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IWFS INTERNATIONAL NEWS JULY 2015



NEW BRANCHES



CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE



Hip Hooray for our first branch in France! How fabulous that we now have a branch in the very exciting district of Champagne.

Congratulations to Founding President Caroline Brun for her amazing energy in putting this very special branch together.

The branch includes some of the very top Champagne house owners, winemakers, oenologists, writers, consultants, critics and passionate consumers. What a fantastic addition to the IWFS family. You can expect some amazing things from this branch.



A very lovely inaugural lunch was held in Aÿ in early July to celebrate the formation of the branch. Attended by IWFS Global Branch Ambassador Yvonne Wallis and Europe Africa officer John Nicholas, we celebrated with some delicious Champagne and food to match. More fabulous events coming up soon.

LEINSTER, IRELAND

What friendly rivalry there is in Ireland between counties! Prompted by the launch 18 months ago of the Munster Branch (based in Cork), we now welcome the Leinster Branch (based in Dublin). A delightfully young and enthusiastic group, Leinster is a branch which is destined to have a lot of fun as they gather over the mysteries and miracles of wine and food.



Led by Founding President Ali Dunworth, and created with the guidance of Founding Chair Rory Craig, an inaugural dinner was held on June 26 at a fabulous gastro pub in the heart of Dublin. Attended by Europe Africa Chair Ian Nicol, Global Ambassador Yvonne Wallis and Richard Nash from Munster Branch, a provisional charter for Leinster Branch was presented to the branch officers. Congratulations to this exciting new branch.



THAMESIDE, LONDON (UK)

Already with 2 branches in London, Thameside is the newest IWFS branch to grace this fabulous city.



Launched on June 30, almost 30 Young Members met for an inaugural dinner at the 28:50 restaurant in downtown Mayfair. Like the Leinster Branch, all founding members are aged in their 20s or 30s.



Thameside is currently led by Co-Chairs Ed Barker and Florian Pickering. Quite a few visitors saw the Co-Chairs receiving the Provisional Charter, including Chair of Europe Africa Ian Nicol, representatives from St James's and London branches, and Global Ambassador Yvonne Wallis. Make no mistake – there was quite a vibe at this dinner and one can only assume that a significant element of merriment will be a part of their future wine and food events. Well done!



OUR FESTIVALS



MIAMI, USA

In early June, IWFS members arrived at the W Hotel located on the world renowned South Beach for an ideal weekend of extraordinary wines and haute cuisine. The W is the most happening hotel, a beachfront oasis, on South Beach.

Thursday evening commenced with a Miami-style barbeque dinner and Italian wine bar. Especially enjoyed was the 2010 Voliero Brunello di Montalcino. Then promptly at 10 a.m.



Friday, our first of two formal wine tastings began. Eight wines from the fabled vineyards of Burgundy were featured. The 2009 Domaine Daniel Rion Echézeaux Grand Cru was especially favoured

At noon we partook a light lunch at the Grove, an outdoor sanctuary. The featured wine was Provence Rosé, AIX 2014. Next, Master Sommelier John Blazon conducted an afternoon artisan wine tasting. Wines from Vérité, Lokoya, Cardinale, Anakota, Château Lassègue and Valadorna, Arcanum were highlighted. On Friday night, we dined at Miami's finest Spanish restaurant, The Bazaar, by James Beard Award Winner, Chef José Andrés. Our 15-course, scrumptious dinner was

expertly paired with the Wines of López de Heredia. A splendid Champagne brunch was presented on Saturday. Five select Champagnes were served. The 2006 Louis Roederer Cristal was most pleasurably imbibed. Our Saturday evening Gala Dinner at the W was extraordinary! The pairing of wine and food brought out the best qualities in each.

To Mike Bittel, Vice-President IWFS Miami Branch, his wife Linda, and staff an extended thanks for coordinating this exceptional weekend.



SAVOIE, FRANCE

In early July, this wonderful get away in glorious Savoie (France), hosted by the Europe Africa Zone of IWFS, welcomed members from Australia and America to explore the wines and cuisine of this area. Amid the stunning scenery of the French Alps, and in temperatures over



milk from alpine pastures. Unusual grape varieties included Jacquère, Mondeuse Blanche, Bergeron (Roussanne), Mondeuse Noire, Persan, & Gamay, which made some delightful wines and interesting tastings.

The group departed amid great camaraderie and new friendships. Many thanks to Stephanie and Alan Shepherd for organising.



30, our group sampled the rustic cuisine of country villages, many wines from vineyards on steep alpine slopes, and gourmet dinners at 2* and 3* Michelin restaurants.

On a visit to the town of Moûtiers the group learned the history of the area, visited the local market, and then the fromagerie making Beaufort cheese with





MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings from a muggy Southern California where we in the midst of an historic four-year (and counting) drought! But tropical storm Dolores brought rain to us in July. The small, albeit welcomed, amount – less than half an inch – actually eclipsed a record set for LA in 1886. Climate change anyone?

It's been a fine month in many other ways. Your Society's International Council of Management (ICM) met in London on the 3rd of July reviewing issues as disparate as the many new branches being opened (a la page 1) and the intricacies of maintaining proper liability insurance coverage for all of us around the world. Branches in three dozen countries with varied rules and regulations make the effort interesting.



While in London, Ari Sofianos, Chairman of the London St James's branch graciously invited us to a special black tie dinner at the Dorchester Hotel. Wow. The evening featured a marvellous menu and donated wine beauties from the cellars of a number of the members. A grand success, and we were most appreciative of being included.



Next up was a visit to the Savoie region in the eastern French Alps – organized by the Europe Africa region and hosted with much aplomb by Alan & Stephanie Shepherd. The Savoyards have been producing marvellous cheeses, harvesting luscious fruits and bottling lovely mountain wines (especially the whites) for a thousand years. We were treated to much of this and more, and the trip was a perfect example of the benefit of Society travel. Check out the calendar of events around the world on page 4, and join us.

Warmest regards,

David R Felton, Chairman

IWFS International Council of Management



MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

The next IWFS monograph will focus on the much debated issue of wine closures. The author is Dr Jamie Goode, who is highly

regarded for his in-depth knowledge and expertise in this field (as well as an award winning wine writer). He will explore the many options which have been trialled and launched over the years and explain the factors influencing their success or failure.

The aim of this monograph is to give clarity to what can be a rather technical topic but at the same time provide an experts' overview of which closure is best, and when. Or maybe the jury is still out?

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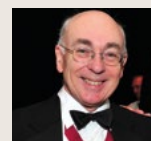
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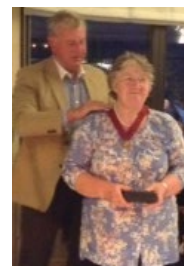


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OUR AWARDS

Stephanie Shepherd, EAZ Events Co-ordinator, was awarded an A S Bronze Medal for services to the EAZ Committee, and for a series of successful events she has organised for the Zone over the last two years. Zone Chair, Ian Nicol presented the award at the Final Dinner of the Savoie Event, amidst a very appreciative audience of participants. Congratulations to Stephanie.





ZONE NEWS

AMERICAS CHAIR: Andrew Jones



I am delighted to announce that the first AGM of IWFS Americas will be held during a long weekend in Washington 24-26 September this year – please mark your diaries – it will be a very special weekend.

There are quite a few other wonderful events planned, hosted by the Americas, which you may like to note. A river cruise to the Danube in mid-June next year, and a great weekend in Niagara, including our second AGM, October 13-16 next year. See details under 'Dates for Your Diary'.

ASIA PACIFIC CHAIR: Yvonne Wallis



Congratulations to all of our Asia Pacific Branches. This year we have exceeded 1,000 in membership for the first time. Hoorah! Not only that, but we still have more branches to open this year. You should be proud of being members of the fastest growing Zone in IWFS. On August 2nd we will be opening our second branch in India – Delhi. So many thanks to Jai Hiremath, Chair of our Bombay Branch, for encouraging this new branch. We then expect to open a third branch in Taiwan – thanks to Eddie Hu for pushing this along. Please keep March 11-13 2016 free for our next AGM Weekend, hosted by our lovely Shanghai branch.

EUROPE AFRICA CHAIR: Ian Nicol



A busy period for Europe Africa with the opening of the three branches in Leinster, Thameside (London) and Champagne, detailed elsewhere, and a fourth scheduled for Budapest on 27th Aug. Strong interest for branches in other European cities continues. Our first AGM and Representatives Meeting was held at Stratford-upon-Avon in June, combined with a dinner and visit to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

UPCOMING FESTIVALS



APZ AGM Weekend March 11 – 13, 2016 – Welcome to China

Our 2016 Annual General Meeting for IWFS Asia Pacific will be held in the beautiful city of Shanghai, hosted by our Shanghai branch. Members of this branch own some of the top restaurants in Shanghai and include some of the finest wine palates in the world. Expect a sensational weekend in this gorgeous city which is said by many to be the cultural capital of China. Open first to members of Asia Pacific, then to members of other zones. Invitation available shortly, but please mark your diaries now!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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. Open first to Americas members. Click [here](#) for details.

MELBOURNE (AUSTRALIA), 11-15 NOVEMBER 2015

The next triennial 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 holding a dinner in memory of our Late President John Avery. Max attendees 60. For details click [here](#)

SHANGHAI, CHINA APZ AGM WEEKEND, MARCH 11-13 2016

Open first to APZ members, we will have a gorgeous weekend in Shanghai to hold our 2016 AGM and then have a wonderful look at the glorious food options in this city, considered by many to be the cultural capital of China.

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 wait list), and a River Cruise of the Danube visiting Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany (places still available). Click [here](#) for details.

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

Stay tuned for details of a Great Weekend and AGM, hosted by the Americas in Niagara. Max 70.

TOKYO (JAPAN), NOVEMBER 2016 (NOV 10 – 18)

Hosted by Asia Pacific, the primary festival will be in Tokyo Nov 10-13, with a 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. Attendees 100.

SONOMA, CALIFORNIA (AMERICA), JUNE 2017

An Americas Regional Festival is in the pipeline in this beautiful wine region, home to many prominent California wine producers. More details to follow.

BALTIC CRUISE (EUROPE) JUNE 2017 (APPROX. 8 DAYS)

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

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA (USA), SEPTEMBER 2017

Stay tuned for details of a Great Weekend and AGM, hosted by the Americas in Philadelphia. Max 60.

LONDON (UK), LATE MAY 2018

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

OUR IWFS BRANCHES



137 BRANCHES WORLDWIDE

AMERICAS (76)

CANADA

ALBERTA - EDMONTON
BRITISH COLUMBIA
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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
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LOS ANGELES
MARIN COUNTY
MONTEREY PENINSULA
NAPA VALLEY
ORANGE COUNTY
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PHYSICIANS OF LOS ANGELES
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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

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NORFOLK
OMAHA

NEVADA

LAKE TAHOE
RENO

NEW MEXICO

SANTA FE

NEW YORK

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LONG ISLAND
NEW YORK

OHIO

CLEVELAND

OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CENTRAL

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA
YORK

SOUTH CAROLINA

AIKEN

TENNESSEE

MEMPHIS

TEXAS

AUSTIN
DALLAS
FORT WORTH
HOUSTON
NORTHEAST TEXAS

WASHINGTON

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ASIA PACIFIC (27)

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES
VICTORIA
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CHINA

BEIJING CITY
CHAOYANG DISTRICT (BEIJING)
SHANGHAI

HONG KONG

HONG KONG ISLAND

INDIA

BOMBAY

DELHI

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

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ESTONIA

TALLINN

FINLAND

HELSINKI

FRANCE

CHAMPAGNE

HUNGARY

BUDAPEST

IRELAND

LEINSTER
MUNSTER

LATVIA

RIGA

NORWAY

OSLO

RUSSIA

MOSCOW

SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN
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SWEDEN

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HEREFORDSHIRE & MONMOUTHSHIRE

LEICESTER

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