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IWFS INTERNATIONAL NEWS
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Russia - St. Petersburg, Church of Our Savior on the Spilled Blood - Randreu, Panoramilo (CC BY 3.0)

OUR FESTIVALS

SONOMA, USA – MAY 2-6 2017

In May members tasted their way through some of Sonoma's top wines, experiencing first hand why the region is no longer the *little brother* to Napa Valley. This Americas event also set out to match the finest wines with food prepared by the best chefs in Sonoma and the 115 members in attendance enjoyed taking part.



Highlights were being poured the wines from the Kosta Browne Winery in five litre bottles; the tasting of wines from the Spire Collection, led by Master Sommelier Sur Lucero; dinner in the gardens of Kendall Jackson Visitor Center at a gigantic table, long

enough to provide seating for all attendees and also dinner at historic Buena Vista Winery pairing old world wines of France versus new world wines of Sonoma.

To end this wonderful five-day immersion of wine and food Hartford provided wines for the Gala Dinner.

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN – JULY 7-9 2017

40 members, including 28 from the Baltic cruise, met for a weekend in Stockholm. The weekend combined exploration of the city with food and wine in famous venues. The tours included some history and a tour around the old city, known as Gamla Stan, visits to Nobel Prize venues, a boat trip round parts of the famous archipelago, a visit to the Royal Palace and finally a tasting of Sweden's national beverage at the Spirit museum.



BALTIC CRUISE, EUROPE – JUNE 29 - JULY 7 2017

The exploration of the Baltic Sea, aboard the Silver Whisper, began in Copenhagen and the 38 members, from around the globe, were hosted by no less than four European branches.

Members enjoyed authentic Scandinavian cuisine at Restaurant Søllerød Kro in Copenhagen organised by the Malmö branch; past and present Honorary Presidents, Sid Cross and Dave Felton, held an informative wine tasting on board; some 17 members of Helsinki branch welcomed the party for an archipelago cruise and lunch at the Casino Helsinki.



Then time to explore the history, beautiful palaces and culture of St Petersburg, culminating with an authentic Russian dinner at Tsentralny Restaurant and the Moscow branch team introduced the local dishes, washed down with vodka, of course. And finally the Tallinn branch members treated all to a wonderful Estonian lunch at Leib Restaurant. Members disembarked in Stockholm – and time for some to enjoy more Baltic delights.



Dinners were held in the Stadhus where we enjoyed the 2015 Nobel banquet menu, created by Sayan Isaksson, a Michelin star chef, and in the Bellman room at Den Gyldene Freden where the Swedish Academy, who select the Nobel literature laureates, meet on a regular basis. Finally, we had Sweden's iconic meatballs for lunch in Ulla Windbladh.





MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Sid Cross completed his second term of office, as IWFS Honorary President, at the end of last year, but the first opportunity to catch up with him, to say a personal thank you was in Copenhagen, where Sid, his wife Joan, and Dave Felton, the present Honorary President, and his wife Mitsuko, joined the EAZ Baltic Cruise event.



was able to present Sid with a book on Barolo, as a thank you gift from the Society.

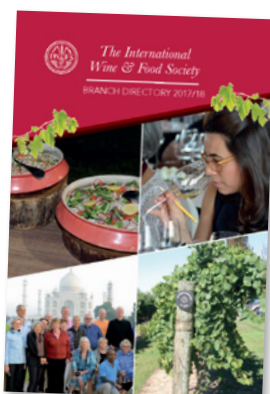
Sid has been involved with the Vancouver Branch, and the Society for many years, acting as Branch President, BGA member, Council member, and Wines Committee Member and Chair. Privately Sid has been a wine judge and continues to collect books on wine & food as well as write articles and blogs. Later on the Cruise he led a wine tasting with Dave Felton sharing his wine knowledge with all the members attending.

Ian Nicol Chairman,
International Council of Management



NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

Most members should have received their copy of the 2017/18 IWFS Branch Directory – containing the contact details of branches around the world. This a quite unique and invaluable source of local knowledge available to IWFS members and we trust will assist when planning trips, whether overseas or nearer to home. Please note you can now also view this information online via the website – click [here](#) to view (please remember to log in first). Some branches are hand delivering copies to their members which may be why you do not have your copy yet. However do email sec@iwfs.org if you have not yet received yours, but other branch members have, and we will look into this for you.



OUR AWARDS



Americas – The André Simon Bronze Medal was presented to **Michael Donohoe** (Houston and Santa Fe) in recognition of his long and dedicated service as a member of the board of directors of IWFS Americas Inc and its predecessor, the Board of Governors of the Americas. The presentation was made by the Chairman of the board on Saturday 6 May in the presence of 120 members at the Gala Dinner in Sonoma.

Europe Africa – It was with great pleasure that Hilton Kuck (Exco member for Africa) was able to present **David Swingler** of the Cape Town Branch with the André Simon Bronze Medal for many years of tireless service to the branch and region. The presentation was made on May 20, at an elegant branch luncheon held at Glenelly Wine Estate where chef Christof Dehosse prepared a superb meal accompanied by wines from the estate.



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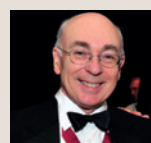
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ZONE NEWS



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AMERICAS CHAIR: Andrew Jones



It may be possible to squeeze a few more members into what promises to be a fantastic Great Weekend in Baltimore (12-14 October 2017) when there will be an opportunity to meet Robert Parker, Louis Fabrice Latour, (Maison Louis Latour), Alfred Tesseron (Chateau Pontet-Canet) and Mannie Berk (Rare Wine Company). Any members able to attend at relatively short notice are invited to put their names on the waiting list.

ASIA PACIFIC CHAIR: Yvonne Wallis



Mark your diary for a great festival in Perth next year, 9-11 March. APZ will hold its AGM and Presidents' Roundtable at this festival. Also, a Pre-Tour in Sydney, March 4-7, Welcome Activities in Perth March 4-8, and Post-Tour in Margaret River March 12-15. Invitations coming out early August. Looking further ahead - other exciting destinations and events are in the pipeline with festivals in New Zealand in March 2019 and then we are heading to Hong Kong in March 2020. Great news on APZ's expansion in the Zone. We expect to open new branches in Tokyo, Kyoto and Margaret River later this year.

EUROPE AFRICA CHAIR: Ian Nicol



The London Festival continues to attract new delegates having reached over 160, by opening up a few new places. A great event to look forward to and less than a year away - click [here](#) for more details. A wonderful collection of international guests were entertained by our Baltic branches as they stopped by on the Baltic Cruise, and great conversations and friendships were made. New branch opportunities are still being followed up, including Latvia, Armenia, and Cheltenham. Our AGM weekend 24th-25th Sept 2017, in London, includes a dinner on board HQS Wellington on the Thames. Members from all zones are welcome, see [website](#) for more details.

UPCOMING FESTIVALS

IWFS Asia Pacific March 9th - 11th, 2018

Perth Festival



Looking for a trip to thrill all your senses? Well we have just the ticket and it's taking you to beautiful Perth in Australia's west. Prepare to delight in some exceptional dining experiences including the historical Perth Mint, funky Fremantle, stunning Matilda Bay and taking in 360° views atop of one of Perth's tallest buildings.

Margaret River Post-Tour March 12-15, 2018

No WA adventure would feel complete without a trip to world-renowned wine region, Margaret River. With beaches, countryside and vineyards as far as the eye can see, this post tour will be nothing short of spectacular.

Sydney Pre-Tour March 4-7, 2018

Calling all seafood lovers! An exclusive pre-tour of Sydney is also on offer. Picture yourself indulging in the best food and wine with Sydney's majestic harbour and opera house as your backdrop.



This festival is not to be missed. Invitations out early August.

Contact: apz@iwfs.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



LONDON (UK), 24-25 SEPTEMBER 2017

Join the EAZ for their black tie dinner aboard the historic HQS Wellington moored on the river Thames. As part of the EAZ AGM itinerary, places first allocated to EAZ members, then open to members worldwide. Max 80. Click [here](#) for more details.

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (USA), 12-14 OCTOBER 2017

A truly great wine weekend tasting fine Madeiras plus dinners with dishes carefully matched with wines from esteemed houses namely Louis Latour and Chateau Pontet-Canet plus Robert Parker is our guest speaker at the Gala Dinner. Now a wait list. Click [here](#) to view details.

PERTH (AUSTRALIA), 9-11 MARCH 2018

PRE-TOUR SYDNEY 4-7 MARCH 2018

POST-TOUR MARGARET RIVER 12-15 MARCH 2018

This APZ AGM Weekend is hosted by the Western Australia branch and will be one to remember. A post-tour to Margaret River from March 12-15, and pre-tour to Sydney March 4-7 are also offered. Open first to APZ members, then to members from other zones. Max 100 attendees. See Upcoming Festivals, left, for more news.

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 and a former royal palace plus a visit to the 21st century home of an internationally known food producer are all in the plans. Only a few places remaining. Please email [Stephanie Shepherd](#) if you would like to join us.

BRISTOL (UK), 23-24 SEPTEMBER 2018

Join the EAZ AGM weekend in England's west country and with the opportunity to dine at the Lord Mayor's Mansion House. More details to follow.

QUEBEC (CANADA), 26-30 SEPTEMBER 2018

Plans are underway for an Americas Great Weekend - more details to follow.

AUCKLAND (NZ), 8-10 MARCH 2019

Our 2019 APZ AGM Weekend will be held in Auckland, with a pre-tour in the North Island and a post-tour to the fabulous Central Otago wine region in the South Island. Stay tuned.

VIRGINIA (USA), MAY 2019

A visit organised by Europe Africa to Virginia; a fantastic opportunity to visit some of the key wineries in this up and coming area; more details to follow. Open initially to EAZ members and then all zones.

If you are interested in joining an event that is full, or reservations closed, then please contact the organiser in case space is available.



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AMERICAS (78)

CANADA

ALBERTA - Edmonton

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver

Victoria

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

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Marin County

Monterey Peninsula

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Ipoh

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Penang

NEW ZEALAND

 - Auckland

PHILIPPINES

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Philippines

SINGAPORE

 - Singapore

SOUTH KOREA

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SRI LANKA

 - Colombo

TAIWAN R.O.C.

Kaohsiung

Taichung

Taipei

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 - Bangkok

VIETNAM

 - Saigon

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ESTONIA - Tallinn

FINLAND - Helsinki

IRELAND - Leinster

NORWAY - Oslo

RUSSIA - Moscow

SOUTH AFRICA - Cape Town

SPAIN - Valencia

SWEDEN - Malmö

SWITZERLAND - Zurich

UNITED KINGDOM

Bath & Bristol

Berkshire

Blackpool & Fylde Coast

Devonshire

Herefordshire & Monmouthshire

Leicester

Liverpool

London

St James's (London)

Manchester

Merseyside & Mid-Cheshire

Northampton

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