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IWFS INTERNATIONAL NEWS
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NEW BRANCHES



COLOMBO (SRI LANKA)

Led by Founding President Gonzalo Gil Lavedra, and assisted by Founding Chair Dharshan Munisadra, IWFS Colombo was launched in Sri Lanka on August 20 with 25 members. The opening dinner, which focused on the soul of Sri Lankan food, was held at Rare (UGA Hotel) in downtown Colombo. It was prepared by Rare's Executive Chef and guest chef Paolo de Sousa. Paolo has previous experience at el Bulli and flew in from Dubai to cook especially for this event. A really outstanding inaugural dinner.



Sri Lanka is becoming a real 'Go To' destination for tourists and Gonzalo is an immensely capable, fun loving and enthusiastic Founding President who is extremely keen to promote the natural beauty and food of this country. Dharshan is an amazing Founding Chair. He is Sri Lanka's food guru, owning two restaurants in Asia's Top 50 list, both in Colombo. Watch out for this branch – it is going to be fabulous.

BRANCH ANNIVERSARY



VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA) — 80 YEARS



The Victoria (Australia) Branch was founded on 5 August 1936, 80 years ago. It was the first branch formed in the southern hemisphere, just three years after the Society was formed in London on 20 October 1933. The Victoria

Branch is the largest in the Asia Pacific Zone, with 120 members, and continues to thrive.

The Branch celebrated its 80th Anniversary in Melbourne in August with a fabulous Gala Dinner at one of Australia's top restaurants, Vue de Monde. The 2002 Taittinger Comtes de Champagne from magnum was a real highlight, as were the 2005 Burgundies and 2001 Sauternes in magnum from Château La Tour Blanche. See the full menu and wine list [here](#).

OUR FESTIVALS



EDINBURGH (SCOTLAND)

50 members from around the world recently travelled to Edinburgh to enjoy the EAZ three day festival. It included a heady mix of **history** (with this year's [André Simon lecture](#) led by Zubair Mohamed in the historic Leith's Cellars); **royalty** (dating back to the 13th century, with a private tour of Holyrood Palace a real highlight); the **wine and whisky trade** (going back to the 16th century); **modern cuisine** (dinner at Martin Wishart's Michelin starred restaurant) and a look to the future for **organic food production** (at Whitmuir Organic Farm which included an organic food and wine luncheon); plus even a touch of **winemaking**.



The gala dinner on board the Royal Yacht Britannia was a truly "red carpet" occasion and included a tour



of the royal quarters. Delegates dined like kings and queens – in surroundings which had previously hosted many monarchs, presidents, prime ministers and ambassadors. Awards, speeches and toasts were made in a truly elegant but relaxing atmosphere. A real treat for all who attended.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



This collection of thoughts will serve as my final message to you in the role of chairman of your Society's International Council of Management. It was a great honor to have my IWFS Americas colleagues elect me to the Council in the first place and then a distinct pleasure to serve you as chairman. If you've read any of my words over the years, you know that I have found my Society membership to be special.

My membership allows me to dine regularly with you. You are IWFS members both from my home neighborhood and from outside my regular comfort zone. But I love the conversation when we get together. And I enjoy getting into the middle of "interesting" topics about which I'm curious. My dining companions and friends – maybe from India or Australia or Zambia or South Africa - invariably hear me out and give me their perspective in turn. Amazingly, this beautiful ebb and flow of ideas is done at a table laden with fine food and wine. It can't get much better.

So, thank you. I've learned so much. I congratulate all of you who've contributed to making your own home branch thrive. And if you've attended one of our numerous festivals and events during these past two years, you've also had the opportunity to meet Society members from outside your own comfort zone. Join us in the dialogue and broaden everyone's perspective (mine, yours and theirs). Consider accompanying me next year on the Society's Baltic Cruise, where we'll meet members from our Scandinavian and Baltic state branches, as well as Russian peers from our Moscow branch when we stop in St Petersburg.

You have my very best wishes,

David R Felton Chairman, IWFS ICM

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

NEW MONOGRAPH - AROUND THE WORLD WITH OLIVE OIL BY JUDY RIDGWAY

A food topic this time, which we hope you will welcome. This delightful monograph gives you first an understanding about olive oil and then takes you on a journey through the main olive oil producing countries. Having travelled the world tasting olive oil, Judy presents information on the key regions and varieties and also gives regional food suggestions and highlights some of the best producers. Watch out for your copy in the post in the coming weeks.



OUR AWARDS

The EAZ awarded two André Simon Bronze Medals to husband and wife team, Hans Walter and Philippa Keller. They first became involved with the Society whilst living in Canada, and then founded the Zurich branch, with many of their friends, when returning to live in Switzerland. Having served as Zurich Branch President and event organisers they are now planning the 10th anniversary celebration of the branch. Congratulations to them both.

The presentation by EAZ Chair, Ian Nicol, was made on board Royal Yacht Britannia. Ian quipped that he fancied using the sword from the wall behind, as is customary in presenting honours, but felt he might do some damage. Pictured are Hans Walter Keller, Ian Nicol, Philippa Keller and David Chapman (EAZ Awards Committee Chairman).



A Diploma of Appreciation was also presented that evening, by Ian Nicol, to Ron Barker for his leading role in organising the very successful festival in Edinburgh. Ron already holds an André Simon Silver Medal as ex-Chair of the EAC and had a leading role in the successful 2011 Merseyside Festival. Delegates applauded the organisation of his Edinburgh events team.

IWFS Council of Management EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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Dave Felton
(Pasadena, USA)



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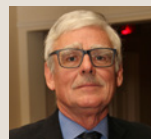
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(London, UK)



ZONE NEWS

AMERICAS CHAIR: Andrew Jones



The Great Weekend in Niagara-on-the-Lake was a superb event attended by 110 members - learning about and tasting some of the best wines of the region with local dishes. During the course of the weekend, IWFS Americas Inc. held its second AGM when the chairmen of various committees presented reports and answered questions. The town is home to the celebrated Shaw Festival and many members found time to see productions at the local theatres in addition to enjoying the weekend events, impeccably organised by Brian Findlay.

ASIA PACIFIC CHAIR: Yvonne Wallis



I am delighted that Asia Pacific has just launched its 31st branch, IWFS Colombo. I attended the opening and have fallen in love with Sri Lanka and the Colombo Branch. Sri Lankan food is sensational, similar but with distinct differences to Indian food. Put it on your bucket list. We are soon to open our 32nd branch, a second branch in Seoul. It will be a very wine savvy group, many with WSET qualifications. On festivals, looking forward to seeing many of you soon in Japan, and then in India in February/March. Invitations for India coming out very soon.

EUROPE AFRICA CHAIR: Ian Nicol



At the EA Branch Representatives meeting in July, we decided to combine the meeting in future with the AGM event, which this September was held in Edinburgh. Attendance was high - it may have been the dinner on Royal Yacht Britannia the night before, or the whisky and wine tasting straight afterwards that brought the members along and also got them in good spirits (see the cover story). We welcomed two new committee members to our Executive Committee, but in September we were saddened by the sudden death of one of our serving committee members, and ex-Chair of London Branch, Andrew Brodie. Our condolences were sent to his family.

UPCOMING FESTIVALS

LONDON

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

28 MAY – 2 JUNE 2018

Make sure London is your destination, for this flagship IWFS event, in 2018. The Europe Africa team are busy drawing up an itinerary of unique experiences that money alone cannot buy. You will have an insight into the culture and gastronomy of this wonderful city. The 5 star Corinthia Hotel has been selected as your hotel during the festival, giving you the grace and grandeur of bygone years with contemporary style and modern amenities. Pre- and Post-Tours are also on the agenda including a trip to Europe or an English vineyard visit. Click [here](#) to read more. London looks forward to welcoming you...



DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY



TOKYO/KYOTO (JAPAN), NOVEMBER 10-18 2016

Hosted by Asia Pacific, this will be an exclusive Japanese experience with the primary festival in Tokyo Nov 10-13 and a post-tour to Kyoto Nov 14-17. Click [here](#) for reservations. Attendees 100.

MUMBAI (INDIA), FEBRUARY 24-26 2017

Hosted By Asia Pacific, this APZ AGM Weekend will open first to APZ members. Limited places may become available to members of other zones. See the invitation [here](#).

DELHI (INDIA), FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 1 2017

Open to members worldwide, a fabulous festival in the great city of Delhi, 3 nights. See the invitation [here](#).

AGRA (INDIA), MARCH 2-3 2017

Open to members worldwide, 2 nights, the amazing city of Agra, close to the city of Delhi, where we will have a guided tour of one of the 7 New Wonders of the World, the Taj Mahal. See the invitation [here](#).

SONOMA, CALIFORNIA (USA), 2-6 MAY 2017

Your chance to learn, first hand, why Sonoma is no longer little brother to the Napa Valley. Winery visits and exquisite dining and accommodation are all in store. Only a few places remaining. Click [here](#) to find out more.

BALTIC CRUISE (EUROPE), 29 JUNE – 7 JULY 2017

Places are selling out on this magical cruise of the Baltic with food and wine experiences in cities such as Copenhagen, Helsinki, Tallinn, St Petersburg and ending in Stockholm. Contact [Georgia Cato](#) direct, via email, for availability. Attendees 40.

STOCKHOLM – JULY 7-10 2017

Last few places are available in this beautiful city described as the "Venice of the North". Click [here](#) to find out more or email [John Nicholas](#).

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (USA), OCTOBER 2017

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

AUCKLAND (NEW ZEALAND), MARCH 9 – 11 2018

The 2018 AGM Weekend for Asia Pacific will be held in the fabulous city of Auckland. A Pre Tour to Hawke's Bay and Post Tour to Queenstown (Central Otago) are also offered. Priority to APZ members, but places will be available to other zones. More details as they become available. Max 100.

LONDON (UK), 28 MAY – 2 JUNE 2018

The next IWFS International Festival is heading for London. A 5 star hotel, dining in a historic livery hall, dining in a former royal palace and a visit to the 21st century home of an internationally known food producer are all in the plans. Can you afford not to be there? More details now on the website. Click [here](#) to find out more.

QUEBEC (CANADA), SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

Visit this beautiful fortified city and explore the Old City designated, by UNESCO, a World Heritage treasure. Organised by the Americas. More details to follow.

PERTH, MARGARET RIVER, WA (AUSTRALIA), OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018

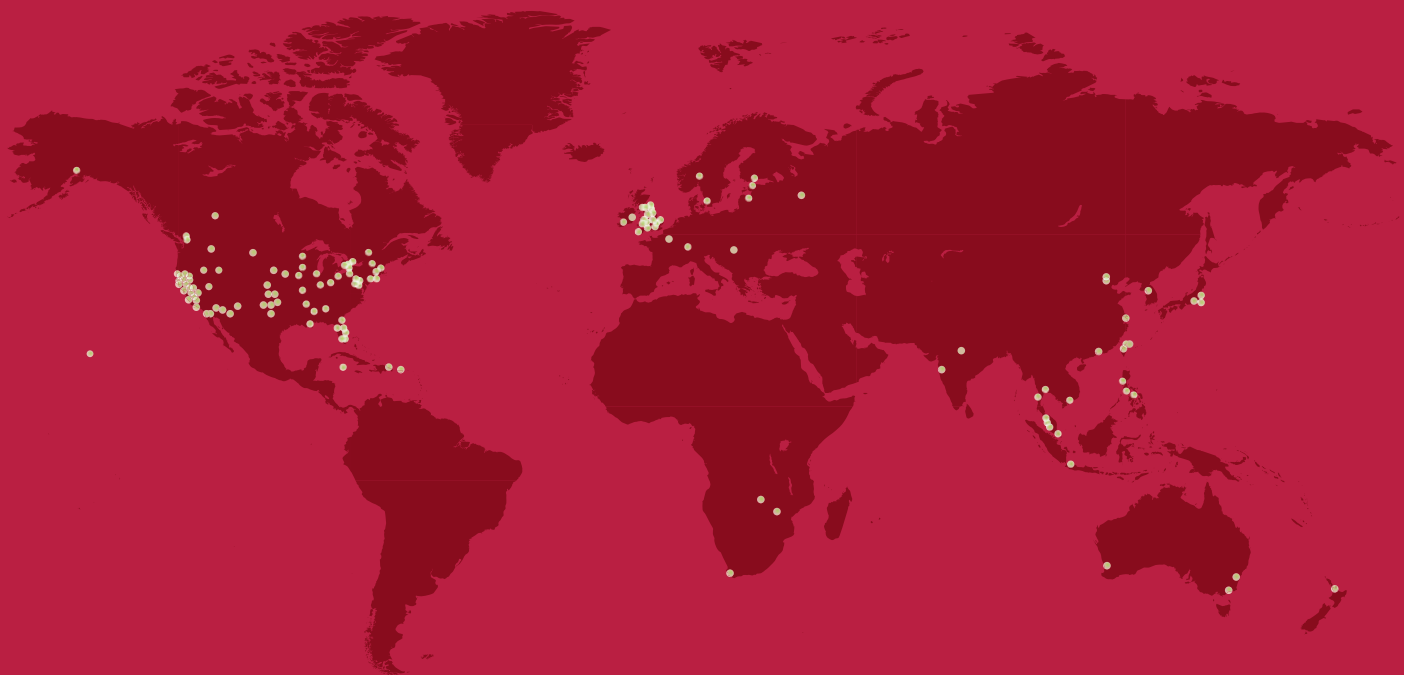
Asia Pacific is planning this festival which will include some of the best wine and food this city and region has to offer. More details to follow.

"A VISIT TO VIRGINIA", IN VIRGINIA WINE COUNTRY

This EAZ visit has been postponed until after the London festival but please keep it in mind.



OUR IWFS BRANCHES



139 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
 TECATE
 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 MEXICO - SANTA FE
NEW YORK
 BUFFALO
 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

UTAH - SALT LAKE CITY
WASHINGTON - SPOKANE
WASHINGTON DC - WASHINGTON DC

ASIA PACIFIC (31)

AUSTRALIA
 NEW SOUTH WALES
 VICTORIA
 WESTERN AUSTRALIA
CHINA
 BEIJING CITY
 CHAOYANG DISTRICT (BEIJING)
 SHANGHAI
HONG KONG
 HONG KONG ISLAND
 HONG KONG PEARL
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
SRI LANKA - COLOMBO
TAIWAN R.O.C.
 KAOHSIUNG
 TAICHUNG
 TAIPEI
 TAIWAN BELLE
THAILAND
 PHUKET
 BANGKOK
VIETNAM - SAIGON

EUROPE / AFRICA (30)

ESTONIA - TALLINN
FINLAND - HELSINKI
FRANCE - CHAMPAGNE
HUNGARY - BUDAPEST
IRELAND - LEINSTER
NORWAY - OSLO
RUSSIA - MOSCOW
SOUTH AFRICA - CAPE TOWN
SWEDEN - MALMÖ
SWITZERLAND - ZURICH
UNITED KINGDOM
 BATH & BRISTOL
 BERKSHIRE
 BLACKPOOL & FYLDE COAST
 CAPITAL
 DEVONSHIRE
 HEREFORDSHIRE & MONMOUTHSHIRE
 LEICESTER
 LIVERPOOL
 LONDON
 ST JAMES'S (LONDON)
 MANCHESTER
 MERSEYSIDE & MID-CHESHIRE
 NORTHAMPTON
 SURREY HILLS
 SUSSEX
 THAMESIDE (LONDON)
 WESSEX
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ZIMBABWE - HARARE

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