



OUR FESTIVALS



CEBU (PHILIPPINES)

March 2015 saw 50 members of the Asia Pacific Zone enjoying an outstanding festival on the island of Cebu. So many thanks to the Chair of the Cebu Branch, Manny Osmena, and President Dondi Joseph. It was a perfect venue for our AGM Weekend.



We enjoyed an array of Philippine food, including the best of its local seafood, trawled live overnight to ensure its freshness. Possibly even more exciting was the opportunity to try Cebu's local specialty – lechon (roasted pig). We not only enjoyed the lechon thought best by the branch, but two other varieties. One included Anthony Bourdain's preferred version (Bourdain considers Cebu to offer the best lechon in the world), as well as a third spicier version. Sensational!



Our private island picnic feast was followed by a Gala Dinner with Grand Cru Burgundies and some of Italy's icon wines, along with our own private fireworks and floor show. Was there no end to the hospitality of this branch? A fascinating old/new world Chardonnay tasting and a tutored whisky tasting rounded it all off. We raised almost AU\$40,000 for charity – so very pleasing to be giving back after such a weekend of indulgence.



NEW ORLEANS (LOUISIANA, USA)

For three days in March, 60 Americas members enjoyed the sights, sounds and spices of this Creole city's unique culture. Not to mention the fresh seafood, after all oysters were in season. And wild game – think tender alligator nuggets, fried to perfection and served in a hot spicy sauce.



Our tour of the luscious Garden District with 19th century mansions set in a landscape of blooming azaleas and camellias ended with a tour of an iconic cemetery conveniently located across the street from Commander's Palace where we enjoyed a Jazz Brunch starting with turtle soup with sherry and ending with a rich crème brûlée.



None of us will forget the 2006 Arcanum Super Tuscan at John Besh's Restaurant August, Galatoire's with its flaming café brulot and friendships made and renewed during our Great Weekend in New Orleans. The very best of Wine, Food & Friends. Thank you Bill and Cathy Kuhlman for our fabulous time!





MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Let's talk wine and food. Literally! It's the essence of our Society.

As many of you know, I live in southern California – a tiny corner of heaven on the west coast of the Americas region. I'm a transplant from the mid-Atlantic area of the United States, having been raised in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

Now it's very early Spring in Pasadena, remarkably different from the March/April cold and snow of my younger years. I bring in climate because as the seasons change, so too do our desired recipes and wine pairings.

I will pause for a moment to acknowledge all my friends in the southern hemisphere who are entering the glories of their Autumn. Please bear with me as I talk about the food and wine I'm now anticipating in the next couple of months. You brilliant people would have had this conversation some six months ago, so you're well ahead of your poor northern cousins.

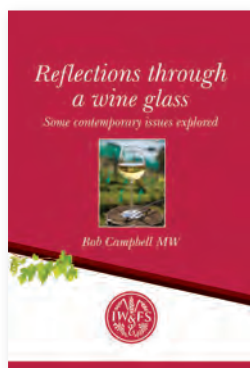


Mitsuko and I are moving away from our colder weather recipes and their darker, brooding red wines to the lighter and fresher styles of Spring. How about a chopped chicken salad with a dolcetto or young pinot noir? I'm also thinking about pasta primavera with

a torrentes or pinot blanc. Hmmm. Unusual pairings? Perhaps. But Spring summons the new and calls for adventures.

Warmest regards,

Dave R Felton, *Chairman*
IWFS International Council of Management



MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

LATEST MONOGRAPH AS A BRANCH PROMOTIONAL TOOL?

Now that many of you will have read our latest monograph, 'Reflections through a Wine Glass', additional copies for non-members and new members have been made available at special

prices. Covering eight modern issues in the world of wine it is an interesting and informed insight on topics such as cork versus screwcap, the influence of terroir, when blends are best and the merits of matching food and wine. Written by leading wine writer Bob Campbell MW, branches could consider giving a copy to new members, perhaps as a welcome gift? Full details of pricing are available on the website (e.g. 20 copies at £6.50 per copy plus shipping).

Please email the International Secretariat for additional copies and further information: sec@iwfs.org.

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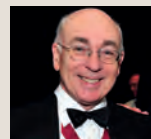
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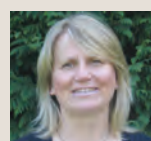
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OUR AWARDS

ANDRE SIMON BRONZE to EAZ Chairman Ian Nicol, Council member and EAZ Chairman, was awarded the Andre Simon Bronze medal last November. Chris Bonsall, previous IWFS Chairman, presented Ian with the deserved award for meritorious service to Festivals, EAC and Council at the EAC Innholders Dinner in London.





ZONE NEWS

AMERICAS CHAIR: Andrew Jones



It has been my pleasure to attend branch events in Philadelphia, Washington and Birmingham (Alabama) in the past two months. Thanks to all concerned for your kind hospitality. Over 60 members of Birmingham branch were present at a dinner at Hot and Hot Fish Club when it was my pleasure to present the Americas Silver Medal to one of its founding members, Wimberley Miree. Congratulations also go to the Naples Branch which recently celebrated its 15th anniversary with a black tie dinner at the Quail West Gold & Country Club.

ASIA PACIFIC CHAIR: Yvonne Wallis



What a sensational AGM Weekend we held in Cebu (Philippines) in early March. So many thanks to Cebu Chair Manny O and President Dondi Joseph. We raised almost AU\$40,000 for charity – well done! I am excited that an increasing number of APZ branches are donating to charity, including KL, Bombay, Victoria, Western Australia, Cebu, and the Asia Pacific Zone itself. Let me know if your branch is also making charity donations. Also, watch out for a new branch very soon in Delhi, how wonderful!

EUROPE AFRICA CHAIR: Ian Nicol



Soon we are expecting to welcome new branches in Dublin, Champagne and Budapest into the zone. Also exciting is the prospect of a Young Members Branch in London, who will run their affairs and programme to suit their busy lifestyles. Our Society is a knowledge based Society which has given us much pleasure, and we should look forward to sharing our knowledge with future generations.

UPCOMING FESTIVALS



IWFS MIAMI

GRAND WINE TASTING WEEKEND

JUNE 4-7, 2015 - LET THE SUNSHINE IN!

A Weekend on South Beach and a Grand Wine and Food Weekend! You'll be staying at the W Hotel on world renowned South Beach, the most happening hotel on South Beach. Over the course of three gorgeous South Florida days, you'll be tasting a line-up of wines whose value alone may equal the overall cost of this all-inclusive event. If you're serious about your wines, don't miss this event! For details click [here](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

An Americas Great Weekend and a wine tasting spectacular. For details click [here](#)

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](#).

WASHINGTON DC (AMERICA), 24-26 SEPTEMBER 2015

The first AGM of IWFS Americas Inc will be held during a long weekend amongst the cultural and culinary delights of Washington DC. Details will be published shortly.

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), 23-25 FEBRUARY 2016

The Europe Africa Zone will host a 3 day event in Cape Town, visiting the Cape and a dinner in memory of our Late President John Avery. Max attendees 80.

DANUBE RIVER CRUISE, PRE TOUR (HUNGARY)

JUNE 2-5 2016, DANUBE RIVER CRUISE JUNE 5-12 2016

Hosted by the Americas, a Pre-Tour to Budapest (Hungary) (Sold out but you are welcome to waitlist), and a River Cruise of the Danube visiting Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany (places still available). Click [here](#) for details.

EDINBURGH (SCOTLAND), MID-SEPTEMBER 2016

The EAZ will host a 3 day event in the Scottish Capital, Edinburgh visiting several historic venues, and enjoying a city renowned for its restaurants and culture. Attendees 40-60.

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 (NOV 10 – 18)

Hosted by Asia Pacific, this festival will not disappoint. Main Festival in Tokyo Nov 10-13, Post Tour to Kyoto Nov 14-16, further Post Tour to Hakone Nov 16-18. More details as they become available. Open first to APZ members, then other Zones.

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 (APPROX. 8 DAYS)

A Regional Festival run by the EAZ starting in Copenhagen and cruising to Sweden, Finland, Estonia, and St Petersburg (3days). Attendees 40-60

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 (78)

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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
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INDIA - BOMBAY
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 TAIPEI
THAILAND
 PHUKET
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VIETNAM - SAIGON

EUROPE / AFRICA (31)

ESTONIA - TALLINN
FINLAND - HELSINKI
IRELAND - MUNSTER
LATVIA - RIGA
NORWAY - OSLO
RUSSIA - MOSCOW
SOUTH AFRICA
 CAPE TOWN
 JOHANNESBURG
SWEDEN - MALMÖ
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