interest and quality of the wines offered both surprised and delighted the guests on the evening.

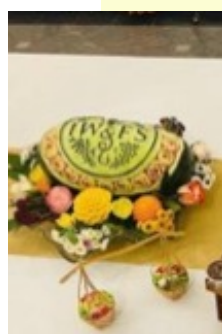
IWFS Huang Pu

Under a starry Shanghai night, IWFS Huangpu Branch celebrated the 2nd Anniversary of its official founding on 21st April 2021.

Members enjoyed the outstanding gastronomy of "Mr & Mrs Bund" by Paul Pairet and the company of Mr Guillaume Brochard (one of the founder members invited to join the event) who shared some fine wines from his own property Chateau Ad Francos.

Launched in April 2019 with 24 founding members, IWFS Huang Pu organised five events in 2019 (including dinners at Cuivre and Imperial Treasure) and four events in 2020 (including Vue Restaurant at Hyatt-on-the Bund and the President Suite at the Ritz-Carlton).

Congratulations IWFS Huang Pu!





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Getting Horizontal with 2010 Bordeaux

The branch managed to sneak in a dinner between the various MCOs Malaysia has been undergoing. In March members gathered across two evenings (to comply with restaurant seating restrictions) to pair 2010 vintage Bordeaux from across the region with excellent fare at local favourite Stoked restaurant. Menu was i) Amuse Bouche ii) Scallop Tartare, Egg Crème, Truffled Soy Dressing Chawanmushi, Ikura iii) Sautéed Porcini Ravioli, Mushroom Sauce iv) Pan Seared Foie Gras, Amarena Cherry, Balsamic iv) O'Connor Angus Ribeye, Asparagus, Jus OR Roasted Duck Breast, Potato Gratin, Duck Jus vi) Sticky Date Pudding, Roasted Pecan Nuts, Vanilla Ice Cream. Wines were Chateau Barde Haut 2010, Chateau Haut Bergey 2010, Chateau Cos Labory 2010 and Chateau Leoville Barton 2010. All were drinking very nicely, though still can keep.

A Memorable AGM

Though not for good reasons! The IWFS KL AGM Meeting and Dinner were scheduled for April 10th and Committee had a final meeting and dinner the Wednesday before. On Friday it was revealed that one of the Committee had just tested positive for Covid. This necessitated an immediate test by all other Committee members (which were all thankfully negative) and immediate quarantine for everyone. Following some brilliant last minute scrambling by President May Peng and Committee we were able to conduct the AGM Business via Google Teams and leave the members to enjoy the dinner and wines amongst themselves. Well done to May and Committee!!

IWFS Kuala Lumpur



Sautéed Porcini Ravioli



O'Connor Angus Ribeye



The Wines



The Company!!

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Members of the IWFS WA Branch have been enjoying some very interesting wining and dining events. And a big Thank You to Secretary Graeme Sassella-Otley for sharing the stories!

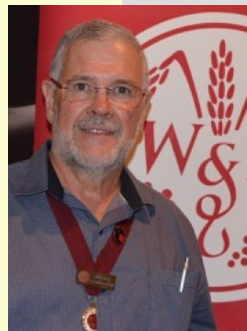
April saw members and their guests enjoying an evening of Peruvian cuisine paired with wonderful wines at Uma. Consulting Executive Chef Alejandro Saravia from Peru has a passion for combining the best produce from the local area with traditional Peruvian cuisine.

The May event centred on a Wine Showcase at Oggi Bar and Eats and involved a flow of food paired with a variety of wines from across the world. Sparklings were followed by three Chardonnays, then three Cabernets and finally three Shiraz. The wines were from New Zealand, USA, UK, Morocco, Argentina, Chile and of course Australia. The NV Classic Reserve bubbles from Hattingley, Hampshire, UK and the Syrocco Syrah from Morocco were delightful.

The WA branch has also been conducting sessions on cellaring under what is called "A Taste to Cellar". The sessions are designed to assist members in assessing the cellaring potential of wines as they taste them. Five wines are showcased and look to feature: an 'Old World', a 'New World' a young, an aged and a 'drink now' and the goal is to enhance skills in identifying the attributes of the focus wine with a view to selection for cellaring. Sessions to date have included Pinot Noir and Shiraz, with another for Cabernet Sauvignon scheduled for June.

Well done IWFS Western Australia!!

IWFS Western Australia



*IWFS WA Secretary
Graeme Sassella-Otley*



Enjoying Peruvian Cuisine at Uma



Discussing Wines at Oggi



A Taste To Cellar

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Branch Happenings

IWFS Auckland managed to duck and dive between COVID levels and still hold very successful events.

The first at The Hunting Lodge in Waimauku was a wine blending and 'Trust the Chef' lunch. The atmosphere was one of celebration and fun as members escaped the confines of home and enjoyed the excellent food and conviviality of good friends after months of lock down.

A rescheduled Annual President's Dinner was held at Cooke's restaurant at the Hotel Grand Windsor. Members enjoyed a lovely evening including being serenaded by an excellent jazz trio in keeping with the opulent art deco surroundings. Thanks again went to members Andrew and Lillian Weisz-Koves for treating everyone to the traditional Hungarian aperitif Unicum.

The latest event was at Alma in the Britomart which proved a very enjoyable take on modern Spanish cuisine. Sharing plates in the traditional tapas style paired with local and Spanish wines 'fed the soul and lifted the spirits'. Think we could all use some of this, eh?

IWFS Edo

IWFS Edo held an online event in May where the theme was Bordeaux Wine. A presentation was delivered whereby attendees were able to test their knowledge with questions such as:

- what kind of food goes with Bordeaux white and red?
- Among the Big 5 chateaus, which chateau had marriage with which other chateau?
- Xi Jinping from China was invited to dinner at Buckingham Palace in October 2015. Which vintage of Chateau Haut-Brion was served?

Edo is also looking to hold a wine Maranic (marathon picnic) in Kofu in Yamanashi prefecture this July. Participants will engage in jogging and/or walking before settling to enjoy a picnic where the wine will be served. Kofu is a most popular winery area where you can taste many different wine makers. Looking forward to some great photos!!

IWFS Auckland



Blending wine



Truffle Tasting



IWFS Auckland Annual President Dinner



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Slides from the IWFS Edo Online Quiz



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Branch Happenings

IWFS Roppongi

Member Masatoshi Takekawa shared that some members of our Roppongi branch managed to get together for a glass of Shochu after the State of Emergency recently got lifted in Japan.

Shochu is a Japanese hard liquor typically distilled from rice, barley, sweet potatoes or buckwheat and contains around 30% alcohol.

This was the first time in two months that gatherings outside the home had been permitted. Everyone was very happy to see each other to break their confinement and their thirst!

Masatoshi-san was hopeful that restrictions would be further lifted to allow for larger gatherings and that all IWFS Members would soon be getting back together. We can all drink to that, eh? Cheers!

APZ Tech Talk

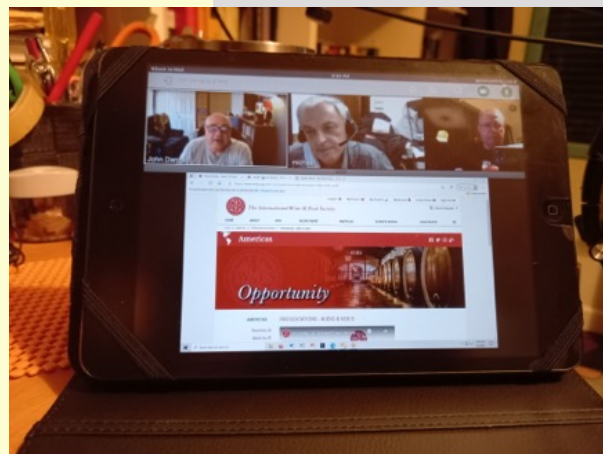
APZ Chairman Michael and IT Admin/Website Manager Brian met up recently with IWFS Americas tech gurus John Danza and Joe Temple for a virtual showcase session on upcoming website developments.

The main focus was on organising international events and setting up back end systems whereby members can reserve and pay for main, pre and post festival events through the IWFS website.

Meanwhile, APZ Vice Chairman Nicola and APZ Administrator Shirley are working toward a condensed version of the Branch Administrator's Manual. The aim is to devolve branch webpage updating and management to the branches themselves with Shirley and Brian backstopping as tech support.



from left: Masatoshi Takekawa, Takagi-san, Dennis Tanaka and member candidate Shigemura-san



Virtual Meeting of IWFS Americas and APZ





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Branch Happenings

IWFS Taiwan Belle

Congratulations to IWFS Taiwan Belle on the branch's 5th Anniversary! And also the inauguration of their new President Veronica Hsiung!

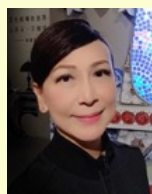
March saw IWFS Taiwan Belle branch hold their first wine dinner at Smith & Wollensky Taipei; a branch of the New York steakhouse and apparently a favourite of stock guru Warren Buffet. IWFS Taiwan Belle makes a point of always having a dress code for wine dinners. The dress code for this event was flower clusters to echo the blooming spring season.

Eleven members were joined by three honorable guests (Dominique Lévy, Eddie Hu and James Lin from IWFS Taipei) who all enjoyed an extremely pleasant evening filled with chateau stories and wine knowledge. Wines to pair with the Steak and Seafood menu included Ermitage de l'Orée, M. Chapoutier 2009, Chateau Cantenac Brown 2016, Chateau Simard 2005, and Quinta du Doval 2014.

The COVID-19 situation meant that a planned event for June had to be cancelled. IWFS Taiwan Belle is hopeful that things will improve and more events can be staged in the second half of the year. Cheers to that!



Attendees at IWFS Taiwan Belle dinner at Smith & Wollensky



Taiwan Belle President Veronica Hsiung



Belles at the Ball!



Enjoying Wine, Steak and Seafood



Les Belles du Printemps - IWFS Taiwan Belle

Branch Fun





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Branch Happenings

IWFS Hong Kong

June 10th 2021 - IWFS Hong Kong held a Mediterranean Wine Dinner at CIAK In The Kitchen.

Members were welcomed with a glass of Louis Roederer Brut Premier before settling in for an evening of eclectic dishes and wines.

The menu included Japanese Tuna Tartare, Pan Seared Black Cod, Homemade Tagliatelle with Wild Boar Ragout, Charcoal Grilled US Lamb Chops and Soft Chocolate Cake. Wines were a 2019 Tenuta Toscante from Sicily, 2018 Domaines Ott Blanc from Provence, 2018 Tenuta Guado al Tasso from Tuscany, a 2017 Delas "Haute Pierre" CdP and a 2018 Spanish Priorat. Wish we all were there, eh?



Lining up the wines



Attendees at IWFS Hong Kong dinner



Cheers everyone!!

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Do you have the IWFS Merchandise?



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AGM Weekend

IWFS APZ AGM Weekend in Singapore scheduled for December 2021 will now be deferred until 2022 on dates to be finalised and pending easing of travel restrictions across the region. In its place, a virtual AGM will be staged before year end which all APZ Members may attend online. The date of this will be announced in due course.

Got a Story you want to Share?

Then let us have it!! One aim of the APZ Newsletter is to keep all us IWFS Members in touch with each other. Sharing our stories about what we are up to helps us recognise that none of us are alone in this battle against the COVID pandemic. Send stories, photos, web links to me (Brian) at apzweb@iwfs.org or our Administrator Shirley at apz@iwfs.org

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