



the IWFS Grapevine

IWFS INTERNATIONAL NEWS NOVEMBER 2014



NEW BRANCHES



PHUKET

Led by founding President Brian Connelly, Phuket (Thailand) opened in grand style on August 21. Members and guests enjoyed a superb array of food and wine at Dusit D2, a top restaurant in this beautiful resort province of Thailand. Expect demanding standards from this branch together with a serious propensity to party!



OUR AWARDS

BRIAN FINDLAY (NIAGARA)

Richly deserved after many years of distinguished service, IWFS Website Committee Chair Brian Findlay was awarded the André Simon Silver Medal in September in Chicago. Congratulations Brian!

DAVID KLOTT (MARIN COUNTY)

More than 20 years of distinguished service to the Americas by Emeritus Governor David Klott was also recently recognised with the André Simon Silver Medal. Thank you David.

DWIGHT CATHERWOOD (LOS ANGELES)

Treasurer of both the Americas and the global IWFS Society, Dwight Catherwood's significant contribution was duly recognised with the André Simon Bronze Medal in September in Chicago. Good job Dwight!

BRANCH VISITS

SAN FRANCISCO

Chairman Bob Higgins and Board Members of the San Francisco Branch hosted a luncheon in September for visiting Global Chair Yvonne Wallis (Victoria, Australia) and Incoming Chair of the Americas, Andrew Jones. Some lively discussion on the structure of the Society preceded a most convivial luncheon with a superb selection of local wines. San Francisco is one of the longest established branches in the Society, founded in 1935. With membership well in excess of 100 and a great cellar, we received some rich insights from this branch.



VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA)

Delightfully, soon after the visit to San Francisco, a reciprocal visit was made to the Victoria Branch in Melbourne by San Francisco Board Member Greg Galanos and his wife Carole. Founded in 1936 and now with over 100 members, and also boasting an excellent cellar, the Victoria Branch found it had much in common with San Francisco Branch. The benefits of inter-branch camaraderie in IWFS can be large.



CHICAGO

Chicago Branch, yet another large and long established branch, hosted a superb black tie dinner for visitors who attended the Society's AGM on September 20. Held at The Casino Club, a fabulous five course menu was matched to some outstanding wines. Well done to John Danza for all the hard work in organising this event. September is such a beautiful time to visit this glorious city.





MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING CHAIR

The September quarter was busy but exciting with preparations for the 2014 Taipei Festival and 2015 Melbourne Festival. Both have proven very popular. Melbourne now has a wait list but places often emerge so please join the wait list if you'd like to attend.

My visits this quarter took me to Thailand to open our lovely Phuket Branch and investigate a second branch prospect. What great restaurants they have in Thailand with an ever increasing number in Asia's Top 50. I see further expansion for IWFS here.

My travels also saw me in Chicago in September for the Society's AGM. See more about that on P.3. The key outcome was to proceed with the Incorporation Proposal. This will see a more up to date legal structure for the Society. Thanks to Andrew Jones' Incorporation Committee.

Prior to reaching Chicago I visited the San Francisco Branch and enjoyed some excellent discussion and hospitality with that branch.

However, while I will remain on Council and APZ Chair, my 2 year term as Global Chair has come to an end. What an exciting time – very demanding but very rewarding.



Lucas Schoemaker (SF), Yvonne Wallis, Bob Higgins (SF)

I am especially pleased with how the Society is growing and feel that the opportunities for further growth are significant.

Many thanks to my fellow Council Members and Administrator for their support – they are a great team.

Going forward you are in the very capable hands of Dave Felton who succeeds me in this role. I wish him well.

Warmest wishes to you all.

Yvonne Wallis, *Immediate Past Chair*
IWFS Council of Management

MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING CHAIR

I am delighted with, and wary about, this opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Yvonne Wallis as the Society's global chairman. Although I'm rather larger than the petite Yvonne, her shoes will be immensely difficult to fill. Yvonne has been an indefatigable advocate for the Society, regularly traveling hither and yon from her home base of Melbourne, Australia, charming and cheering every member she's met. But now it's my turn to take on the challenges.

The Society is growing. Witness the reports of the many new branches around the world (and most especially in our Asia Pacific region). The Society is changing. Focus is moving beyond the home branch experience to regular occasions to visit with other members from around the world; the number of events sponsored by the three global regions has more than doubled in the past four years. And the Society is improving. Our international [website](#) has both expanded its content and upgraded its visuals; communication via the internet has brought all of us closer together; volunteer leadership at all levels is more committed to bringing the best of wine, food and camaraderie to us all. Please contact me [here](#) with comments or questions.

You have my warmest personal regards.

Dave Felton, *Chairman*
IWFS International Council of Management

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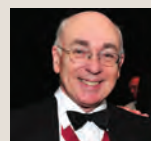
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(Vancouver, Canada)



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(London, UK)

NEW IWFS MONOGRAPH

*'Reflections in a wine glass,
some contemporary issues explored'*

By Bob Campbell MW

We have just completed an exciting new Monograph by Bob Campbell MW. As part of your membership, a copy of this new monograph (one per household) will be sent to you by year end either by post or via your branch. Enjoy!



ZONE NEWS

AMERICAS CHAIR: Andrew Jones



I feel very honored to have been elected Chair of the Americas and I am delighted that I shall continue to work with my predecessor, Dave Felton, in his new capacity as the Society's global chairman. One of my goals is to develop a closer relationship between the board and our branches. I look forward to meeting as many members as possible during my term of office, both at branch events and at the first AGM of IWFS Americas Inc. which will be held next Fall.

ASIA PACIFIC CHAIR: Yvonne Wallis



After much work, everything is almost ready for a sensational weekend in Taipei (Taiwan) for our 2014 AGM Weekend. The Taipei branch is looking forward to welcoming almost 130 attendees – good job! We are also delighted to welcome the Phuket Branch which opened in August. They are so much fun – be sure to contact them if you are travelling to this sensational resort location in Thailand.

EUROPE AFRICA CHAIR: Ian Nicol



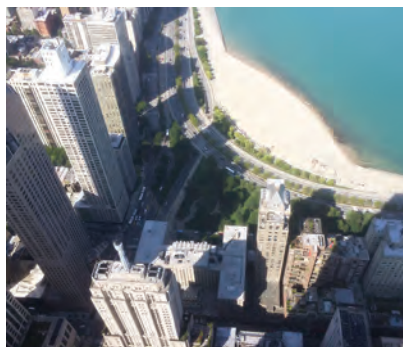
It doesn't seem 12 months since we celebrated the Society's 80th Anniversary in London, but we now have Merseyside and Mid Cheshire Branch celebrating their 80th Anniversary this December. Formed in 1934 by Andre Simon when he travelled to Liverpool to catch the Ship to America, we send them our congratulations along with other branches celebrating significant anniversaries this year.

SOCIETY AGM

CHICAGO

20 SEPTEMBER 2014

The Society held its AGM in Chicago in September. The key outcome was the overwhelming support for the resolution regarding the Incorporation Proposal.



The approval of this resolution means that the three existing, unincorporated **Area Committees** (Asia Pacific, Europe Africa and the Americas) will be dissolved on January 1st 2015 and replaced with three (incorporated) **Area Companies**¹. Members' membership will then be transferred from IWFS Ltd to the appropriate Area Company. It is considered that this legal structure is more appropriate for risk and business management purposes.

IWFS Ltd will continue to operate, fulfilling tasks that require central co-ordination. It is expected that while providing benefits in terms of risk and business management, members will see little to no change as a result of this process. More details [here](#). Please note that after the three zones are incorporated all members will continue to be entitled to attend festivals and events throughout the world at members' rates as before.

¹ IWFS Asia Pacific Ltd, IWFS Europe Africa Ltd, IWFS Americas Inc.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



TAIPEI (TAIWAN R.O.C), 14 - 16 NOVEMBER 2014

Asia Pacific AGM Weekend – Open to all members. Bookings now open. For details click [here](#).

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA (AMERICA), 5-8 MARCH 2015

Straddling the Mississippi this city is renowned for its cuisine and musical, jazz heritage. Open first to the Americas, then to all zones; Max 60. More details soon.

CEBU (PHILIPPINES), 6 - 8 MARCH 2015

A weekend on the beautiful island of Cebu is planned for early March, coinciding with the AGM for the Asia Pacific Zone. Hosted by our Cebu Branch. More details soon.

MIAMI, FLORIDA (AMERICA), 4-7 JUNE 2015

An Americas Great Weekend and a wine tasting spectacular. Full details later this year.

SAVOIE, FRENCH ALPS (FRANCE), 6-10 JULY 2015

The Europe/Africa Zone is hosting a Breakaway to the French Alps. 40 attendees max. Click [here](#).

MELBOURNE (AUSTRALIA), 11-15 NOVEMBER 2015

The next International Festival will be in Melbourne with several pre and post tours. For details click [here](#).

CAPE TOWN (SOUTH AFRICA), MARCH 2016 (TBC)

The Europe Africa Zone will host a trip to Cape Town, visiting the Cape and a dinner in memory of our late President, John Avery. Max attendees 80.

DANUBE RIVER CRUISE (EUROPE), JUNE 2016

A cruise along the Danube River is planned for June 2016 – more details when available. Max 80.

NIAGARA, ONTARIO (CANADA), 13-16 OCTOBER 2016

Stay tuned for details of a Great Weekend hosted by the Americas in Niagara. Max 60.

TOKYO (JAPAN), NOVEMBER 2016 (DATES TBC)

Hosted by Asia Pacific, this festival will not disappoint. With a post tour to Kyoto, you will get the chance to enjoy both Tokyo and Kyoto. Details as they become available.

SONOMA, CALIFORNIA (AMERICA), JUNE 2017

An Americas regional festival is in the pipeline in this beautiful wine region, home to many prominent Californian wine producers. More details to follow.

BALTIC CRUISE (EUROPE), JUNE 2017

Hugging the coastline of Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, a cruise of the Baltic Sea is planned. More details as they become available.

LONDON (UK), LATE MAY 2018

The next tri-annual International Festival, following Melbourne 2015, will be in London. More later.

OUR IWFS BRANCHES



135 BRANCHES WORLDWIDE

AMERICAS (79)

CANADA

ALBERTA - EDMONTON
BRITISH COLUMBIA
VANCOUVER
VICTORIA (BC)

ONTARIO

KITCHENER-WATERLOO
NIAGARA
OAKVILLE
TORONTO

QUEBEC - MONTREAL

CAYMAN ISLANDS - CAYMAN ISLANDS

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

MEXICO - TIJUANA

PUERTO RICO - PUERTO RICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ALABAMA - BIRMINGHAM

ALASKA - ANCHORAGE

ARIZONA

PARADISE VALLEY
PHOENIX
TUCSON

CALIFORNIA

CHULA VISTA
COACHELLA VALLEY
EAST BAY
HOLLYWOOD
LA JOLLA
LAGUNA BEACH
LOS ANGELES
MARIN COUNTY
MONTEREY PENINSULA
NAPA VALLEY
ORANGE COUNTY
PASADENA
PHYSICIANS OF LOS ANGELES
RANCHO SANTA FE
RIVERSIDE
SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
SAN FRANCISCO

SANTA BARBARA
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE
MIAMI
NAPLES
ORLANDO
PALM BEACH

GEORGIA - ATLANTA

HAWAII - HONOLULU

ILLINOIS - CHICAGO

INDIANA - INDIANAPOLIS

IOWA - COUNCIL BLUFFS

LOUISIANA - NEW ORLEANS

MARYLAND - BALTIMORE

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON
CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS/ST PAUL
ROCHESTER

MISSOURI - KANSAS CITY

MONTANA - BOZEMAN

NEBRASKA

GREATER OMAHA
NORFOLK
OMAHA

NEVADA

LAKE TAHOE
RENO

NEW HAMPSHIRE - NASHUA

NEW MEXICO - SANTA FE

NEW YORK

BUFFALO
LONG ISLAND
NEW YORK

OHIO

CLEVELAND
COLUMBUS

OKLAHOMA - OKLAHOMA CENTRAL

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA
YORK

SOUTH CAROLINA - AIKEN

TENNESSEE - MEMPHIS

TEXAS

AUSTIN
DALLAS
FORT WORTH
HOUSTON
NORTHEAST TEXAS

WASHINGTON - SPOKANE

WASHINGTON DC - WASHINGTON DC

ASIA PACIFIC (25)

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES
VICTORIA
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CHINA

BEIJING CITY
CHAOYANG DISTRICT (BEIJING)
SHANGHAI

HONG KONG - HONG KONG ISLAND

INDIA - BOMBAY

INDONESIA - JAKARTA

JAPAN

ROPPONGI
TOKYO
TOKYO BAY

MALAYSIA

IPOH
KUALA LUMPUR
PENANG

NEW ZEALAND - AUCKLAND

PHILIPPINES

CEBU
MANILA LADIES
PHILIPPINES

SINGAPORE - TANGLIN

SOUTH KOREA - SEOUL

TAIWAN R.O.C.

TAICHUNG
TAIPEI

THAILAND - PHUKET

VIETNAM - SAIGON

EUROPE / AFRICA (31)

ESTONIA - TALLINN

FINLAND - HELSINKI

IRELAND - MUNSTER

LATVIA - RIGA

NORWAY - OSLO

RUSSIA - MOSCOW

SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN
JOHANNESBURG

SWEDEN - MALMÖ

SWITZERLAND - ZURICH

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - DUBAI

UNITED KINGDOM

BATH & BRISTOL
BERKSHIRE
BLACKPOOL & FYLDE COAST
CAPITAL
DEVONSHIRE
HEREFORDSHIRE & MONMOUTHSHIRE
LEICESTER
LIVERPOOL
LONDON
MANCHESTER
MERSEYSIDE & MID-CHESHIRE
NORTHAMPTON
NORTHERN DALES
ST JAMES'S (LONDON)
SURREY HILLS
SUSSEX
WESSEX
WEST YORKSHIRE

ZAMBIA - LUSAKA

ZIMBABWE - HARARE

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