



OUR FESTIVALS

IWFS Asia Pacific March 9th - 11th, 2018

Perth Festival

Sydney Pre-Tour March 4-7, 2018

Hosted by Andrew Fegent of the NSW branch, a small group of members from around the world enjoyed a fabulous pre-tour in Sydney. Eating at Sydney's top restaurants (Tetsuya, Quay, Icebergs, Doyles, TQM), sailing around the city's magnificent harbour, indulging in wonderful seafood and climbing the world famous Sydney Harbour Bridge, it was a very special three days. A great start to the main festival to follow on the other side of Australia. Thank you Andrew!

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IWFS AMERICAS APRIL 12TH - 14TH, 2018

A SPRING WEEKEND IN NEW YORK

Perfect spring weather greeted members in New York last month. Fifty-four members, including three couples from Asia Pacific, attended the Great Weekend. In addition, 42 members of New York branch attended at least one of the individual events.



Proceedings got under way with a Grand Italian Dinner at Del Posto accompanied by two Barolos and two Barbarescos, all from leading makers. The following day began with a relaxing cruise around New York harbor on board one of the Classic Harbor Line's old-style motor launches which took us to the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and under the Brooklyn Bridge. Lunch was accompanied by wines from the highly acclaimed Newton Johnson Vineyards, located in Hemel-en-Arde Valley in the southern tip of South Africa.

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NEW BRANCHES

MARGARET RIVER (WESTERN AUSTRALIA)

In WA's premier wine growing region, Margaret River, a wonderful new branch, opened on November 25 last year. Led by wine guru Michael Whyte, 27 founding members attended a fabulous cocktail soirée at the Wine Chapel of the Burch Family Wines vineyard to mark the opening. What a wonderful branch, full of members who are passionate about the wines, viticulture, and produce of this remarkable area. A big welcome to our newest branch in Asia Pacific! Thanks to Ulrich Kunzmann and Michael Tamburri for their help in bringing this about.



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Perth Main Festival March 9th - 11th, 2018

Led by Festival Chair Michael Tamburri, our recent APZ AGM Weekend in Perth was an outstanding success. Such generosity by the planning team! Attended by almost 100 visiting members, events included watching a gold pour at the Royal Mint, visiting the Maritime Museum, taking a look at the sea sculptures on Cottesloe Beach, wandering through the lovely port city of Fremantle, and sailing on the beautiful Swan River.



The wine was superb. So many iconic West Australian wines were presented, with many winemakers giving their time to personally present their range. We were lucky to have the highly regarded Paul Murray deliver this year's APZ lecture, speaking on the background of the Western Australian wine industry.



We ate so well – can't forget the marron – similar but smaller and sweeter than lobster and uniquely Western Australian. We dined in a revolving restaurant in a city skyscraper, an iconic riverfront restaurant, enjoyed a gala dinner at the Pan Pacific, and danced until late to ABBA's music on our final night at the charming restaurant 'Friends'.

Perhaps most of all, the festival saw members connecting or reconnecting with each other to form strong friendship bonds worldwide. This is the real spirit of IWFS. Well done to Michael Tamburri and his fabulous festival team.

Margaret River Post-Tour March 12-16, 2018

After the Perth festival, 60 members visited WA's premier wine region, Margaret River. What a pretty region this is and how seriously the vignerons and restaurateurs take their produce. In four days we tried more than 100 local wines, not just the fabulous Cabernets and Chardonnays which are world renowned, but also alternative varieties. We enjoyed the area's unique restaurants, and a luncheon held in the beautiful gardens of La Fôret catered by indigenous food expert Paul Iskov (kangaroo, yams, finger limes anyone?). What fun!



Thanks to Ulrich Kunzmann for masterminding this post-tour, and Michael Whyte and other members of the Margaret River branch for a brilliant effort. See the festival photo slideshow [here](#).

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On Friday evening we enjoyed the sophisticated Alsatian inspired cooking of Gabriel Kreuther which paired perfectly with the 1985, 1989, 1996 and 2000 vintages of Chateau Lynch-Bages.

Saturday began with a fascinating tour of Grand Central Terminal followed by lunch at Cipriani Dolce on the west balcony, with a stunning view of the main concourse. The black tie gala dinner was held in the grand surroundings of The University Club and featured the wines of the Pahlmeyer Winery including the estate's flagship Proprietary Red and the Merlot from the 2006 vintage. Thank you to Andrew Jones for all his careful planning in making sure this was a truly great weekend.





MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Protection of personal data is a hot topic at the moment with Facebook and other security breaches. In May 2018 a new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is being enacted in the EU and United Kingdom which affects UK companies and the rights of EU citizens. Both IWFS Ltd and IWFS EA Ltd will have to abide by the new regulation, which requires positive approval in future to hold data, records and disclosure of those holding personal data, appointing a Data Controller and regular checks and guarantees on the security of companies which develop our website and host our membership database. IWFS only hold data for administration of Society affairs. By our Society following this enhanced EU regulation, IWFS members worldwide will all benefit from better protection.

Congratulations to APZ on wonderful events in March encompassing the culture and sights of Sydney, the vibrant food & wine scene of the beautiful City of Perth, including an IWFS night at the Perth Mint, and those glorious wineries in Margaret River.

There is an air of excitement amongst the 20+ organisers of the London Festival and pre-tours to Dublin, Cork, and Champagne, as the date fast approaches. They are ready to welcome 200 guests to the many venues. For those who cannot join us we must make every endeavour to share the experience through pictures, articles and tales taken home by delegates.

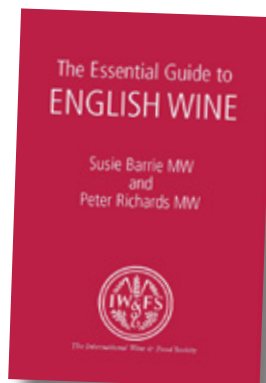
Ian Nicol Chairman,
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NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

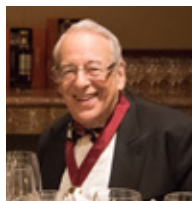
NEW MONOGRAPH FOR MEMBERS

The latest IWFS monograph, *'The Essential Guide to English Wine'*, is due to be published at the end of May, authored by award-winning writers Susie Barrie and Peter Richards (both are Masters of Wine). This is one of the first such insights into the exciting and innovative English wine scene and we hope members will enjoy learning more and be encouraged to sample the wines. A list of global stockists has been compiled to assist members with this.



OUR AWARDS

Americas – Bob Gutenstein, upon the request of the New York branch, and with the unanimous approval of the Americas Awards Committee and Directors, was awarded the André Simon Plaque at his home on February 17, in a touching ceremony conducted by NY branch leaders and members. It was a fitting honor to a beloved man, as great an ambassador for the IWFS as we shall ever see. Sadly Bob passed away on March 3, 2018.



Bob Gutenstein

Asia Pacific – The recent Perth festival was a perfect opportunity to recognize and award the commitment to the Society by a number of its members. André Simon Bronze Medals were awarded to **James Lin** the new APZ Chairman (Taipei), **Michael Tamburri**, the Chair of the recent Perth festival and Senior Vice-Chair of APZ (WA branch), **Ulrich Kunzmann**, founder of the WA branch, key organiser of the recent Margaret River Post-Tour, and key force in developing the newly formed Margaret River Branch (WA branch), and **Dennis Tanaka** who has recently joined the APZ Executive Committee (Tokyo Bay), is founder of the Tokyo Bay branch and a key force in the recent development of new branches in Japan. Well done to you all for your enormous efforts.



James Lin, Michael Tamburri, Ulrich Kunzmann & Dennis Tanaka



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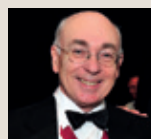
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ZONE NEWS



AMERICAS CHAIR: Mike Donohoe

The Americas has just concluded a hugely successful Great Weekend in NYC, where a grand time was had by all 54 attendees, from as far away as Malaysia and Australia, with impressive local support of the New York branch. See report on pages 1 & 2. Late September will find us in Québec City (Parlez-vous français?) for our next Great Weekend, board meeting and 4th AGM, operating out of the classic Hotel Frontenac. FYI - the Douro Cruise, to be held in June 2019, sold out in just six hours.



ASIA PACIFIC CHAIR: James Lin

I am delighted to be serving the Asia Pacific Zone as the incoming Chair. I am the Past President of the Taipei branch, have worked to support all four branches in Taiwan, and am also working on another new branch in Taiwan. We are also looking at several other new branches in Asia Pacific. The recent festivals held in Perth, Sydney and Margaret River were fabulous, well done to the organisers. It was a great opportunity for me and my wife Kelly to meet and catch up with so many IWFS members.



EUROPE AFRICA CHAIR: Ian Nicol

The website and other contacts bring in some interesting enquiries for new Branches in places like Abu Dhabi, Uganda, Lebanon, Cheltenham, Oxford, and Munich. Despite sending them information and talking to them it is difficult to convert these enquiries into new Branches. EAZ are looking to strengthen a New Branches subcommittee to take on the task of contact, help and persuasion to join us.



HONORARY PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

TAXES & TARIFFS – The USA's Trump administration recently announced a series of new tariffs it is considering to impose on various Chinese imports as a result of the alleged theft of American intellectual property (IP). Almost immediately, China retaliated with potential tariffs on an even wider array of American products. The California wine industry winced as the possible Chinese tariffs included a 15% surcharge on wine. Bloomberg reported that nearly \$70 million of California wine was imported into China in 2017, so a tariff certainly would be impactful. Trade war? Not yet. But high-level discussions between the USA and China must come to terms with rampant IP theft.

Dave Felton Honorary President

UPCOMING FESTIVALS 23-24 SEPTEMBER 2018 BRISTOL, BRUNEL & BEYOND

All members are invited to join the EAZ AGM weekend in the West Country. You will be staying in Bristol at the refurbished Avon Gorge Hotel overlooking Brunel's famous Suspension Bridge. There will be dinner at The Ivy Clifton Brasserie and a chance to meet local members, a visit to Tyntesfield House (a National Trust Gothic Revival mansion), or the fantastic new Aerospace Museum. If not attending the AGM - you could explore Bristol (and seek out some of Banksy's famous graffiti artwork) or maybe visit the harbourside.



Photo by Gary Newman



Photo by Andrew Butler

The weekend finishes with a Gala Black Tie dinner at Bristol's famous Mansion House. Do join us for any or all of these – we are looking forward to extending a very warm West Country welcome to you all! Full details on the [website](#).

AND -

LONDON AWAITS!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



LONDON (UK), 28 MAY – 2 JUNE 2018

With only weeks to go the final preparations are underway. You could still be part of the festival as space has become available. If you wish to find out more please email [John Nicholas](#).

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. See Upcoming Festivals (left) to find out more or [click here](#) to go to the website.

QUEBEC (CANADA), 26-30 SEPTEMBER 2018

This event sold out within hours of being opened for bookings. Please email [Stephanie Schmitz](#) if you would like to be placed on the wait list and be part of this chance to experience the high quality food and wine the city has to offer.

AUCKLAND (NZ), 8-10 MARCH 2019

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

DOURO RIVER CRUISE (PORTUGAL), 9-16 JUNE 2019

A wonderful cruise is planned by the Americas along this major river on the Iberian Peninsula designated as a World Heritage Site. A pre-tour in Lisbon is also planned from 6-8 June. This event sold out within 6 hours – if you would like to be added to the wait list please email [Stephanie Schmitz](#).

BORDEAUX (FRANCE), JUNE 2019

The EAZ are planning a 4-night visit to Bordeaux in early June 2019; visiting chateaux in Pessac-Léognan, Médoc and St-Emilion. Max 30 members to give the widest choice of events. Details will be emailed once finalised.

BORDEAUX (FRANCE), APRIL 2020

The Americas are also planning a trip to Bordeaux in April 2020. Details to be sent out when available. This popular destination will be open to all members.

HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 2020

The Asia Pacific Zone is planning a wonderful festival in Hong Kong in November 2020, open to all members. Stay tuned for further details as they become available.

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

85TH ANNIVERSARY COMPETITION



The winning branch will be considered to have organised the most stand-out event. Submissions from branches, providing details and photos of your event, are invited by 7 January 2019. Full details to be sent out shortly.



OUR IWFS BRANCHES 139 BRANCHES WORLDWIDE

AMERICAS (79)

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

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

Boca Raton
Jacksonville
Miami
Naples
Palm Beach

GEORGIA - Atlanta

HAWAII - Honolulu

ILLINOIS - Chicago

INDIANA - Indianapolis

IOWA

Council Bluffs
Okoboji

LOUISIANA - New Orleans

MARYLAND - Baltimore

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston
Central Massachusetts

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis/St Paul
Rochester

MISSOURI - Kansas City

MONTANA - Bozeman

NEBRASKA

Greater Omaha
Norfolk

NEVADA

Lake Tahoe
Reno

NEW MEXICO - Santa Fe

NEW YORK

Buffalo
Long Island
New York

OHIO - Cleveland

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Central

PENNSYLVANIA

Bucks County
Philadelphia
York

PUERTO RICO - San Juan

SOUTH CAROLINA - Aiken

TENNESSEE - Memphis

TEXAS

Austin
Dallas
Fort Worth
Houston
Northeast Texas

WASHINGTON - Spokane

WASHINGTON DC

Washington DC

ASIA PACIFIC (32)

AUSTRALIA

Margaret River
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

Jiyugaoka
Roppongi
Tokyo
Tokyo Bay

MALAYSIA

Ipoh
Kuala Lumpur
Penang

NEW ZEALAND - Auckland

PHILIPPINES

Cebu
Manila Ladies
Philippines

SINGAPORE - Singapore

SOUTH KOREA

Decanting Soul
Seoul

TAIWAN R.O.C.

Kaohsiung
Taichung
Taipei
Taiwan Belle

THAILAND - Bangkok

VIETNAM - Saigon

EUROPE AFRICA (28)

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
Surrey Hills
Sussex
Thameside (London)
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