



the IWFS Grapevine

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NEW BRANCHES



BANGKOK, THAILAND

Congratulations to Pierre Metz and Marc Bittner, Co-Chairs of our newly established branch in bustling Bangkok. Bangkok is home to many of Asia's top restaurants and we are delighted that the Bangkok branch includes chefs and sommeliers from some of these.



DALLAS, TEXAS

The Americas welcomes IWFS Dallas, led by Joey Stewart, son of past BGA Chairman Joel Stewart. This dynamic group will find many great dinners in a city with numerous five-star restaurants in the middle of Texas wine country.



RENO, NEVADA

Welcome to our new Reno Branch, led by Dick and Charlotte McConnell. Reno celebrated a magnificent Christmas Dinner event and has plans for a busy 2015. Beautiful country at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Reno is the 'Biggest Little City in the World'.



OUR FESTIVALS

TAIPEI, TAIWAN

Heralded by some as the best festival ever, just over 130 members gathered in Taipei in November. The multi-cultural diversity of Taipei's food was flamboyantly presented – Chinese, traditional Taiwanese, Japanese and Western. Congratulations to Taipei Branch, particularly President PQ Chen, Festival Chair Eddie Hu, James Lin, Jason Lau, Raymond Yang, Dominique Levy and Pierre Yang.

A tea tasting revealed the wonder of Taiwanese tea, a wine tasting demonstrated the diversity of Syrah, a city tour unveiled the excitement of Taipei City, while the entertainment and visit to the National Palace Museum showed Taipei's rich cultural history. A post tour to Taichung took us to its top Chinese restaurant to meet our new Taichung Branch, led by Chris Chien. Then to Le Moût, rated in Asia's top 50 restaurants – just stunning. A simply fabulous weekend. See photos [here](#).



OUR AWARDS



Well done to **PQ Chen** and **Eddie Hu** who received the André Simon bronze medal for their work in establishing and further developing IWFS in Taiwan and for the stunning Taipei festival.

Congratulations also to **Tony Narisawa** who received bronze for his splendid work with Kuala Lumpur Branch and development of IWFS in China and Japan.

Also in Taipei, **Yvonne Wallis**, Chair of APZ and Immediate Past Global Chair, was delighted to receive the André Simon gold medal for her services to IWFS worldwide.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We've all moved thoughtfully into a new year, and I find myself contemplating the relative good fortune this life has offered me. Now, don't worry. I'm not going all maudlin on you. But calamitous events of recent weeks and months around the world remind me of the good and kind friends we've made simply through our involvement with one fine global organization.

I urge you to open your computer and go to our Society's ever-evolving website (www.iwfs.org). Spend some time "surfing" – opening different links and buttons. You can sense the breadth of experiences available to you as a member of the Society. In addition to the pleasures of sharing conversations while dining with long-time friends in your home branch, you have many new soon-to-be friends in branches both nearby and on the other side of the world. And I can attest to the magic that occurs during these visits. Mitsuko and I recently visited with the Taipei and Taichung branches where we were treated with marvelous Taiwanese hospitality. These good people are waiting for you.



Take a look at our map of branches on page 4. Every one of those branches has a contact person with whom you may interact. During this coming year, I expect to be visiting with new friends in places around the world, including both close to home in Laguna Beach California, and far away in Perth Australia.

Start your planning.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

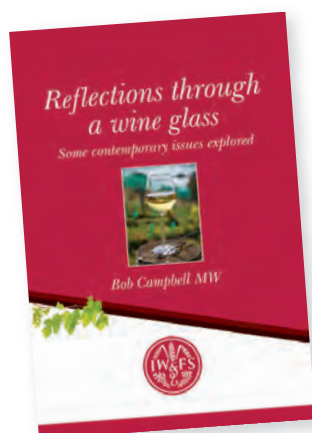
WINE ARTICLES

IWFS commissions articles on a regular basis by leading specialists in their field, for example Nick Belfrage MW on Chianti and Bob Campbell MW on Kiwi Pinot Noir. These can now be viewed on the website – click [Wine articles](#).

NEW MONOGRAPH -

"Reflections through a wine glass"

Most of you should now have a copy of this latest full colour monograph by Bob Campbell MW. Please contact your branch if not. It is a great read including 8 separate essays focussing on current topics in the wine world. Further copies are available for £10 per copy by emailing sec@iwfs.org. You can also read this on our website by clicking [monographs](#).



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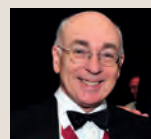
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VINTAGE CARD

Copies of the latest updated Vintage Card are now available for members, and for you to purchase and pass on to friends, family or colleagues. To order copies, at special member prices, click [Vintage Card](#).





ZONE NEWS

AMERICAS CHAIR: Andrew Jones



Our new corporation, IWFS Americas Inc., is now fully functioning and moving forward into the new year. We are looking forward to the New Orleans Great Weekend in March, led by Bill and Cathy Kuhlman, and then a Board of Directors visit to that great city in May. Look for details of our fabulous wine weekend in South Beach, Miami scheduled for June 2015 at www.iwfs.org. Congratulations to our Chicago Branch on the occasion of its 800th official event.

ASIA PACIFIC CHAIR: Yvonne Wallis



Congratulations to Taipei Branch for a simply splendid festival in November! Our Cebu Branch is now working hard to welcome members to our 2015 AGM Weekend in March – please consider joining us in the ‘jewel of the Philippines’. Victoria Branch members are busy with preparations for the International Festival in Melbourne in November, now booked out with 160 members. Well done to Pierre Metz and Marc Bittner on the establishment of our fabulous Bangkok Branch last December.

EUROPE AFRICA CHAIR: Ian Nicol



The annual EAZ Dinner took place in the magnificent surroundings of the Innholders Hall in London. The Innholders are themselves celebrating 500 years since Henry VIII made them a Royal Grant of Incorporation.

Our AGM/ABRM will take place in Stratford on 5th June, details to follow. We look forward to our event in Savoie, French Alps, which is now wait listed. Three exciting new branch possibilities are being investigated in Europe.

UPCOMING FESTIVALS

Cebu

JEWEL OF THE PHILIPPINES

MARCH 6 – 8 2015

We are looking forward to seeing members soon in Cebu, March 6-8, for Asia Pacific's AGM Weekend. All members worldwide are welcome. You can see the full program by clicking [here](#).

Often referred to as Queen City of the South, Cebu is the oldest and second largest city in the Philippines. Direct flights to Cebu are available from Manila, HK, KL, Bangkok, Seoul, Tokyo and Singapore. Please join us!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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 will follow to all members by email.

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. Click [here](#) for details.

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 (78)

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
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 (26)

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
BANGKOK

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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