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## OUR FESTIVALS

### QUÉBEC CANADA



**GREAT WEEKEND**  
SEPTEMBER 26-30 2018

The great walled city and the magnificent and historic *Chateau Frontenac* provided a perfect setting for a magical weekend for the 80+ members at the recent Americas festival in Québec. There was the added bonus of practicing their French too.

The opening night took place in the *Cellier du Château*, ringed by floor to ceiling wine shelves, and affording a perfect space to renew acquaintances. Toasting with *Taittinger* Champagne and closing with Canadian Ice Wine, the food courses were locally sourced and impeccable. Thursday featured guided city tours offering glimpses of the city, among them: *Tutto Gelato* (obvious); *Luzz* (quirky combo coffee shop/wine & food bar); *Le Tournebroche* (gourmet rotisserie bistro); *Cotes a Cotes* (beer and duck legs - fabulous).



Friday offered tours of the historic Citadelle, providing physical fortification, and the Parliament building providing the protective legislative and judicial fortification for the people of Québec.

For dinners the group dined at *Le Saint-Amour* and *Le Restaurant Initiale*, two standout Québec restaurants that offered polar opposite renditions of both architecture and style of food and generated lively discussion as to which was most meritorious.

Saturday was devoted to the Americas 4th AGM in the morning and allowed festival-goers to enjoy Québec at their own pace before the black-tie gala dinner. This was an historic dinner from early-Québec times, rich and filling, with a table-sized flaming Baked Alaska desert that had all cameras clicking.

It was a Great Weekend, and I think we all made new friends. Isn't that what it's all about?



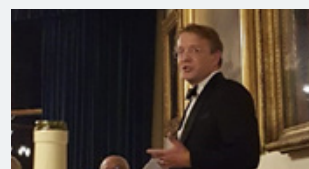
### BRISTOL, UK EAZ AGM WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 23-24 2018

A Europe Africa weekend break in Bristol, and AGM, was organised by both Bath & Bristol and Herefordshire & Monmouthshire branches. The event had an international touch, attracting members from as far afield as Kuala Lumpur.



Based in the *Avon Gorge Hotel*, members dined in *The Ivy Clifton Brasserie* and visited *Tyntesfield House* and the *Aerospace Museum*. On the Sunday the Members' Forum and AGM was held where the 50 attendees split into groups to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the EAZ – real food for thought for the Executive Committee.

The closing dinner was held in Bristol's famous *Mansion House*, after which actor and oenophile Richard Avery (son of the late John Avery MW) informed and entertained us as to the history of the Bristol wine trade and his family's involvement.



## OUR BRANCHES

### HONG KONG

September saw the creation of a major super branch in Asia Pacific – the merger of Hong Kong Island (President Bill Ahern) and Hong Kong Pearl (President Karen Leung) – renamed as IWFS Hong Kong.

With over eighty members, this new branch now enjoys the expertise and experience of two excellent branches. In a small geographic area, it simply made sense to merge these branches.



Karen Leung is the president of this new branch and leads the committee for the much anticipated festival in HK in 2020. We held two celebrations, Daniel Yu from HKI ran a wonderful dinner at Crown Cellars on September 10, the HK Pearl branch ran a dinner at the new restaurant 'Madame Fu' on March 14 with over 80 guests to formally announce the merger. This will be a magnificent branch!



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I feel honored to have been elected as Chairman of the International Council of Management and look forward to chairing the next meeting which will be held in Auckland immediately before the Asia Pacific Zone's AGM weekend in March next year. On behalf of Council, I would like to express our thanks to my predecessor, Ian Nicol, for his dedicated leadership over the past two years and I am pleased to report that he will continue to serve as one of the Europe Africa Zone's representatives.



One of the most important items currently on Council's agenda is upgrading the Society's website. Our Website Committee, under the chairmanship of John Danza (Chicago Branch), have been working on this project for some time and we hope that the upgraded version will be rolled out to the membership at the beginning of next year.

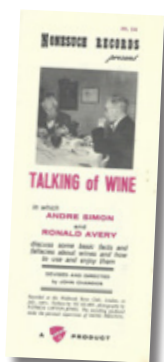
By convention, the venues for Council meetings rotate between the three zones and are now usually arranged to coincide with one of our festivals. I look forward to visiting New Zealand for the first time in March next year and participating in what promises to be a fabulous series of events in Napier, Auckland and the Central Otago wine region.

**Andrew Jones** Chairman,  
International Council of Management (ICM)

## NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

With such a rich history in food and wine, since the Society's beginnings in 1933, there is an ever-growing archive of material available for members to access. I am pleased to advise that IWFS member, John Danza, has recently managed to source a rather elusive André Simon item which he has offered to share with the Society too. It is a recording of André Simon and Ronald Avery talking about wine back in 1961. Ronald Avery was a great friend of André Simon and also father of the late John Avery MW.

[Click here](#) to go to the access page on the IWFS website.



## OUR AWARDS

The concluding event of the Québec Great Weekend was an historical dinner, a gala celebration in the Château Frontenac. Prominently featured was an awards ceremony with three well deserving members recognised.

**Ian Nicol**, of Europe Africa, received the André Simon Gold Medal, the highest accolade in the Society, to recognize his dedicated services to the Society, in particular, over the past two years as Chairman of the International Council of Management. Ian has met many members while attending numerous international festivals covering all corners of the globe from Baltimore to Bombay and from Stockholm to Sonoma. Two Americas directors were also honoured, by being awarded the André Simon Silver Medal - and for good reason.

**Stephen Hipple** (Chairman of the Americas Festivals & Events Committee) has been putting on festivals and cruises for nearly a decade, to the delight of members worldwide.

**Dwight Catherwood** (Treasurer of the Americas, IWFS Ltd, and the IWFS Foundation) has managed the finances and been a fiscal taskmaster of the highest order for a similar length of time.

All honorees love what they do, and it shows in the work they do.



Dwight Catherwood, Ian Nicol, Steve Hipple

## IWFS International Council of Management (ICM) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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(Cayman Islands & New York)

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(Los Angeles, USA)

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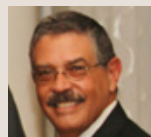
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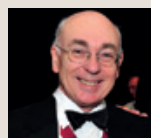
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**INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT:**

Andrea Warren  
(London, UK)



## ZONE NEWS



### AMERICAS CHAIR: Mike Donohoe

The Americas members eagerly await another exciting year of adventures in Wine, Food & Friends, whether they be at branch Events, Cruises, Great Weekends or Festivals. After the important work of a board of directors meeting in Houston in April; the fun begins on the Douro Cruise with its preamble in Lisbon (June), followed by a Great Weekend and 5th AGM in Charleston, South Carolina (October). During 2019, we expect to bring several new branches into our community and strive to push the envelope of experience-creation to new heights.

### ASIA PACIFIC CHAIR: James Lin



APZ is working hard to ensure that our festival in New Zealand in March 2019 is a great success. There are still a few places available so please be quick to make your reservation. We are also working on new branches and are excited that new branch opportunities have emerged in China, Thailand, Taiwan, Malaysia and Japan.

APZ also encourages camaraderie between branches, so is pleased to announce the gathering next March of three branches, Roppongi (Japan), KL (Malaysia) and Taipei (Taiwan) who will meet in Tokyo at the end of March to celebrate the Cherry Blossom season. Let us know if you wish to attend.



### EUROPE AFRICA CHAIR: Ian Nicol

Many thanks for messages of appreciation for the London Festival, and its pre- and post- tours, a great event together. This year was our first Members' Forum in place of a Branch Representatives Meeting and gave an opportunity for every member to participate.

It was well attended, and gave an update on zone matters and enabled discussion on ideas for the future. Our AGM was brief and over in 10 minutes. Next year we are heading to Valencia for a great weekend, Forum and AGM.

## HONORARY PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS



"Come on Board" – I recently returned from the Americas Festival in Québec City. During the weekend I attended the Americas semi-annual Board meeting and also the Society's International Council of Management meeting. Yes, these Americas Board and International Council members enjoyed a fine time in a lovely city. But they also gave up time to review the many issues that arise as part of this society of 6,100+ members of 136 branches worldwide. It's fascinating work. Discussion is wide-ranging, deliberation is cautious and follow-through is exacting. And the sense of satisfaction when a program works well can be exhilarating.

We need more of you involved. Speak to your regional Board members about becoming a participant. Ours is a non-profit organization run by volunteers. Consider becoming a Board member wherever you are in the world. Check back with me if I can help.

**Dave Felton** Honorary President

## UPCOMING FESTIVALS

# NEW ZEALAND

## APZ AGM WEEKEND 8-10 MARCH 2019

Last few places available - please join us in New Zealand in March 2019 for a fabulous festival hosted by the Auckland Branch of the Asia Pacific Zone. You can book the events as a standalone or in combination to meet your travel plans. [Click here](#) to view our colour brochure.

### AUCKLAND MAIN FESTIVAL

8-10 MARCH 2019

See the best of New Zealand's largest city.

### NAPIER-HAWKE'S BAY PRE-TOUR

4-6 MARCH 2019

Hawke's Bay is the oldest and second largest wine region in New Zealand.

### QUEENSTOWN-CENTRAL OTAGO POST-TOUR

11-14 MARCH 2019

Central Otago is the largest and most highly renowned wine region in New Zealand.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### AUCKLAND (NZ), 8-10 MARCH 2019

The 2019 APZ AGM Weekend will be held in Auckland, with a pre-tour to Napier (March 4-6), Hawke's Bay wine region, and a post-tour to the fabulous Queenstown in the Central Otago wine region (March 11-14). Last few places available. [Click here](#) or see Upcoming Festivals, opposite, for more details.

### BORDEAUX (FRANCE), 4-8 JUNE 2019

Visits to chateaux in Pessac-Léognan, Pauillac, Margaux and St-Emilion are amongst those on the itinerary to this classic region. This event is now sold out. [Click here](#) to see the details and email [eaz@iwfs.org](mailto:eaz@iwfs.org) to be placed on the wait list.

### 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 is currently sold out.

### VALENCIA (SPAIN), OCTOBER 4-7 2019

Europe Africa's AGM weekend - all members are invited to experience the cultural and culinary delights of this coastal city port. More details to follow shortly.

### CHARLESTON (AMERICA), 16-19 OCTOBER 2019

Join the Americas in Charleston, South Carolina - one of the US top destination cities. Events include a tour of where the first shot rang out that started the Civil War, Fort Sumter and a not to be missed southern mansion visit and more. The best Southern Cuisine will be perfectly paired with world-class wines.

### BORDEAUX (FRANCE), 19-25 APRIL 2020

The Americas are also planning a trip to Bordeaux in April 2020 including a pre-tour in Paris. Details to be sent out when available. These events will be open to all members.

### MADEIRA (PORTUGAL), 2-8 NOVEMBER 2020

The Europe Africa Zone is planning an event to this historic winemaking island and you will have the chance to taste Sercial, Verdelho, Bual and Malmsey on home ground. More details as they become available.

### HONG KONG 10-13 NOVEMBER 2020

Asia Pacific presents a fabulous festival in Hong Kong, with a pre-tour to Macau (November 8-9) and a post-tour to celebrate Gourmet Hong Kong (November 15-16). Main Festival November 10-13. Stay tuned for details.

### TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL, ARGENTINA, NOVEMBER 2021

Although still in the planning stage, mark this month in your calendar for a true South American experience enjoying the culture and energy of Buenos Aires for a pre-tour and then visiting the wonderful wine region of Mendoza for the main festival.

*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



This is proving popular! We are receiving details about the many 85th Anniversary events branches are holding around the globe.

Closing date for submissions is 7 January 2019.

The winning branch will be considered to have organised the most stand-out event and will receive a donation to your wine cellar for wine up to the value of £500 (or equivalent value in your currency). Find out more [here](#).

Please remember we have 85th Anniversary logos available to [download](#) and add that professional touch to your event.



## OUR IWFS BRANCHES 136 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

Omaha

**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 (31)

#### AUSTRALIA

Margaret River

New South Wales

Victoria

Western Australia

**CHINA**

Beijing City

Chaoyang District (Beijing)

Shanghai

**HONG KONG**

Hong Kong

**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 (26)

**ESTONIA** - Tallinn

**FINLAND** - Helsinki

**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

Wessex

West Yorkshire

**ZAMBIA** - Lusaka

**ZIMBABWE** - Harare

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